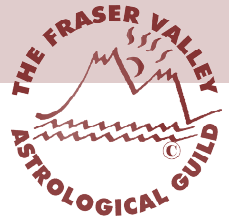


The Guild News



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We meet at 201-320 Columbia Street, New Westminster, BC
 We meet on the second Thursday of each month (upcoming schedule on back page)
 September to June (Summer break July-August)
 We host monthly talks and periodic workshops
 Our talks begin at 7:30 PM, doors open at 7:00 PM
 We meet for dinner at 5 PM before the talk at Stefanos', please join us

Thursday Talk February 13, 2014 7:30PM with Malamarie Sinha ASTROLOGICAL THIS AND THAT



Malamarie Sinha has been reading and studying astrology for over 20 years. While largely self-taught, she has completed the first two CAAE exams. What initially began as self-study, naturally rippled out to doing charts for others. She is most interested in synthesizing the symbolism of astrology with the psychological aspects of personality in order to facilitate a process of change and transformation where needed.

The zodiac can be characterized through mythological stories that animate the dimensionality inherent in each of the signs. In astrology, mythology

serves as metaphor, parable, and allegory—offering essential clues to the template of self-individuation that a chart prescribes. Each sign can be read as a process of becoming based on archetypal stages. Archetypal truths carry the emotional qualities, thought patterns, and behavioural characteristics by which we all live. These give our existence innate meaning and dictate our day to day lives, while orchestrating them as part of a larger overall process of integration. In this lecture we will look first at different models of application for an enhanced understanding of the power of myth in our lives, followed by an exploration into varying myths for each of the signs.

Thursday March, 2014 13 7:30 PM Arwynn O'Neill DYNAMIC TRANSITS AND THE GENERATIONS



A lifelong student of astrology, Arwynne O'Neill grew up in a household of (mostly) amateur astrologers. She lives in Vancouver with her partner Rodger and works in internal corporate communications. She has written articles for Planet Waves and The Vancouver Sun newspaper, and she can currently be found online at mspink.com and email: Arwynne@shaw.ca

Although there will always be some debate over a topic as open to interpretation as generational studies, a general consensus has arisen that defines the 20th Century Baby Boom years as 1946-1964. For those of us who study astrology, however, the characteristics of the "Baby Boomers" and the constellation of historical correspondences we've come to associate with them, are better summed up in the phrase "Pluto in Leo." This generation born 1937-1956, give or take a few retrograde periods, is virtually synonymous with post-war optimism, rock & roll, the flowering of the sexual revolution and Civil Rights movements, and the Atomic age. To find meaning and symbolic synchronicity in the timeline of the last century, we need look no further than the outer planets of our solar system. During this talk, we'll be looking at four generations encompassing most of the adults alive today, from Pluto in Leo (1937-1956) through Pluto in Scorpio (1984-1995). We'll examine the events, cultural forces and planetary configurations that shaped each generation, and we'll explore the impact of Pluto's current transit through Capricorn on members of those generations.

Thursday April 10, 2014 7:30PM with Nina Gryphon FINANCES IN THE NATAL HOROSCOPE

Nina Gryphon is a practicing traditional astrologer and corporate lawyer living in Kennewick, Washington, with her husband, Robert. Her predictions have appeared in numerous national and international media. She received her JD from Stanford University, and completed John Frawley's Horary Apprenticeship. Since then, she has studied with Deborah Houlding, a leading traditional astrologer.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Joan Morton

Since the new Executive was elected in October, 2013 we have been very busy!

The Christmas pot-luck was a great success giving our members a chance to socialize and celebrate together before the busy winter schedule of registration renewal and monthly Talks.

January 2014 began auspiciously with Anne Massey's 'Winds of Change' talk preparing us for the year to come from the perspective of astrological cycles and patterns.

The Guild renewal of members for 2014 is complete effective January 31 and we are now focusing on increasing membership. We hope you will let your friends and colleagues know about our reasonable membership fee, informative monthly Talks and workshops providing in-depth education on different aspects of Astrological techniques.

In addition our website, www.astrologyguild.com is an effective networking tool as well as providing introductions to each of our monthly speakers with a synopsis of the upcoming Talk as well as a personal in-depth "Chat" with the presenting Astrologers.

Upcoming Schedule

- Malamarie Sinha on February 13, 2014 who will blend myths and archetypes to demonstrate how astrology is a powerful tool for personal understanding.
- March 13 we have Arwynne O'Neill's presentation "Dynamic Transits and your Chart" focusing on the generational differences marked by Pluto's transiting position.
- on April 10 from Washington state we have Nina Gryphon helping us apply Astrology to our financial lives with "Financial Astrology".
- Michael O'Connor will explain on May 8 how to work with "Zodiac Fractals"
- June 12 Hillory Skott will explain how to work effectively with "Holistic Astrology"

Workshop in September

With many thanks to past-president Alison Price, we are looking forward to our first Workshop of the year with Andrew Morton coming to visit us from London, England to present a Talk on September 11 which will be "Up Close and Personal" followed by the Saturday workshop September 13 on "Harmonic Astrology".

