

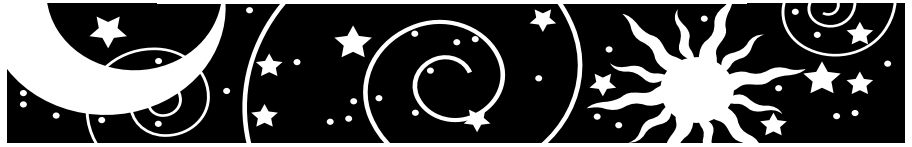


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Prioritizing Your Planets

Friday Meeting & Lecture

October 19, 2007

7 - 10 p.m.

\$20 for SFAA members, \$25 for non-members

*“Fortune Telling” in the Chart and
10 Steps to Chart Interpretation*

Saturday Workshop, October 20th

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

\$45 for SFAA members, \$55 for non-members

Both events will take place at the
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Brenda Brush

Autumn is here, the Sun went into Libra on September 23rd, and the season has changed. This is a turning point that happens four times a year. The seasons change and new ways of being are activated. Light begins to decrease as the days get shorter from now until the Winter Solstice. You enter a time of bringing things into balance. A time of reaping what has been sown since Spring. This is a time of forgiveness, cooperation, gratefulness, and thanks.

The Sun will be in Libra until October 23rd, and it promotes cooperation and peace. This is all about relationships and relating. This will focus on how well you do in that area. It is good for you to develop understanding. This quarter is comprised of Libra, Scorpio and Sagittarius. These signs have to do with how dependable we are. This is all about compromise, cooperation, merging with others and developing understanding. This is the time of year to open up to those possibilities.

You may be finishing and bringing closure to a few things this week. This is the result of Venus leaving the

third opposition to Neptune since the end of June. You will be realizing what you have to let go of, and also what needs closure. Venus is now on her way to join Saturn on October 14th. That will be the plan. Then you will know what you need to get your arms around and work on. At that time, a new yearly cycle will begin for Venus and Saturn. What do you want, and what would you like to build as new values in your life? So, as I have said, you will find out now what is working and what is not. Let go of what is not, fix what needs to be fixed, and embrace what is working.

Mars entered Cancer on September 28th at 7:54 p.m. EDT. Mars is in a sign that it is not comfortable in. Planets work more comfortably when they are in some signs and not in others. Mars is at home, or comfortable, in Aries and Scorpio. Mars is exalted in Capricorn, meaning that is its favorite place. Mars is at its detriment when it is in a sign opposite its home: Libra and Taurus. Mars is at its fall when it is in the sign Cancer opposite its exaltation place. Mars here is more internal or private. Mars' aggressive nature is turned inward and creates a lot of subjective turmoil.

Since Cancer rules domestic issues, it may bring more challenges in that area, both personal and on national levels. Besides Mars being more internalized when in Cancer, Mars will go retrograde in Cancer on November 15th, which will last until January 30, 2008. Mars retrograde aims at internal issues as well. This seems to double the emphasis to work on our domestic life. This energy will be perfect, if used in a positive way, to pay a lot of attention to home situations and using your sense of justice and fair play on issues

close to you. Mars heals by putting energy into a situation, activating it and bringing it to the surface, so it can be healed. That is why Mars rules fevers. It is the body's way of taking care of itself. This is all very positive, if used properly. Like a fever out of control isn't good, anger out of control isn't good. A fire out of control isn't good. You get my point.

Mars will spend about seven months in one area of our chart. Mars will go from 24 degrees Gemini where it was on September 17th and enter Cancer on the 28th of September, where it will start raising the energy in that sign. Then it will go retrograde on November 15th. This will be the time when we need to "cool it," and work on the things that are important to us personally.

Mars will retrograde back into Gemini on December 31st. Gemini is an air sign. You can take what emotional and internal issues that you have been working on and give them objectivity while in Gemini. Give them some airing out, so to speak. Mars will go direct at 24 degrees Gemini on January 30th, re-enter Cancer on March 4th and remain in Cancer until May 9th. You will be wrapped up with domestic issues. This may be fixing your home, or it may be your own emotional needs. This will activate your role in the family, and how that needs to be adjusted to changing times. This is an opportunity, not a problem, to work on your personal and domestic situations to make them better. If things come up that are uncomfortable, take your time to deal with them properly. Doing things in a hurry during this time is not a good idea. Take your time, be focused, and do the right thing. What you do, and how you

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behave, will be with you for a long time.

Venus was trine Pluto at 26 degrees of Leo to Sagittarius on October 3rd. This is a very positive configuration, increasing the potential for wealth. This will also support and increase

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LECTURE

Friday, October 19

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

PRIORITIZING YOUR PLANETS

Although all planets have their generic characteristics and interpretive usages, various methods are used to compile special planetary purposes in the chart. Some of the sub-techniques are:

- * Strongly aspected, least aspected, unaspected planets
- * retrogrades
- * oriental planet
- * dispositors
- * speed of the planets
- * Vedic concepts of planetary importance (planetary ages, planetary groupings and planetary rivalries)

To complete the analyses, “progressions” will be highlighted.

WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 20

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

FORTUNE TELLING IN THE CHART

The astrological chart represents your soul's current existence. As an astrologer, you can visualize, extract and project various facets

about that individual. Domain of fortune, its achievement and one's ability to integrate luck in other areas of life will be discussed. Special emphasis will be placed on the Part of Fortune in the chart and its connection in delivering your astrological analyses. You will learn how to identify various combinations in the natal, and how to get and keep your fortune. Example charts from the audience will be used.

“TEN STEPS” TO CHART INTERPRETATION

You will get a broader view of your life along with a few predictive techniques.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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your creative potential in relationships. Venus rules Taurus, which has to do with survival skills, self-esteem, financial security and ownership. Venus also rules Libra, which has to do with relationships and cooperation. So, with Venus so favorable to Pluto around this time, you will have the positive power and support from Pluto. Pluto never does things half-way. This is so good, because Venus has joined Saturn twice, opposed Neptune three times since the end of June and was retrograde for five weeks. That period of time has brought up difficult issues and made us sit with them. Maybe that period

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

A graduate of the University of Rochester with a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering, Mohan's technical background and excellent communicative skills help his books depict various facets of astrology. He created the Dial Horoscope Service for the Rochester Telephone Company and often writes articles and columns for the print media.

His books include *Moon Mansions*, *Lunar Nodes*, *Aspects Magnified*, *Degrees of the Zodiac*, *Retrogrades* and *Precise Progressed Charts*.

Currently a board member of the American Federation of Astrologers (AFA), he is sought-after as a speaker by

various astrological conventions and as a media guest.

Besides his writing, teaching and consulting activities, he established Mohan Enterprises in 1974, which provides astrological publications and services.

CONSULTATIONS

Mohan will be available for chart readings while in town. Mini-readings (20 to 25 minutes) are \$40, and you need to provide your own chart. Chart analyses (@ 50 minutes) are \$80, and you need to give your data to Mohan prior to his arrival. To schedule an appointment, he can be reached at 585-461-3694.

helped you figure out what was valuable and what wasn't. That awareness is important from time to time. This aspect between Venus and Pluto will give you hope that things are moving in your life in a good direction. This will then lead to Venus joining Saturn on October 14th to set in concrete your plans for the next year. Where Taurus and Libra are in your chart will receive the benefits of this planetary activity. You will feel good about what you are doing for yourself.

Your self-esteem is increasing. You are working on yourself, which will bring better relationships all the way around. This is a time of personal action. If you want something to change in your life, then this is the time to work toward that change.

Now, we need to have our ongoing discussion about Saturn in

Virgo. Saturn is the boss, you know. Saturn's position in the sky is always setting the boundaries and the issues for a period of time. Saturn is just starting its journey through Virgo, which will continue until July 2010. This is supporting any action we take to bring order out of chaos, to work through fears that we have about dealing with life's demands. This is a time to work on getting healthy.

The next couple of weeks you may find out what kind of courage you need to deal with situations that evoke your emotions. Be easy on yourself. Everything will work out just the way it is supposed to, especially if you let it.

Blessings, Brenda



DOLPHINS AND A KITE

By Alice Kashuba

On Sunday, October 14, 2007, at 00:15 a.m. in Hollywood, Florida, a configuration called a kite is formed in the horoscope across the 2nd and 8th house and involving the 12th and 4th houses.

A kite is a configuration that includes at least three planets or points in a grand trine (North Node in Pisces in the 8th, Mercury retrograde in the 4th and Mars in Cancer in the 12th). Opposite one of the planets or points in the trine is a fourth planet or point (Saturn/Venus/South Node conjunction in Virgo in the 2nd opposing the North

Node in the 8th). The other two planets in the grand trine make a sextile with the opposition. (Mars and Mercury both sextile Saturn/Venus/South Node.)

The presence of the grand trine in water signs and in water houses indicates the emphasis on deep emotional and spiritual energies. The North Node in the 8th house of transformation – as well as business contracts – trine Mercury retrograde in the 4th house supports the idea of staying connected to whom we are at a deep level. While trines are thought to be advantageous, the presence of a grand trine with Mars in the 12th in Cancer may find us making commitments that are not all what they seem. Here's where the opposition can help. The second house is about self-worth, personal values, talents and possessions. With Saturn and Venus conjunct in Virgo, we are challenged to take responsibility for what we love. We can draw resources from our South Node – our past lives, our early

childhood or our life experiences. The sextile to Mercury provides the opportunity stop and think about what we are doing. The sextile to Mars encourages us to be careful about how we take action. This is a good time to get practical in the face of swirling energies.

This configuration appears in the houses as indicated above when the chart is cast for Washington, D.C., or New York City as well as Hollywood. Be sure to look at the headlines on Monday, October 15th.

There are two symbols at work in this chart:

- The Fairchild Symbol¹ for the Saturn/Venus conjunction degree is *Several dolphins leading humans to safety after a great flood*. Dolphins are air-breathing mammals like ourselves, yet they live in the ocean. They remind us that we have to maintain a connection with our minds and strike a balance between our emotions and our thoughts.

- The kite configuration made by the planets in the chart reminds us of the colorful kites that soar in the wind and raise our sights upward.

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

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Holiday Party

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April 11 & 12
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