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The Guild News

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A Message from the Co-Presidents July 10

We hope you're enjoying some of the sun's rays, watching the summer skies... and finding some time for R &R, rest and realization. However, it has become apparent that the universe does not take time for R & R or a sabbatical, thank goodness for us! Don't you find that amazing?

As you know, we are in the middle of a great planetary dance, featuring the Cardinal Grand cross of Pluto, Uranus, Jupiter and Mars, all in early degrees. Change is the big theme for the macrocosm, our world, and the microcosm... that's you! Check your chart to see where (the houses) are directing this new cardinal energy.

We are just finishing our spring/summer set of eclipses; the new moon solar eclipse, which is just passing, was in the sign Cancer, 19 °24' and opposed a fixed red dim star called the 'SS 433.' This star, located in the Aquila constellation of the great eagle, can bring about great awakenings and a sense of purpose. It is also known to be the star of storms and lightening- It is a star of transformation. The Cancer - Capricorn axis is connected to the time line of ancient Egypt, so maybe we will find another archaeological artifact, or discover some other hidden mystery.

The current nodal axis of 11° Cancer/ Capricorn, the 11° Cancer point is the position of the great Dog Star Sirus, known to the Egyptians as 'The Shining One' or the 'Scorcher.' According the Bernadette Brady, she states, "your actions could have a profound effect far beyond what you expect, so choose them with care and if situations escalate, do not try to stop them; rather try and direct them to a positive outcome. This very strong star indicates that you may, by your effort, gain far more that what is expected – the mundane becoming sacred. Therefore, a small action becomes a symbol for the collective." As I write this on the eve of the eclipse, I wonder what the deeper spiritual meaning, or global initiation rite is waiting for our planet. Eclipses always bring something profound to reflect on.. internally, our collective inner world of thought and consciousness is projected into our outer world of experience and manifestation. I hope we can learn to transform and create a clear vision of a healthy, vibrant, peaceful world.

Astrology News:

Our astrology students completed their level I and II exams last May/ June and achieved a high level of excellence in their astrological studies. Congratulations to all.

Anne Massey will begin to teach a class on progressions towards the end of July, through to our winter break in December. Dawn will be traveling into the Okanagan this summer to speak on various subjects and begin an in depth class on the moon in September leading into CAAE Level II studies.

We're really looking forward to Kelly Surtees' visit in September to share her astrological knowledge and expertise. It looks like a great presentation with very interesting topics. We recently sent you a reminder of the dates and times of this series of lectures, and they are also included in this newsletter.

In October, the Fraser Valley Astrology Guild will have their 19th birthday and first nodal return. We have arranged a celebration dinner and lecture at Stefanos Restaurant where our founding President, Anne Massey will share a presentation of the moon's nodes and found memories of the days gone by. Please check our website for more information at www.astrologyguild.com

We hope you enjoy the summer months, and thanks for your continued support! We look forward to seeing you on September 9th, 10th and 11th. I'm sure we will have a great time and learn some new techniques as Kelly shares her astrological insights.

Happy Stars,
Dawn and Denise
Co-President's of the Fraser Valley Astrology Guild
Vancouver, BC

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Connection & Information

MEMBERSHIP in The GUILD

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

(Valid from Nov 1 to Oct 31, including a Thursday night lecture and the newsletter subscription)

- $45/yr
- $35/yr Seniors
- $20/yr Additional Family Member
- $10 Drop-in Fee for Non-Members

REGULAR WORKSHOP FEES:

(including a Friday night lecture and full Saturday)

- $130 Non-member
- $110 Members
- $90 Seniors
- $20 Early Bird Discount when paid 90 days in advance. Check registration form for deadlines!

Guest are welcome to drop in our meetings for $10. Membership application forms are available at our meetings and on our website. Hand in your application and dues to our Treasurer, Michele, or send to the address listed below.

MANY HAPPY SOLAR RETURNS to our Cancer and Leo members:

Judy Cross, Christine Linwood, Kay Meierbachtol, Elaine McInroy, Thaya Edwards, Lidia Apanovicz and Robert Rein

We meet in New Westminster on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Our program starts at 7:30 PM; doors open at 7 PM. Join us on the premises of ISA, Unit 201, 317 Columbia Street. We are upstairs. Our custom is to have a pre-meeting Dinner at Stefanos at 5 PM, do join us. Our schedule is on the back page.

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Our Library

Christine opens up the library at 7 p.m. before our so members have time to browse the books. Check out a book $1/ month with a $10 deposit and your membership card. Melanie looks after our tape and Video/CD collection. Many workshops are now on CD and VHS; you can rent a video of a workshop video that you may havee missed for $10, or an audio cassette for $3.

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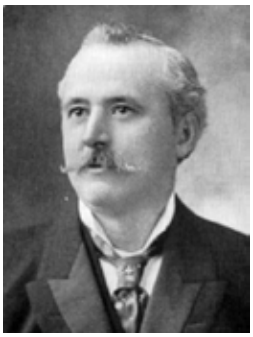

Born: 7 August 1860, 5:49 AM, Westminster, London, England
Died: 30 August 1917, 10:00 AM, Bude, Cornwall, England

William Frederick Allan took the name Alan Leo upon discovering through rectifying his natal chart that his rising sign was in the late degrees of Leo rather than Virgo. With the Sun and three other planets also in Leo he was said to project radiance, vitality and positive energy.