Look for Early-Bird registration for his eagerly anticipated event on our website in March!

-October 9 Talk is TBA

-past-president Alison Price, will present "The Oriental Planet" on November 13

As you can see 2014 has many exciting speakers and in addition the Guild Executive is researching the topic of providing formalized education under the auspices of the Guild. All members will be contacted by email and we look forward to hearing your preferences, insights and ideas on this important topic and also on your preferences for topics for speakers for 2015. We look forward to hearing from all of you!

Chats with our speakers

I have conducted interviews with Anne Massey in December and with Malamarie in January, these are available on our website for your reading pleasure.

Thanks,

Joan



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SEEING GOD

Most of us aren't lucky enough to have had a near death experience or to have our life completely change like George Foreman's did. With having Rahu (north node) in his Arudha Lagna (Arudha refers to how the world may see you and Lagna means ascendant). George Foreman hadn't been very well liked, or very highly thought of. Yes, he had been an Olympic gold Medalist and a powerful World Champion Heavy Weight Boxer but that didn't mean he was highly regarded. Then something magical happened to him involving what he thought was his death on March 17, 1977. He didn't die. He was re-born and today is highly respected, known for his generosity and is well liked by many.

Foreman's biography on the web explains what happened on that fateful night:

"Foreman became ill in his dressing room after the fight. He was suffering from exhaustion and heatstroke and believed he had a near death experience. He claimed he found himself in a hellish, frightening place of nothingness and despair. He began to plead with God to help him".

In numerous on-line interviews the reader will find Foreman himself being quoted as saying on that night he sensed God asking him to change his life and ways. And change he did, immediately. Although he didn't formally retire after that fateful night he did stop fighting and did a 180 degree turn in his life.

His first step was to reject his earlier life of physical and psychological violence. He followed this up with returning to school, eventually entering University and finally becoming an ordained Baptist minister. Along with these achievements he

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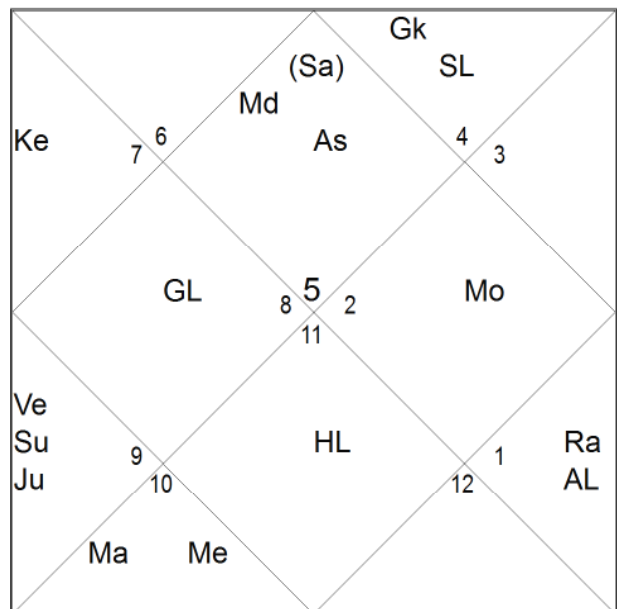
opened his own youth center and his own Church.

To hear him tell it he was a high-school dropout, a mean, hateful, angry street thug who hated everyone prior to his dressing room experience. After his experience he no longer hated anyone nor was he thinking so negative. No longer did he plot about hiring hit-men to erase the people who had stolen his money or otherwise hurt him. Now he could forgive them and yes even love them, as anger and hate were gone from his heart.

What does all this have to do with Jyotish (Vedic Astrology)? A great deal. For one thing here is a subject whose physical body was recognized as being a supreme example. Since his birth time has been validated it will be possible to see what patterns supported the formation of this mountain of disciplined, solid muscle. Foreman's 'second' life which will be discussed in part involves the existence of considerable intellectual agility, not only academically, but business wise as he became a very successful entrepreneur. What are the factors in this man's chart that support all these situations? The chart will likely tell us and we will learn along the way.

Life altering transformations such as happened to him may not be as drastic yet are not unheard of. Such events have been labelled 'having a peak experience' by psychologist or 'being in a state of ecstasy' according to a wide variety of reli-

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gious traditions. No matter what the experience is labeled its effect is profound. Recent research is finding such experiences enviably leave a life-long change in the lives of the people who have been so blessed.

