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The Guild News

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May 13, 2010 7:30 - 9:30 pm — Dawn Muncaster - The Mayan Shift

Dawn is a consulting astrologer, co-president of the Guild, metaphysical & spiritual teacher with accreditation and certificates in Astrology, Counselling, and Spiritual Disciplines. Dawn will to give us some insight into some interesting theories about our probable origins (the work of Z. Sitchin), and the upcoming transits and eclipses effecting the culmination of the much speculated events occurring from now to 2012 and beyond. From environmental and global suffering to spiritual awakening, what can we expect?

Dawn will share part her own experience of 'contact' with galactic center, a spiritual download and the Pleiades alignment of 2012. Dawn's website and blog are www.dawnastrology.com

Dawn will have a special guest Marguerite Paquin (PhD), join her with this lecture. Marguerite is an authority on Mayan culture and the Mayan calendar. She is the author of the insightful book, "Manual for the Soul', A Guide to the Energies of life, and How the Sacred Mesoamerican Calendrics Reveal Patterns of Destiny".

June 10, 11 2010 7:30 - 9:30 pm — Kay Meierbachtol - Vedic Astrology

Kay Meierbachtol has been a student of astrology (in this lifetime!) for more than 30 years. She began in Western astrology but switched to Vedic astrology in the early 90's, as she found it to give much more accurate information. She was a member of the Fraser Valley Astrology Guild for many years before moving to Lasqueti, one of the gulf islands, where she lives with her husband and where they both practice and teach Jin Shin Do acupressure. Kay maintains an active astrology practice on Lasqueti and Vancouver Island, and in Mexico during the winter months.

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The talk will be on the basic structure of Vedic astrology, the zodiac, house and planetary aspects, with emphasis on the role of the Nakshatras, or mansions of the Moon. The Nakshatras hold the key to character and emotional traits that western astrologers are accustomed to find in the signs of the zodiac. Focusing on this information will help western astrologers understand why their planets may be in different signs, but their characteristics will be similar.

Kay also wants to focus on the Nakshatra placements of the outer planets in current transit to give some idea of what we might expect these major alignments to deliver in the next intensemonths. This will show how the Nakshatras are so integral to Vedic astrological prediction.

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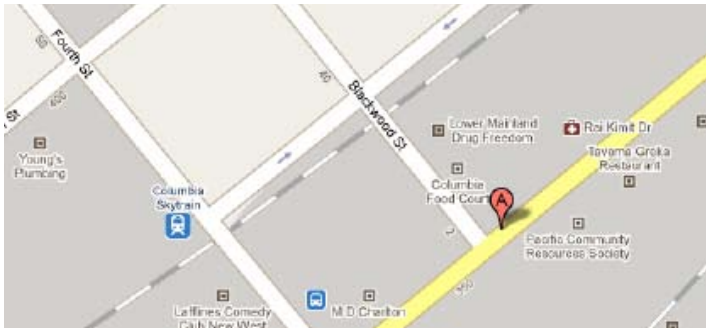
Many Happy Solar Returns to our Taurus and Gemini members:

Charlotte Greenwood, Marnie Jamieson, Linda Konvur, Andrea Koresova, Roni Kuri, Samantha Kane-Kennedy

We meet in New Westminster

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month, our program starts at 7:30 PM. Doors open at 7PM. Join us on the premises of ISA, Unit 201, 317 Columbia Street, New Westminster (upstairs), our custom is to have pre-meeting Dinner at Stefanos at 5PM, do join us. ***Our schedule is on the backpage***



Our Library

Christine has set up the books into cabinets on the premises. Melonie looks after our tape and Video/CD library. Many of our workshops are on VHS tapes; you can rent a video of a workshop you may have missed for $10, or rent an audio cassette for $3. Check out a book $1/month ($10 deposit). The doors open at 7PM before our meeting so our members have time to browse the library.

