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DAVID COCHRANE

“New Insights into
The Composite Chart”

Thursday Meeting & Lecture

October 19, 2006

7 - 10 p.m.

\$15 for SFAA members

\$20 for non-members

“Practical Harmonic Astrology”

Saturday Workshop, October 21

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(lunch on your own, 12 - 1:30 p.m.)

\$40 for SFAA members, \$50 for non-members

Both events will take place at the
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Brenda Brush

Dear Friends,

The Eclipses are activating the Virgo and Pisces areas of our charts. Eclipses bring our attention to things and expose what needs to be fixed or dealt with. This is a time to work on better work habits, health habits, and better coping skills. This is also a time to learn to trust the unknowns of life. Let go of control, so we can see a bigger picture unfolding before us. Pisces represents a picture of infinity. This is the area of infinite possibility, or we could say, "Nothing is impossible when you believe." We get stuck in a rut and in order to cope we develop bad habits. We can eat too much, drink too much, and take pills to cope or relieve stress. We do a lot of things to trick our body into thinking it is alright when it is trying to tell us it is not.

Mercury is the planet that rules Gemini and Virgo. Since Virgo is highlighted in our charts and exposing issues that need to be dealt with, we should look at what Mercury is doing. This will guide us in timing and attention. Mercury entered Scorpio on October 2nd, where it will remain until December 8th. That gives us

over two months to get our acts together. Scorpio has to do with control. Scorpio is the sign that makes us take control and get things done. It is the sign that has to do with transformation, elimination and getting focused. You will find out what controls you, and you will get control. Habits, patterns and routines control most of us, and we no longer do things because we love to. We do things because we have to. That needs to change.

Let's really focus on how Mercury is guiding us in this process of clean up and change. Mercury enters its shadow on October 9th, when it crosses 9 degrees Scorpio. Mercury continues through Scorpio, and goes retrograde on October 28th at 25 degrees. It retrogrades until November 17th, where it will be at 9 degrees Scorpio again. Then, it moves through Scorpio a third time until it comes out of its shadow on the December 4th, and finally leaves on December 8th. We will have the pleasure of having Mercury, the planet of communication, in Scorpio for two months. This could make for a very intense and focused period of time. No time to be wishy-washy. A great time to clear up things that have been long-standing chronic problems. Scorpio is good for cleaning up waste. This is a good time to work on control issues. What you are in control of, and what you are not in control of, and knowing the difference.

Here is another piece of the picture. Just in case what I have said so far is confusing, I will say it again a little better, I hope. I will now add to the story the other planets that Mercury will be aspecting during this process. Approximately from October 9th until December 10th, Mercury will be making aspects to the same group of planets three times. The group of planets happen to

be Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune. They are involved in a T-square during this time. So, when Mercury aspects one of them, it activates all three. Those three planets have different demands. Saturn is all about responsibility and boundaries. Neptune is all about trust and letting go of limitations. Jupiter is about expansion, growth, belief and learning new things. As you can see, if they are getting hit by Mercury over and over, we are having to use these different energies in compatible ways.

Mercury will retrograde from October 28th through November 17th. During that time, it is necessary for us to look deeper into whatever issues were presented to us before Mercury went retrograde, that is, from October 9 - 28.

Mercury will go direct on November 17th, and will meet with those three planets a third time each by December 10th. At any rate, you will have changed quite a bit by December 10th. What will be changed? One thing, for sure, is your attitude. You will have the opportunity to let some things go that have been part of your life for a long time. There will be new choices offered, and new decisions to be made. You will do very well with this period if you take it slow and think things through, knowing full well that the whole story won't be completed until December 10th.

Take advantage of these planetary influences to focus on a major clean-up of your life. The planets are supportive of that effort. The planets are not supportive now of addictive behavior, greed and laziness. You might as well do what they say. You could feel brand new in two months, how about that! Discipline is necessary to accomplish your dreams now. Do it!

Happy New Habits.

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LECTURE

Thursday, Oct. 19

7 p.m., registration
& socializing
7:30 – 10 p.m., program

“NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE COMPOSITE CHART”

Of the many different ideas introduced in the 20th century, the Composite Chart is one of the most popular and enduring. Amazingly, underlying the simple calculations involved in creating the Composite Chart is a beautiful and awesome geometry that can inspire you to believe in the ancient doctrine of a harmony of the spheres. We will explore that fascinating underlying cosmic geometry and reveal a relationship between seemingly unrelated techniques, such as the Composite Chart and Arabic Parts.