In my studies I have not found a sloka covering such an event but that doesn't mean there isn't one. Therefore rather than trying to find a specific pattern my focus will be on examining the spiritual potential, within Foreman's chart that may have contributed to such a major event in his life and what factors have sustained its effect. In order to achieve these goals the tripod of life and an analysis of major existing yogas will be conducted.

George Foreman was born January 10, 1949 in Marshall, Texas at 21:15 , 6 hours west of Greenwich. Chart on page 3.

The ascendant, moon and sun are called the tripod of life. The ascendant, gives information about the body, the moon describes the mind, and the, sun describes the soul. This approach also lays the foundation to examine the various yogas (combinations) and special skills shown within any chart.

THE ASCENDANT

When the ascendant in the birth chart and in the 9th divisional, called the navamsa are the same the situation is called being Vargottama which immediately strengthens the chart. The Sun, as lord goes to the 5th house of purva punya, gives shuddhi or purity to the native and forms a Chamara yoga guaranteeing superior intelligence. Having the lagna lord conjoining both gurus, Jupiter and Venus, in Sagittarius also speaks of his spiritual strength however for the moment focus will remain on the strength and well-being of his body.

Leo is a male, sattvic (peaceful or balanced) and fixed sign, holding a retrograde and marana karaka sthana (MKS) however Saturn's placement is not all bad. Usually an MKS Saturn indicates challenges to the body however in this case it also provides tremendous endurance. This does not mean there hasn't been a price to pay for the punishment his body has had to endure. According to the Rishi Man-treshwar, this placement provides super strength and power, as will any retrograde planet in a Kendra (angle) or Trikona (Trine). Not only does this placement provide great strength it offers other influence it increases innate spirituality.

Further, Saturn as lord of the 7th house, placed in the first house, carries with it the requirement for the use of the special dasa, Dwisaptati sama (this is a variation of the Vimshottari dasa system). Saturn also carries the influence of Venus, the house significator of the 7th house, to the first house. This Venusian influence greatly softens his view of the world and becomes a prime contributor to his on-going

generosity toward others, and his interest in supporting children.

Whenever Jupiter or Mercury aspect the ascendant the native's natural intelligence is heightened. Such is the case here, as Jupiter aspecting the ascendant emphasizes his natural intelligence as well as his desire to seek truth. Foreman tells how prior to his fateful experience he had searched out different religions and had rejected them all, nevertheless he proved himself to be a seeker of truth.

The MKS Rahu sitting in the 9th house supports his earlier rejection of religions. Rahu so placed will argue with God. The aspect of Rahu to the ascendant cannot be ignored and again, this is not all bad. Rahu is often heavily involved in the charts of very spiritual people. More benefit will be realized once the yogas are considered. The nakshatra of the ascendant is Purva Phalguni ruled by Venus also going to the 5th house providing him with increase purva punya and a pleasing appearance.

The Leo ascendant lorded by the sun is sitting in the lunar mansion called Uttarashadra which is ruled by the powerful sun! The blessing bestowed on this placement triples its strength. In addition the sun also happens to be his Atmakaraka, the planetary representative of his soul in this life! When we consider the Sun is the karaka of the king, there can be no difficulty in understanding how this man's life history places him in a special circle. The strength of his ascendant as it relates to his physical body is emphasized by its controlling planet (dispositor of the dispositor) which is Jupiter, itself ruling the 5th house while aspecting back to the ascendant.

Reporters and biographers alike have used a variety of labels to describe this man's strength. Only a few words of praise will be offered here. Readers will find countless other comments, all of a similar ilk, once the name George Foreman is googled. One reporter commented on Foreman's "freakishly strong (both mentally and physically) being" and he went on to write, "George shocked us and defied all common logic many times in both of his (boxing) careers. Another biographer reminisced, "Back in the 1970s, Foreman was a terrifying brute of a fighter".

With the ascendant and both nakshatra lords in the 5th house we have to ask, "Does it ever get better than this?" and the answer is "Yes, it does get better".

THE MOON

The Moon, representing the mind, is exalted in Taurus less than 3 degrees from the highest possible point of exaltation. To have one planet placed in such a powerful place is one thing, to have two so placed is not a common occurrence. Plus, this powerful Moon sits in the 10th house with its ruler Venus going to the 5th house, conjoined Jupiter and Sun.

The Moon sits in the nakshatra of Kritika, ruled by the Sun, and is also placed in a powerful position! No one can suggest this man was destined to be a wall-flower or una-

ble to use his intelligence. This placement provides immense ability for him to focus on, and have the good fortune of attaining the goals of his choice. However, changing this man's mind, once he has arrived at a decision would not be easy. Again the generous and sattvic Jupiter becomes the controlling planet for the 10th house and his mind.