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The Presidents Letter, May 2010

Is time speeding up or what? I can't figure out why the days, months and years are flying by so quickly. Happy spring has sprung and soon we will celebrate the summer solstice of 2010. We do have a busy time ahead with the planetary line up... Change is the word that fits this evolutionary time.
(Note: Times and Dates shown are Pacific Daylight Time)
May 27th – Uranus enters Aries – science and global reform, rebellion against the existing paradigm, challenge to set a new template of values for generations to come.
June 5th – Jupiter enters Aries – action and leadership towards social issues, religion, philosophy and higher education.
June 8th – Jupiter is conjunct Uranus - opportunities and breakthroughs in science and religion, a new global philosophy, new thought religions flourish. A change of mind in the global consciousness.
June 21 – Summer Solstice; the moon enters Scorpio as we contemplate a time of transformation, and 'owning' our personal power. 'Take control of your life' is the phrase that comes to mind; at a personal level and global level, humanity is demanding change. A time to step into our individual power versus control from others. What is it that we really want, where do we fit into the big picture?
June 26th – Lunar Eclipse, Full Moon at 4 – 5° Capricorn at 4:30am– Eclipses are known to bring events such as earthquakes, volcano eruptions, and flooding. This looks like a time of Karmic earthly changes. The Sabian Symbols speak of "a common feeling response to a specific situation may be implied. The main emphasis is on Group Activity in circumstances implying a need for change."
July 11th - Solar Eclipse, New Moon at 19.24° Cancer; the moon is conjunct the Sun at 12:40pm
This Sabian symbol is described as "A Priest Performing a Marriage Ceremony, the need for interpersonal relationships". Perhaps the meaning of this symbol speaks of a marriage of two systems, whether it is persons, values, countries, or ideas. At a higher vibration we see this degree in association with the alchemical marriage of the male and female within, the joining of the two hemispheres of the brain... unity with all there is. Think back to 1993, when Uranus was conjunct Neptune at 19° Capricorn; what was happening for you at this time? Now is the opportunity to move into a higher vibrational field and create resonance with the one mind of the universe.

Our astrology students will be writing their CAAE exams on May 15th. These exams require focus and flow; this is a time to connect with our astrological muse! The level 1 exam is 3 hours in duration, and levels 2 and 3 is 6 hours! So you can imagine the preparation and time required to study and comprehend the vast technical knowledge and coherence required to master the art of astrology..... We call it BRAIN GYM!

On May 13th - Dawn will give us an overview of the upcoming transits and important events leading up to the Mayan shift of 2012. We will see how the brightest star in the Pleiades, 'Alcyone' (the central spiritual sun of our galaxy) and the photon (light) band is a major influence in the eclipses of 2012. This is a time of opportunity to receive the magnetic field of light and 'download' from galactic center. Are we ready to receive and move into the field of multi-dimensional reality? In addition, we will have a special guest, Marguerite Paquin who has authored the Manual for the Soul, a comprehensive body of knowledge of the ancient Mayans. Please see our website for more details.
June 9th - Our past vice president Kay Meierbachtol will present a lecture on the structure of the Vedic system, the zodiac, and the Nakshatra's (mansions of the moon). The Nakshatra's reveal the character and emotional traits of the personality. If you are a serious student of astrology, this is a huge part of interpreting a chart for both western and eastern systems of astrology. Kay has an extensive background in both Vedic and Western astrology, psychotherapy and Jin Shin Do acupressure.
July – August - We will take a break for the summer and enjoy the sun's rays.

September 9th, 10th, 11th – Coming back this fall we have a great 3 day venue and workshop lined up for you with Kelly Surtees. Kelly specializes in using astrological cycles to help time your life – and has just moved to Toronto, ON from her home town of Sydney Australia. The topics are as follows:
Thursday: A Deeper Look At Aspects -Where did aspect theory come from? What are the ways to enhance the information available within each aspect?
Friday: 'The Importance of Light' - How the planets gain influence in the chart based on how visible they are or aren't at birth. Have you considered how the Moon in Taurus varies in strength/influence/manifestation according to Moon phase? Or the time of day one was born? Are you aware of the circumstances in which the Moon sign can be more dominant than the Sun sign?

Saturday: 'Progressions and Predictions' - After transits, progressions are the most commonly used predictive tool in modern astrology. We'll look at where this 500+ yr old predictive tool came from and what we're really supposed to do with them.

(Remember, early registration by June 15th allows for a discount.)

Well, it's time to sign off now. We'll see you at our next meeting May 13th at our usual meeting place.

Wishing you all an awesome summer.