Often called the father of modern astrology, Alan Leo saw it as his purpose to bring order into the disjointed fragments of traditional astrology which prevailed at the time, to rid it of superstition, and to make astrology more widely accessible and understandable to the public.

He brought psychological, philosophical and spiritual facets into astrology, including the ideas of karma and reincarnation, and in this respect was strongly influenced by his theosophical beliefs. Convinced that "character is destiny", he maintained that astrology should be used as a guide to character analysis and self-improvement.

He promoted the idea of the Sun as the most influential planet in the birth chart based on its role as life giver and in 1909 wrote a Sun sign book. Another area of his lasting influence was in the adoption of the 5 degree orb for major aspects, replacing the wider orbs then in common use. Leo also studied vedic astrology, travelling twice to India, and later introduced some of the features, such as the dwad and the decanate, into western astrology. He has been credited with having laid the groundwork for certain specialized areas of astrology which were later developed, such as humanistic, sidereal and Uranian.

In all he wrote or contributed to approximately 30 books on the nativities, progressed horoscopes and esoteric astrology, among other topics. This included a series of inexpensive and basic manuals designed to introduce astrology to the masses. Using his connections to the international network of the Theosophical Society he was able to arrange for the translation and dissemination of his work in Europe and North American, sparking new interest in astrology in those countries. His astrology magazine was intended for both students and practitioners, and featured prizes for the best delineations contributed by students. In addition, he founded several astrological societies such as the Society for Astrological Research (1903) and the Astrological Institute (1912), and he traveled throughout England to provide lectures in other cities.

Growing up in modest circumstances, he left home at 15 to hold a series of jobs. Always an earnest observer of human character and curious about the cause of events, he was first introduced to astrology at about the age of 25 when the herbalist, Dr. Richardson, cast his horoscope to diagnose and treat him for a kidney ailment. Leo immediately recognized the significance of astrology, and was taught astrology by Dr. Richardson over a two year period.

At the time Leo was the manager of two grocery stores in Manchester. Following the death of his employer when he was almost 28, he decided to relocate to London in order to seek a new position. Once there he initially worked in sales while forming connections with others similarly interested in astrology. With a partner, F.W. Lacey, he co-founded and edited The Astrologer's Magazine, becoming sole editor in 1895 and renaming it Modern Astrology, and by 1898 was able to devote all of his time to astrology.

One of several innovations which contributed to the success of the magazine was the provision of a complimentary natal chart and concise delineation with the purchase of a subscription. In this way Leo came to interpret the chart of his future wife, Bessie, remarking to Lacey that she would be an ideal wife for him since all of their major planets trined each other, and her Sun and his Moon were in the same degree of Aries. Bessie was a palmist, phrenologist, physiognomist, and ardent theosophist, but as yet unconvinced of the validity of astrology. This changed when Leo's chart interpretation arrived in the mail. Impressed by the accurate depiction of her character and the quality of his insights, she proposed that he call upon her and her father. According to Bessie, upon meeting he believed that he recognized her from a past life, and there was an immediate rapport between them. In 1895 by mutual agreement they entered into a celibate marriage, as was encouraged for those with theosophical beliefs.

In order to promote a more harmonious union, Leo suggested that Bessie assist him in his work rather than pursue her own vocation. Together they founded four theosophical lodges, and in 1915 they established the Astrological Lodge of the Theosophist Society, with Bessie as president, seeking to integrate the principles of both philosophies in a single organization.

Ironically for one who pursued astrology from the standpoint of character analysis rather than forecasting future events, Leo was prosecuted and received a nominal fine in July 1917 for "fortune telling", forbidden under the Witchcraft Act (repealed in 1951). Astrologers of the time, especially those engaged in horary astrology, would have been aware that they were at risk of being charged under the Act. The magistrate rejected Leo's defense that his astrological reports reflected tendencies rather than predictions, and refused to hear arguments on the soundness of astrology. A maximum sentence of three months in prison, including hard labour, could have been imposed. This was the second such charge for Leo, a previous one in 1914 having been dismissed. Following the 1917 trial Leo and Bessie went for a month's holiday to Cornwall, where Leo died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 57.

After Leo's death attendance at the Astrological Lodge of the Theosophical Society declined as Bessie exerted a stronger theosophical influence. In 1922 Charles Carter, later co-founder of the Faculty of Astrological Studies, took over as president, restoring astrology to prominence in the organization. No longer associated with theosophy, it survives today as the Astrological Lodge of London, said to be the oldest astrological society in the English speaking world.

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All the astrologers listed are available for personal consultations

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THE GUILD SCHEDULE 2010

- July and August - Summer Break

- **September 9th,10th,11th - 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/
To book an appointment contact kelly@kellysurtees.com

- October 14th - Annual General Meeting

Please join us for dinner and talk at Stefanos Restaurant to celebrate our 19th anniversary. We have booked the downstairs room at Stefanos Restaurant for our meeting. Our evening program begins at 6:30PM, and we hope to see you there around 6PM. In order to secure the room for our function, we need to ensure thatwe have a minimum of 25 people in the audience.

Please email anne@astrologicallyspeaking.com to say you will join us for dinner, and please copy that email to astrologyguild@shaw.ca. Dinner at Stefanos costs around $20-25, appetizers around $10.

- November 11th - Yet to be Announced
- December 9th - Christmas Party