To complete the tripod the Sun must be evaluated. As mentioned earlier, the Sun sits in the 5th house with full power of associations and relationships. There is no reason to reiterate the importance of the 5th house and the immense degree of good fortune begin reflected. The fourth house from the Sun's placement is called Abhijit, the place of coronation. Here we see Abhijit falling into the 8th house of transformation, again ruled by Jupiter.

A summary of the tripod leaves no doubt about the strength of the chart under discussion and additional support is provided by Jupiter's control of all three dharma houses as well as Abhijit. This combination points to a highly evolving soul, one filled with compassion, faith and with a vital connection to God, as he understands God.

Deeper understanding comes from a summary of the Nabasha Yoga (the picture in the sky at his birth). Here relative balance is found between the three qualities with some emphasis on movability. However, the element distribution is not balanced. Five planets plus the AL fall into fire signs supporting his phenomenal stamina and endurance and seen by all.

A telling part of this yoga is the balance between odd and even signs. Odd signs are self-motivating and initiating whereas even signs tend to be more passive and consensually driven. Here no less than 6 planets fall into odds signs plus the Ascendant and the Atmakaraka. There is nothing shy and retiring about this man. Once he sets his sights on a goal, he reaches it through his own effort. What follows will be a testimony to this finding.

GENERAL GLANCE

It was January 22, 1974 in Kingston, Jamaica that he first became the World Heavy Weight Champion. At this time he was running the Narayana dasa of Sagittarius/ Aries.

Three years later under Sagittarius Moon he had his euphony just when his exalted Mars was maturing at the age of 28.

The depth of this man's sincerity in his new calling also shows in a variety of ways. For example, if only Ketu and Saturn aspect either the rasi ascendant or the D-9 ascendant a false devotee will be shown. A false devotee is someone who is trying to look like a devotee, or spiritual person, but Venus will bring the imposter down. Here Ketu (south node) and Saturn do aspect the rasi (birth chart) ascendant however, so does Rahu and Jupiter and a powerfully exalted Mars! This pattern by itself shows the world is seeing the real thing, a true spiritually devoted man.

Yet another support of Foreman's path is shown by the Varanda (pertains to social status among other things and is usually abbreviated as VL) Lagna sitting in the 12th house. This placement depends a great deal on the sign and sign lord. It is possible for a 12th house placement to represent socially destructive people

when poorly placed. In this case the sign Cancer represents a Brahmin and its lord, the Moon, is beautifully exalted, once again attesting to the purity and high intent within this soul.



A book could be written on this chart however only two other factors will be presented: his second win of the Heavy Weight World Championship title and a brief glance at factors supporting his entrepreneurial success.

THE SECOND WIN

After leaving boxing and pouring his heart into his education, church and youth center his money ran low. One day someone asked the congregation for donations to keep the Youth Center going. Foreman said he felt so humiliated he decided to do something to remedy the situation.

His decision was to go back into the ring. Naturally his decision was met with scorn and ridicule, he was old and out of shape. The people who made these comments didn't know what they were dealing with. Yes it took a couple of years but on November 5, 1994 he "regained the title he had lost to Muhammad Ali two decades before. He went back to his corner and knelt in prayer as the arena erupted in cheers." Now he had the money he needed. "With this historic victory, Foreman broke three records. The first record to fall had to do with his age:"he became, at age 45, the oldest fighter ever to win the World Heavyweight Championship; The third record fell when,"he broke the record for the fighter with the longest interval between his first and second world championships; and the age spread of 19 years between the champion and challenger was the largest of any heavyweight boxing championship fight."

The Maha (Great) Dwisaptati sama dasa on the day of his World Heavy Weight Championship was Moon, Moon. Remember, his Moon sits in his 10th house, in exaltation and in a nakshatra ruled by the Sun, which just happens to be his AK. For good measure the transiting Sun, Mercury, Venus and Jupiter all aspected the Moon from the third house of bravery. The Natal Moon also receives a rasi drishti sign aspect)(from an exalted Mars representing his Ishta, provided even more help to attain his goal.

THE ENTREPRENEUR

The Sree Lagna (Having to do with finance referred to as SL) is one of the keys to understanding a person's attitude and ability to earn money. If the Lord of the SL is exalted the native's wealth is obtained as the result of high ideals. In Foreman's case the SL is lorded by the Moon which falls into exaltation in the 10th house.

As the yogas show Foreman has made a lot of money and lost a lot however both lords of his 4th house aspect his ascendant showing his contentment with what he has.