Dawn and Denise (Co-Presidents, FVAG)

The Five Foundations of Jyotish

By Vaughn Paul Manley, M.A.

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Over the years I've heard many teachers of jyotish or Vedic astrology talk about what are the necessary components that students need in order to be able to practice jyotish successfully. I have been especially influenced by K.N. Rao and Hart DeFouw who are, in my experience, the two most accomplished teachers today in the East and West respectively. I realized that it would be helpful to gather a list of these essentials to help students develop a solid foundation to their study.

Learning any discipline, whether it is jyotish, music, medicine etc., is like embarking on a mountaineering expedition. It requires a strong desire to reach the destination, skill, and commitment. Just like there are ten essentials for the mountaineer - pocketknife, first-aid kit, matches, map, compass etc., there are five essentials for the study of jyotish.

The five essentials are:

1) Technical Proficiency

Jyotish is a science that has its own set of academic requirements. For instance, it requires the memorization of a large body of technical information. There's no way around it. Just like the pianist needs to memorize scales until they become second nature, the jyotishi or astrologer needs technical information at the forefront of his or her awareness when analyzing a chart.

The jyotishi must be able to give a clear, logical explanation of the conclusions they've made about a chart. For example: "This person has a strong likelihood of children. The 5th house, representing children, is unaspected by malefics, and Jupiter, a benefic and the significator of children, aspects the 5th house. Jupiter also gains strength by being in a Hamsa Mahapurusha Yoga in the 1st house in its own sign. Also, the 5th lord is located on an angle in a friend's sign aspected by Venus, a benefic. You can also see this pattern repeating itself from chandra lagna, and in the Navamsa chart, etc." This may sound complicated but it is actually only basic chart interpretation skills.

In addition to memorizing the basic technical information, K.N. Rao strongly recommends that students learn to do many calculations manually, like the dashas and divisional charts, instead of relying on computer software programs. A jyotishi's initial focus should be to develop technical skill and clear, interpretive logic. If the jyotishi relies on computers for all calculations and on intuition for chart interpretation they may never develop a substantial level of technical proficiency.

2) Continual Practice

It's not enough just to memorize technical information - it must be applied over and over to as many charts as possible. No matter how many workshops one attends or theoretical books one reads nothing can replace experience in chart interpretation. One drop of practice is better than an ocean of theory as they say.

The jyotishi doesn't have to give readings to get experience. He or she can do retrospective research by studying past events in anyone's chart without the pressure of having to give an accurate reading or offering sound advice. For example, it's helpful to analyze charts of actors who have won an Oscar, or friends who have received a promotion at their job. It's also helpful to analyze the charts of celebrities or individuals who epitomize specific character traits. There are also books and astrological journals with example charts that one can study.

By getting into the habit of continually studying charts, for instance 3 or more per day, one's understanding of jyotish will accelerate dramatically.

3) Jyotish Guru

Inevitably while studying jyotish questions arise that can only be answered by someone with more experience. The jyotishi needs a teacher or jyotish guru available for this purpose. A guru is someone who dispels confusion and brings clarity. "Gu" means shadow or darkness, while "ru" means to disperse or remove.

Jyotish is based in an oral tradition. Traditionally, the student would sit with their guru for long hours reciting jyotish texts, discussing principles, and studying charts. Over time the student acquires the refined discernment of their teacher. There is no replacement for this kind of one on one tutoring with a qualified teacher.

Hart DeFouw tells the story of a Taoist master who was asked, "What is the definition of a master?" The Taoist master replied, "A master is someone who started earlier than you." A jyotish guru does not need to be a famous or legendary personage. Of course this is ideal, but it is not always possible. Finding a suitable teacher is a function of our karma.

Personally I feel very fortunate to have met my jyotish guru Sri K.N. Rao and to be connected to his lineage of teachers. At the least your teacher needs to be more experienced, easily accessible, and able to dispel your confusions.

4) Spiritual Practice

Jyotish is a spiritual science that cannot be learned only through technical academic study. At some point in one's development the jyotishi needs to combine both intuition and intellect in order to interpret the symbolic language of astrology correctly. Intuition is developed through spiritual practices.

Traditionally, the jyotishi would be initiated into the worship of a personal deity or *ishta devata* who would help illumine their intuition. For instance, Vedic astrologers often worship Ganesha because he is considered the patron deity of jyotish. Deity worship is the devotion to a specific aspect of God and is not idol worship, which is a common misconception.