WORKSHOP

Saturday, Oct. 21

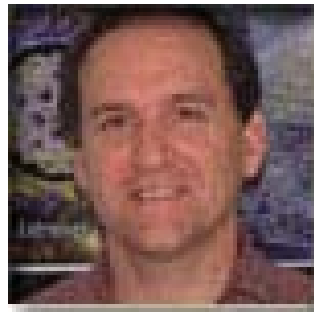
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

“PRACTICAL HARMONIC ASTROLOGY”

Harmonic Astrology may seem to be a minor fascination of some technical astrologers in the 1970s, but Harmonic Astrology is still very much alive and well! We will learn what the harmonic chart is and why it is so important to harmonic

astrologers. We will also see how harmonic astrological techniques show a person's capacity for play and creativity, discipline and focus, and involvement with their community and neighborhoods. We will look at indications of talent in different specific areas, such as teaching and counseling, mathematics and physics, meditation and yoga, astronomy, biology and the arts. We will look at the charts of a few attendees to demonstrate Harmonic Astrology in action.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER



David Cochrane is best known as the founder of Cosmic Patterns Software and one of the programmers of the Kepler astrology program. However, that is just “the tip of the iceberg,” and David's involvement in astrology for over three decades is impressive.

David was a full-time professional practicing astrologer from 1973 to 1981 in Gainesville, Florida, during which time he saw thousands of clients. He learned computer programming and, with the help of Neil Michelsen who flew down to help him, he was

able to get his first astrological software running on a mainframe computer and to calculate many theoretical ideas he had developed in harmonics and cosmobiology. David developed many pioneering ideas during this time, and he corresponded with Dane Rudhyar and Marc Edmund Jones on his innovative work with degree meanings.

By 1981 David became very excited about the newly available home computers. He moved to Michigan to help the then fledgling Matrix Software develop its first line of astrological software. In 1982 David moved back to north Florida and started his own company, Cosmic Patterns Software. By the mid-80s he was fully engrossed in astrological programming, which evolved into the Kepler program.

David co-founded The Avalon School of Astrology with his wife Fei, which is one of the only state-licensed schools in the United States. He also authored two books, *Astrology for the 21st Century* and *AstroLocality Magic*, and a third book, *Astrology and Sacred Geometry*, is expected out in 2006.

ODDS & ENDS

Membership dues are due now. For only \$40, you can receive the member's price for all lectures and work-shops. Please see Secretary/Treasurer Susan Vega at the registration table.

Starting last month, we are starting on time. Lectures will start at 7:30 p.m. sharp, and workshops at 10:30 a.m. If you haven't registered by that time, please wait for a break.

KUDOS TO DAVID & JEFFREY

David Cochrane and Jeffrey Brock were both quoted in a recent *Miami Herald* article entitled “Pluto's place is safe with astrologers.”

The bottom line? Pluto may have been demoted by the astronomers, but to astrologers, “size doesn't matter.”

WANT TO BE PUBLISHED?

Writers are wanted for next issue of *SFAA Journal*. Articles, poetry, artwork, fillers. Due Oct. 20 at noon. E-mail to alice@kashuba.com.

SFAA Speakers

Thursday, November 16

Kevin B. Burk

Saturday, November 18

Education &
Chart Reading

December TBA

Holiday Party

January 18 & 20

TBA

February 15 & 17

Demetra George

March 15 & 17

TBA

April 19 & 21

Michael Lutin

May 17 & 19

Robert Hand



THE EARTH

By Alice Kashuba

At our last workshop Gary Christen reviewed the great circles, which give us many points of interest in the horoscope. Perhaps the most important great circle is the circle formed by the Sun and Earth. Earth and the Sun are always opposite each other. No matter which method of astrology one favors, we are always looking at things from the Earth's perspective. This is where we experience life. Everyone has earth signs

somewhere in the chart — Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn. How grounded are you in those areas? The Earth is opposite the Sun in your chart. How are you grounded in the sign/house position of the point opposite your Sun? What do you experience in these areas?

This month the New Moon is on October 22nd @ 28 Libra 40' conjunct Mars, the ruler of Aries. The New Moon is straddled by Mars, the ruler of Aries, and Venus, the ruler of Libra. This puts the Earth at 28 Aries 40'. The Fairchild Symbol for the Earth is *A veiled woman emerging from an opening in the earth.*¹ Mother Earth is home — source of food, clothing, shelter and the adventures of life. Each day she awakens to greet the Sun, her source of energy for life. The union of Moon, Venus and Mars reminds us that love is the basis for creating life.

Autumn is harvest time in the northern hemisphere. We gather the fruits of the summer as well as the seeds for the next year. In the chart for Hollywood, Florida, the IC is 1 Scorpio, which makes the Midheaven 1 Taurus. The Moon, Sun, Mars and Venus will change signs over the next three days. This marks the end of the harvest season when we bring things into balance. The Earth at the top of the chart will change signs as well, letting us know that it is time to take responsibility for enjoying the fruits of our labors.

Meditation for the Earth at 11 degrees north declination

There is a blazing red sky like a fire raging.

A crystal pyramid appears, radiating light. Then, out of the pyramid comes a crystal globe moving towards us, getting closer and closer, and larger and larger.

Both are radiating such strong light that it becomes unbearable.

As the globe gets closer, we see that inside there is a seed.

As the seed gets closer, we see that inside this seed there are millions more seeds which explode and are blown like feathers across the Universe.²

¹ The Fairchild Symbols are a modern version of the Sabian Symbols and were created by Alice Kashuba and an anonymous clairvoyant. For more information, visit Alice's website, www.astrovies.com.

² Exley and Newman: Shamanic Journeys. Email: lexley6520@aol.com



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