The cherry on the top of his earning capabilities is the exact conjunction of his natal Mercury to the Saham Vyapara (like a part

of fortune) at 14:43 Capricorn which highlights business! The too fall into a nakshatra ruled by his powerful Moon.

With this series of patterns and other Dhana (money) yogas it is no wonder he earned millions in royalties from cookware bearing his name and an addition 200 million dollars for selling the right to use his name in advertising.

In conclusion

The review of this chart raises the wise old adage: Never judge a book by its cover.

Who would ever have thought this tough, rough angry and often hateful man, scorned by many, could turn into a compassionate, gentle and loving man? Yet his chart clearly shows the strong spirituality within the man. May we all learn from his experience and seek to follow his example. We may not have the blessing of seeing God, but we can learn from someone who has.

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IMPROVE YOUR FORECASTING WITH PLANETARY ARC DIRECTIONS MERCURY AND SPORTS

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Accurate forecasting: this is the single thing astrologers can do better than almost anyone else today. This statement is not meant to diminish the superb work astrologers do in delineating the birth chart and helping individuals understand their character and psychology. However, astrologers, when well-trained, can predict everything from personal injury to the stock market to the weather better. This is not an arrogant statement. It is a true statement.

However.

Many astrologers have not perfected their craft to the point that their predictions are consistently accurate. Some astrologers are skilled in predicting one type of event and not another. This may be due to the fact that the predictive methods used are well suited to some questions and not others.

With the advent of high quality astrology programs for computers, we have more tools than we will ever need. The difficult task becomes selecting the right tool for the right job. Intrepid software from The Astrological Bureau of Ideas provides a number of tools not found elsewhere, and these tools refine forecasting beyond what other predictive methods can manage.

PLANETARY ARC DIRECTIONS

Many readers will already be familiar with solar arc directions. Cosmobiology uses this method and has refined its use in combination with midpoints to produce amazing results. Noel Tyl states, "Solar Arc theory is the way predictive astrology should work: it ties the primal symbolism of the Sun in its passage through time to our lifetimes ...It is natural and it is clear." (p. xi) Having used solar arcs for many years, I can say that my forecasting took a giant leap forward from secondary progressions. I was able to define events much more clearly, just as Tyl states.

Now though, I find that planetary arcs add even more refined information to astrological forecasting.

Solar arcs work very well in identifying events in a person's life. Ebertin's work focused on the person. Each midpoint offers information about the biological, psychological, and social factors at play. With the possible exception of the secondary progressed Moon, solar arcs provide the very best results when events are in question.

What about the arcs of the other planets? What can they offer in terms of accurate illumination of the future? Planetary arcs focus on specific areas of life—those areas related to the particular planet. I mentioned planetary arcs to a student in passing, and the student said, “Oh, like you would use Mercury for Mercury-related questions?” Exactly! Why would we expect that the rhythm of all our interests would follow solar arc? Relationship questions that relate to events in our lives will certainly show up on solar arcs and transits. You’ll be amazed at how much more information you can get from planetary arcs that are related to the right planet!

CONVERSE AND FORWARD ARCS

The next meta-level refinement comes when you use both converse and forward directions in conjunctions with the birth chart. As least as far back as the Second Century, progressions and converse progressions were used.

When I learned astrology in the 1970’s, I learned about converse progressions and learned how to calculate them. I tried out the technique and found that it worked reasonably well. On the Internet I have found references to converse progressions, so I know there are people among AFA’s readership who use them. R. C. Davison recommended converse progressions (1), indicating that because the birth moment is a balance point between past and future, and because past events have an effect on the future, converse progressions make logical sense..

With the development of arc directions in the Intrepid astrology program, now we can use planetary arcs, both forward and converse, for forecasting. These charts, it turns out, hit the nail squarely on the head in terms of very refined accuracy of aspects among birth charts, forward arcs and converse arcs. The Intrepid program puts the three on one wheel, which you can then move backward and forward through time to assess both trends and events.

Any planetary arc may be used. The method is the same as for solar arc: find the day-per-year travel of the planet, either forward or backward from the birth date, and use that distance to arc all of the planets. Just as you would with natal, progressed and transits in one tri-wheel, you can compare aspects between any two of the wheels. Just as with solar arcs, you will not look at aspects within the arc-directed charts because those aspects will always be identical to aspects in the birth chart. It turns out that aspects between the forward and converse arc charts often pack the biggest punch! Perhaps this occurs because the forward arc events contact the converse arc “fate” factor and create the most powerful energy.

HOW PLANETARY ARCS DIFFER FROM SOLAR ARCS

The variation in speed of solar arc over a period of 60 to 120 days is quite small. Therefore the forward and converse arcs will always be very close to equal. This is not true for planetary arcs. The main reason for variations in speed has to do with retrogradation.