Whether one chooses to perform puja (worship), chant mantras, meditate, pray, recite affirmations or do any other practice, what is important is to have a rich inner life that cultivates a state of calmness and clarity of mind from which intuition springs. It is usually recommended to commit at least 20 minutes twice a day to spiritual practices, preferably at sunrise and sunset.

Jyotish literally means the "lord of light," but is often translated as the "science of light." "Jyoti" means light, which refers to the luminosity of the stars and planets. However, since our outer reality is a reflection of our inner reality, the light also refers to the light of God within. The jyotishi needs to be attuned to the inner spiritual light in order to interpret external phenomenon clearly. "Astrology is a revelatory science and it is revealed not by aggression but by faith and surrender to the divine," K.N. Rao says.

5) Ethical Orientation

The jyotishi can experience inner light while doing spiritual practices but if his or her actions are not ethical then his or her clarity of mind suffers. Jyotish was brought forth by great sages for the welfare and benefit of humanity. When the jyotishi has the same attitude, and their primary motivation is to benefit and serve others, then he or she can be the most effective. The Dalai Lama says, "The key to ethical behavior is the concern for the welfare of others." Here's just one quote, among many others, that indicate that the original intention of Jyotish was for the welfare of others:

Maharishi Parashara said: O Brahmin! Now, after making obedience to Lord Shiva, I shall describe the Kala Chakra Dasha. Whatever was related by Lord Shiva to Goddess Parvati is being explained by me for the use of sages to be utilized for the welfare of the people.

- *Brihat Parashara Hora Shastra* ch46, v52-53

K.N. Rao emphasizes the need for an attitude of service when he says, "Fundamentally, true astrology begins only when one feels reasonably secure both inside and outside. Then only is one able to imbibe an attitude of service – which is the crucial key to unlocking the treasure of any Vidya (knowledge) such as astrology."

Astrology, like counseling, is a helping profession. Jyotish is also a powerful predictive system. A jyotishi's words can strongly influence others for better or for worse. Therefore, he or she needs to evaluate whether what they say and how they say it is ultimately helpful. Certainly, instilling fear in others through fatalistic statements is not helpful. In addition, promoting expensive remedial measures unnecessarily in order to benefit the jyotishi financially is unethical. Ultimately, how the jyotishi handles their relationships with clients is their own karmic responsibility.

"Always remember the four 'mahavakyas' (great axioms) of astrology - have faith; be diligent and practice patience; humbly learn from your mistakes, and live a life of service. Then the divine lotus of astrology will open in you." - K.N. Rao

Quotes From Classical Jyotish Texts

From Sage Varahamihira in the *Brihat Samhita*:

"The astrologer must be clean, efficient, bold, eloquent, possessed of genius, sincere, not timid in assemblies, not to be overpowered by fellow students, expert, well versed in the art of performing rituals of both curative and preventive types and suggesting remedial measures."

From Sage Parashara in the *Brihat Parashara Hora Shastra*:

Teach this supreme vedanga jyotish shastra only to one who is gentle and amiable, devoted, truthful, brilliant and well known to you. Only that person, who possesses adequate knowledge of time and the positions of grahas and nakshatras, can understand this Hora Shastra. Only that person, who has complete knowledge of the Hora Shastra and who is truthful, can make correct favorable, or unfavorable predictions." (Ch. 97)

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ICELAND!

Astrologers have been talking for decades about Uranus and the havoc it can create. In the President's message of the March/April newsletter, I mentioned that Uranus' movement into Aries could mean potent fire-power "a cardinal sign containing that much energy is bound to have repercussions throughout the world…". I will comment on one of the most recent manifestations of 'fire-power prior to Uranus' ingress into Aries - I refer to the volcanic eruption in Iceland. Fascinated with this environmental event, I turned to Rex E. Bill's trusty Rulership Book to see if Iceland was listed. Of course it was, and not surprisingly, I saw that Iceland is ruled by Uranus!

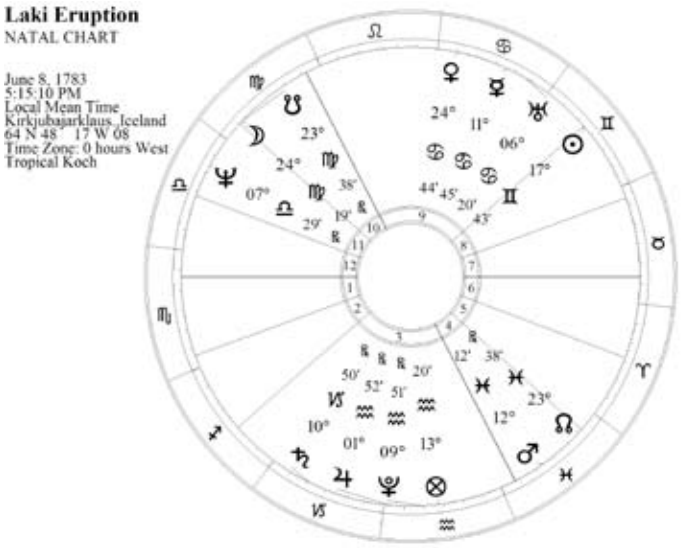
I looked on the internet for more information and geographical data of the area certainly corresponds to the Uranian footprint. "Iceland contains some fascinating volcanoes. The volcanism on Iceland is attributed to the combination of Mid Atlantic Ridge activity and hot spot activity. Almost 60% of the world's regional fissure eruptions have been in Iceland. Eruptions occur about every 5-10 years."

"The Mid Atlantic ridge is visible on land in Iceland and gives an indication of volcanic activity not normally observed. The volcanic country of Iceland, which straddles the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, offers scientists a natural laboratory for studying on land the processes also occurring along the submerged parts of a spreading ridge. Iceland is splitting along the spreading center between the North American and Eurasian Plates, as North America moves westward relative to Eurasia."

"Iceland is one of the most active volcanic regions on Earth. It is estimated that 1/3 of the lava erupted since 1500 A.D. was produced in Iceland. Iceland has 35 volcanoes that have erupted in the last 10,000 years. On average, a volcano erupts about every 5 years. Eleven volcanoes have erupted between 1900 and 1998: Krafla, Askja, Grimsvotn, Loki-Fogrufjoll, Bardarbunga, Kverkfjoll, Esjufjoll, Hekla, Katla, Surtsey, and Heimaey. Most of the eruptions were from fissures or shield volcanoes and involve the effusion of basaltic lava." Basaltic lava is described as "a hard, black, often glassy, volcanic rock. It was produced by the partial melting of the Earth's mantle."

"The 1783 volcanic eruption at Laki was the largest single historic eruption of basaltic lava (14km3 compared to the one in Mount St. Helens in 1980 of 1 km3). It had a huge impact on the northern hemisphere, reducing temperatures by up to 3 degrees. This led to catastrophe far beyond the shores of Iceland (where 25% of population died), with thousands of recorded deaths in Britain due to poisoning and extreme cold, and a record low rainfall in North Africa."

The astrological data for 1783-1784 – two years after the discovery of Uranus is equally fascinating. Uranus was discovered in March 13, 1781 (I was not able to find where William Herschel was at the time of his discovery, I deduced that he would be in Hanovre, Germany- his birth place).