- A planet can appear to move at its maximum forward speed
- A planet can slow down or speed up

- A planet can appear to be virtually motionless around the time of retrograde and direct stations.

This means that for a person born close to the time of a planetary station, the forward and converse arcs of that planet will move at very different speeds. You can confirm this by looking at the ephemeris:

- Choose a date about ten days after a planetary station.
- Count forward and calculate the distance the planet moves.
- Count backward and calculate the distance.
- The results will be significantly different!

Of course, the outer planets move very slowly, so the effect will be less dramatic than for Mercury and Venus. Nevertheless there is a difference in speed among forward, converse, and stationary positions.

I repeat: the forward and converse arcs do not necessarily move the same distance over time. One of them may include a retrograde period.

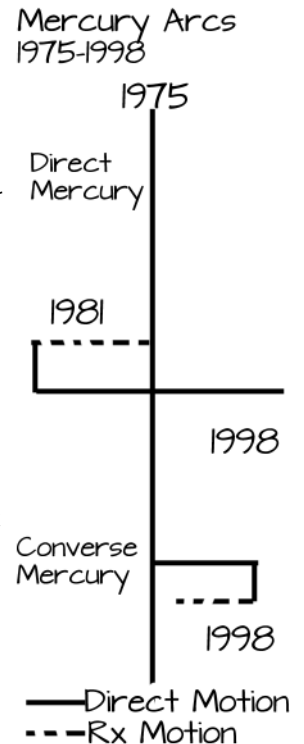
- If a forward (in time) arc is retrograde, then the planet appears to move retrograde.
- If a backward (in time) arc is retrograde, then the planet appears to move forward in the chart.
- Thus a converse arc of Mercury, if retrograde, may take Mercury to a position ahead of the birth Sun.

Here is an illustration of the difference in Mercury arcs in the life of Marion Jones.

MERCURY DIRECTIONS FOR MARION JONES

Note:

- 1) With converse directions, direct motion appears to be retrograde and retrograde motion appears to be direct (the reverse of the perceived motion when moving forward in time).
- 2) With planetary arcs there is no regular degree-for-year motion as in solar arcs.
- 3) You can easily calculate the planetary arc in an ephemeris by counting forward or backward the appropriate number of years, noting the planet’s position, and adding or subtracting it from the birth position. This gives you two values, one for forward arc and one for converse.
- 4) In the Intrepid program, you can track both forward and converse motion visually on the screen.



HOW TO USE PLANETARY ARCS IN FORECASTING

Solar arc charts provide an excellent tool for forecasting events in people's lives, especially events that have a noticeable impact in the world. The nature of solar arc prediction is tied to the nature of the Sun itself.

Planetary arc directions each have a unique use associated with the nature of the planet. I have found the most obvious uses for Mercury, Venus and Mars arcs; the outer planets also prove useful, particularly in mundane charts that survive for much longer than one lifetime.

- Mercury—very useful when considering sports that involve running or similar types of movement.
- Venus—extremely useful in tracking the nature of relationships, romantic or otherwise.
- Mars—any energetic activity
- Jupiter—very revealing when applied to the chart of the United States.

MERCURY ARC DIRECTIONS

To demonstrate the usefulness of Mercury arcs, I have chosen Marion Jones. While the reader may want to consider numerous athletic events in Ms. Jones' career, I chose to look at her Olympic experience, and the fallout from her use of performance-enhancing drugs, and her brief jail time for perjury concerning those drugs.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CAREER

You only need to look far enough in astrology to find the answers you need. Marion Jones' charts demonstrate this principle clearly..

- Named the national high school athlete of the year in 1991, Marion Jones had these aspects in her chart at the time:
- Converse Jupiter opposition birth Uranus
- Converse Sun conjunct birth Ascendant
- Direct Venus square birth Neptune; semisextile birth Pluto
- Direct Jupiter opposition converse Mercury

Actually there were a total of eighteen aspects within one degree of orb. However, the above list includes aspects that are all within less than ½ degree of exact! Jupiter to Uranus and Jupiter to Mercury speak of speed, Sun to Ascendant addresses her intense focus on athletic events, and the Venus aspects address her intense will and the love of her sport.

OLYMPICS 2000

On September 15, 2000, in the midst of her Olympic experience, the following aspects were close to exact in her Mercury arc chart:

Forward arc Pluto conjunct converse arc Sun; trine birth Mars; opposition converse Jupiter

- Forward arc Neptune opposition birth Mars
- Converse arc Jupiter opposition Forward arc Pluto

- Forward arc Jupiter opposition converse arc Ascendant; quincunx birth Pluto; quincunx birth Neptune
- Forward arc Mercury square birth Saturn; semisextile converse North Node
- Forward arc Moon Sesquisquare birth Mars

These aspects provide a rich story of power, speed, and even good luck. The Neptune aspects suggest both the capacity to fly like the wind and the potential problems caused by drugs.