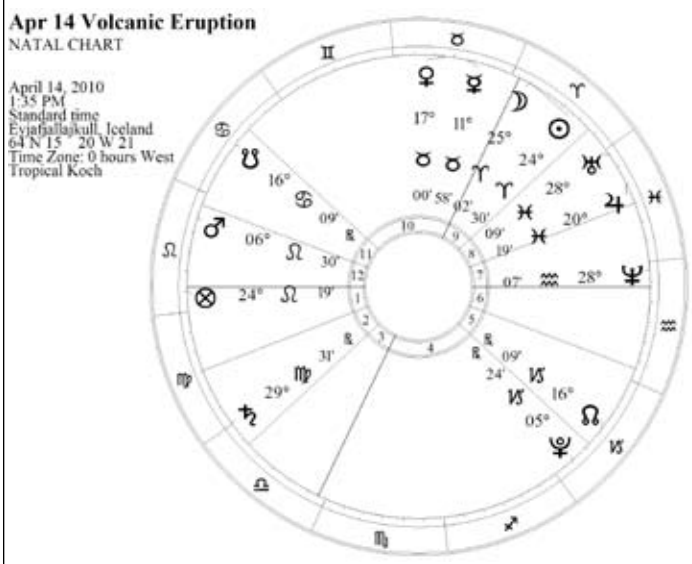


I erected the chart for the Laki Eruption on June 8 1783 for 5:15:10 pm LMT in Kirkjubæjarklaustur. (See Chart 1) I looked at the cardinal signs for activation and I noticed that **Saturn** (subterranean structure, ash) at 10° Capricorn (land, mountainous places, deep pits, decomposition, ash) was in an opposition to both **Mercury** (sickness, suffocation, pneumonia, transportation) at 11° and **Uranus** (Iceland, eruption, sudden events) at 6° Cancer (land). **Uranus** at 6° squares Neptune (limitless expansion, gasses, haze, hidden forces) at 7° Libra (the sign that seeks balance). **Neptune** at 7° Libra is applying to a trine to **Pluto** (catastrophes, volcanoes, destruction, turning points) at 9° Aquarius (the sign of freedom, progress, science and revolution). Equally as interesting is the fact that **midpoints of Uranus/Pluto** show up in Cardinal signs at 23° Aries opposing the **Saturn/ Ceres midpoint** at 23° Libra and create a T-square to the **Saturn/Pluto midpoint** at 25° Capricorn conjuncting the asteroid Kronos at 26 Capricorn (sometimes Kronos is referred to as the 'All Consumer). All of the midpoints create a Grand square with Venus at 24° Cancer. It is no surprise that this volcano had such a devastating impact as the build-up of energy produced by the midpoints worked to engorge the Grand square to the breaking point.

The current eruption is expected to remain small in terms of volume, but having a look at the Astrology of the first eruption on **March 20th** (chart not shown) we can see that the **Sun** has moved to 00° Aries, and is trining **Mars** (fiery Mars rules exalted Sun initiating action!) at 00° Leo, and is in opposition to **Saturn** (subterranean structure, ash) at 1° Libra. The **Moon** at 24° Virgo is in its first quarter phase (taking action, tearing down the old building the new) and is

in an applying trine to **Saturn**. **Sun and Saturn** are in a

Grand square to **Pluto** (catastrophes, volcanoes, destruction, turning points) at 5° in Capricorn and **Kronos** (sometimes referred to as the 'All Consumer') at 4° in Cancer– all cardinal signs. **Mars**, ruler of Aries, activates the exalted **Sun** while **Venus** at 16° Aries, ruler of both the **Moon** in Taurus and **Saturn** in Libra is in a T-Square with the **North and South Nodes** at 17° Capricorn/Cancer. And last but not least, **Saturn** and **Uranus** are applying to the opposition in April. Without considering anything else in the chart of March 20th we see a Grand square and a separate T-square in the Cardinal signs. It proves to be a potent time for an eruption.



Moving then, to the more significant eruption of **April 14th** (See Chart 2) we notice that the **Sun and Moon** have moved to 24° Aries – a New Moon. At about 4:35 am forming a square to and galvanizing the solar eclipse of Jan 15, 2010 at 25° Capricorn and also forming a broad midpoint to the solar eclipse coming up on July 11th (and an exact square to the first quarter phase on July 18th).

The **New Moon** of April 14th was trining the **Saturn/Uranus** midpoint at 28° Sagittarius while **Saturn/Uranus** continued their opposition in Virgo/Pisces. **Mars** was quincunxing **Pluto** and **Saturn** was quincunxing the **Sun** – powerful forces laboring with the adjustment process. Our old friend **Kronos** is still in opposition to **Pluto/Ceres.**

We are told that there has been a relatively small amount of ash from this eruption but it has had a significant consequence as the lingering volcanic ash plume forced an extended no-fly restriction over much of Europe from April 16th. More than 100,000 flights were canceled and airlines are on track to lose over $2 billion. No-fly restrictions were extended for the better part of a week through more than 20 countries and literally brought millions of people and the export and import of commodities to a standstill. Aviation is ruled by Uranus/Aquarius and secondarily Neptune. Ash is ruled by Saturn/Capricorn and plumes are ruled by Jupiter.