PERJURED TESTIMONY AND JAIL TIME

In 2003, Marion Jones testified that she had not taken steroids. On October 5, 2007, she admitted her perjury. In December of that year, her Olympic medals were taken away. On March 7, 2008, Jones began her prison sentence. At that time the converse Mercury arc was within one degree of an exact conjunction to the natal chart (the exact conjunction occurred on April 9, 2009, seven months after her release from prison and about two months before the birth of her child.

On March 7, 2008, she began serving a six-month sentence for the perjury.

Because of retrograde motion, the converse directed chart had returned to the degree of the birth chart (the return was exact on April 9, 2009)! In addition, On March 7, the following very tight aspects occurred:

- Forward North Node quintile converse Pluto
- Forward Mars Quintile converse Pluto
- Forward Jupiter quincunx converse Sun
- Forward Saturn biquintile converse Moon
- Forward Moon sesquisquare converse Pluto

At the time of her sentencing, Ms. Jones said she wanted to go to begin her sentence as soon as possible. The quintiles suggest this was a creative decision on her part. The timing allowed her to be out of prison and well on the way to the next phase of her life when the converse Mercury arc aspects became exact.

SUMMARY

The lists of aspects included here are incomplete. You will not have to search for obscure connections using arc directed charts. The evidence is right there in planetary aspects among the charts. Use *tiny* orbs! The tighter you focus, the greater clarity you will find.

The planetary arc technique used for this article is available in the Intrepid program, which you can purchase from Stephanie's web site.. Chart on page 9 for start of prison sentence.

Notes

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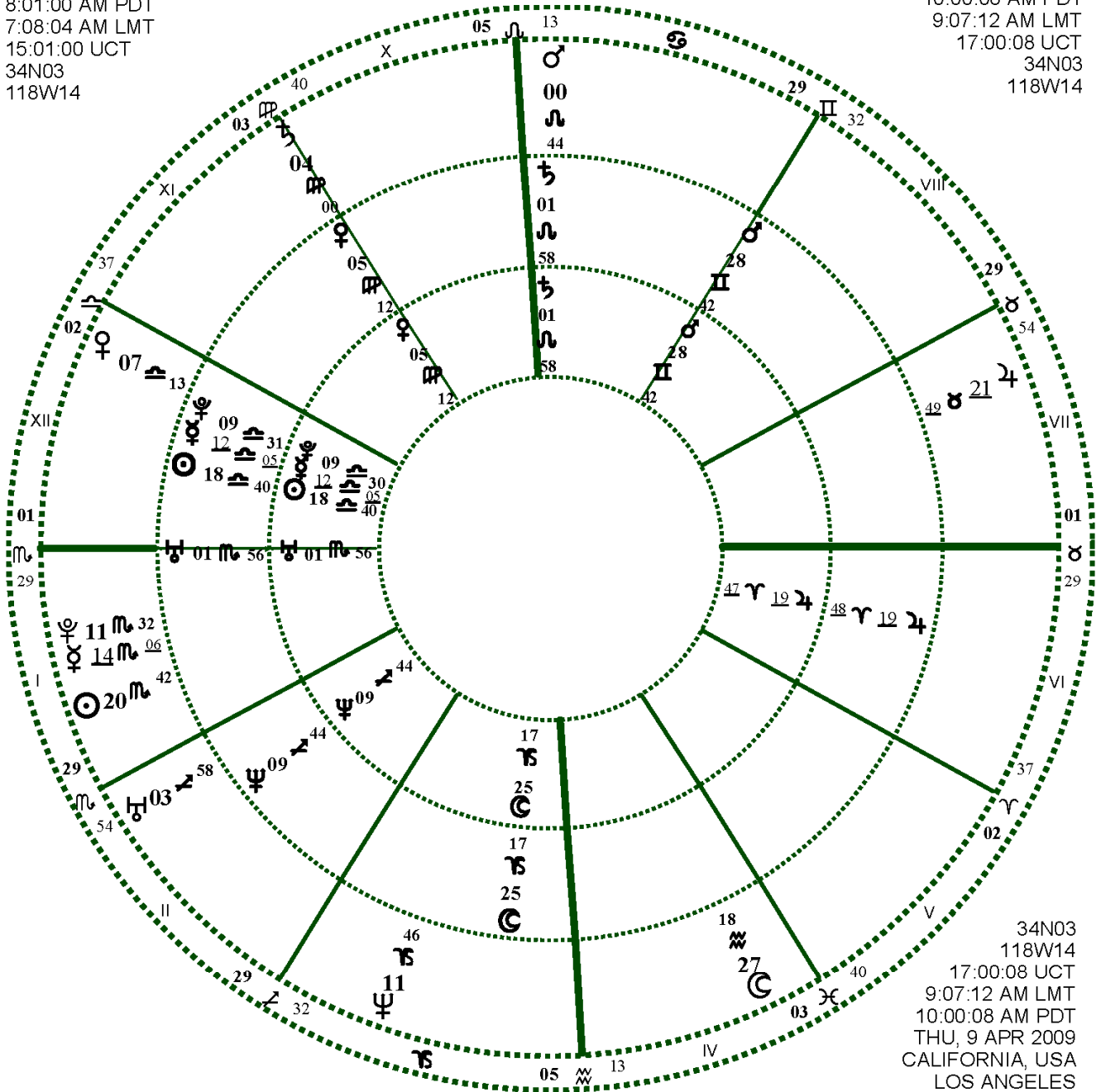
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MIDDLE