And although European airlines press to get everyone home as of this writing on April 22nd, it is reported that *"shifting winds have sent a new plume of volcanic ash over Scandinavia, forcing some airports to close again. The new airspace restrictions apply to parts of northern Scotland, southern Norway, Sweden and Finland, said Kyla Evans, spokeswoman for the European air traffic agency. Some oil rig workers are trapped on platforms in the North Sea because helicopters were grounded."*

In view of the report that follows, should we Astrologers keep our eye on May 29th when **Uranus** makes its way into 00° Aries or June 7th when **Jupiter** moves in to join **Uranus** at 00° Aries and the **Moon** is transiting the late degrees of Aries. Mars 0° Virgo and **Neptune/Chiron** 28° Aquarius and 00° Pisces respectively are creating a t-square to **Mercury** in Taurus at 26°. **Kronos** holds steady at 5° Cancer opposing **Pluto**. And, maybe most importantly, we will have a **Lunar Eclipse** at 4° Capricorn on June 26th generating the energy of **Sun/Mercury/South Node to Moon/Pluto/North Node** for what could be a very big event at Katla. **Saturn** and **Uranus** don't hit their final opposition in Virgo/Pisces until July 27th at 00° Aries.

"Eyjafjallajokull lies 25 km west of another sub-glacial volcano, Katla, which is much more active and known for its powerful sub-glacial eruptions and its large magma chamber. Each of the eruptions of Eyjafjallajokull in 920, 1612, and 1821-23 has preceded an eruption of Katla. Katla has not displayed any unusual activity (such as expansion of the crust or seismic activity) during the 2010 eruptions of Eyjafjallajokull, though geologists have been concerned about the general instability of the larger volcano since 1999. Some geophysicists in Iceland believe that the Eyjafjallajokull eruption may trigger an eruption of Katla, which would cause major flooding due to the melting of glacial ice and send up massive plumes of ash. On 20 April 2010 Icelandic President Olafur Grimsson said "the time for Katla to erupt is coming close... we [Iceland] have prepared ... it is high time for European governments and airline authorities all over the world to start planning for the eventual Katla eruption". Katla is located under the vast Myrdalsjokull ice cap. The last major eruption took place in 1918, and volcanologists say a new blast is overdue".

Denise Grams

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Tentative Schedule 2010

- **May 13 - Dawn Muncaster**

The Mayan Calendar, The Birth of a New World Order, and Upcoming Transits

- **June 10, 11 - Kay Meierbachtol**

Vedic Astrology

- July and August - Summer Break

- **September 9,10,11 - Kelly Surtees**

Predictive Astrology - Lecture and Workshop

'A Deeper Look At Aspects'
Thursday, September 9th, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Where did aspect theory come from? What are the ways to enhance the information available within each aspect? We'll explore the development of aspect theory and the importance sign and house rulership when interpreting aspects. Attendees will learn how to add precision to their birth chart and predictive interpretations. A must for anyone looking to create simplicity out of the huge volume of information and data in the birth chart.

'The Importance of Light'
Thursday, September 10th, 7:30-9:30p.m.
How the planets gain influence in the chart based on how visible they are or aren't at birth. Have you considered how the Moon in Taurus varies in strength/influence/manifestation according to Moon phase? Or the time of day one was born? Are you aware of the circumstances in which the Moon sign can be more dominant than the Sun sign? We'll look at phase, visibility, speed and station of the visible planets in the birth chart/by transit to get a more complete understanding of what's really happening in the chart.

'Progressions and Predictions'
Saturday, September 11th, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
After transits, progressions are the most commonly used predictive tool in modern astrology. We'll look at where this 500+ yr. old predictive tool came from and what we're really supposed to do with them. The relationship between transits and progressions is discussed so attendees can deepen their own understanding of dynamic cycles at work. We'll look at the progressed Moon cycle and it's role in affecting other transits/progressions. How does your Saturn return, Uranus midlife transit, etc., differ depending on your progressions? Come find out! Students can learn techniques to help them layer and prioritise different transit and progressed energies to enhance the accuracy of their predictions about recent, current and upcoming cycles.

Find out more about Kelly's readings at http://kellysurtees.com/
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- October 14 - Annual General Meeting, and TBA
- November 11 - TBA
- December 9 - Christmas party