MARS STORY 2013-14

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Find your inner courage to follow your bliss—happiness, pleasure, harmony, ecstasy—do what is and feels right for you. It is always easier to say than to do.



Mars is in Libra for eight months, which started December 7, 2013. The norm is about 6-8 weeks. So in the normal scheme of things it'd be time for a change about now; but this time we will have to wait until the end of July. Mars is now moving closer to us. When something is closer to us, we are less able to avoid the energy it represents. Mars is about our motivation and our actions. The fact that something takes place less often adds to the intensity of the energy. And because we no longer really recall how it felt, we can only remember events; we don't quite have the insights...

A lifetime ago, I remember listening to a taped lecture by Joyce Wehrman about getting ready for a transit. Transits in astrology are the planets moving on their courses. Transits represent external events and forces (astrologers analyze the symbolism behind the planetary energies). In her lecture Joyce talked about utilizing the energy of the planet rather than allowing it to abuse you. Great concept, don't remember the details... however, have followed that advice over the years in order to get the best results during potentially challenging times. While Mars is in Libra think in terms of making things in your life more balanced, an inviting environment makes it easier to function. What a great time to learn or use Feng Shui—the art of placing objects.

Mars is the warrior planet, the way we defend ourselves and what we are willing to do in order to survive and function in life. Libra is the sign of the mediator, negotiator and diplomat. Libra values harmony over everything, and arguments, wars and hostilities are things that make Libra uncomfortable. Mars is that planet of war. So we have a bit of a conundrum on our hands for these many months. We are symbolically (or even literally) fighting with words and diplomacy in order to achieve a semblance of peace and harmony.

Timetable: Mars in Libra December 7, 2013-July 26, 2014
 Previously in Libra for 8 months: December 1981-July 1982
 Last time in Libra for the normal 6-7 weeks: July 3-Aug.23, 2012
 Mars Retrograde in Libra March 1 – May 19, 2014
 Previously Rx in Libra February 20-May 11, 1982
 Mars Rx in Virgo January 23-April 13, 2012

I like to find a project for the energy; a few years ago I signed up for a quilting class and have since become quite the quilter. Another time I decided to relearn how to knit and gained three gorgeous sweaters. Working with tools and metal implements is ideal during the times Mars spends extra time in a sign. 8-9 months is also an ideal time to learn a new skill, we have the push to work at one issue in our lives at length now. Basically Mars spends eight months travelling through one twelfth of the Zodiac and then spends six to seven weeks in the other eleven signs. The schedule, which varies somewhat, is in the order of



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the Zodiac—the one immediately prior to this one was eight months in Virgo (November 10, 2011-July 3, 2012) and before that eight months in Leo (October 16, 2009-June 6, 2010). The years when only one sign is involved feel the most potent; this is one of those years.



This year Mars will be retrograde beginning March 1 May 19, 2014 and will not move forward until May 19, 2014 (in 1982 the retrograde period was of the same duration as now—11 weeks). The underlying message is that we cannot move in the direction we chose earlier, we need to re-route something in our lives. No rushing, especially on the roads, in traffic. Most of us wonder through life on default, and need to be encouraged, periodically, to contemplate our options. I like to think these Mars events as representing road blocks or sorts. It might not be construction, rather the road is flooded, a tornado blew through, or there was another event that caused our routine route to be blocked. **Now we have to navigate differently.**



Most of us have a GPS in the car these days. It tells us whether to veer left, turn right or to take a detour. I love the way the Australian GPS gadget I listened to in February 2014. For example it tells you to stay left, and then take an immediate right across three of four lanes of traffic! When you fail to make the turn the voice directs you to make a loop without saying why, steering you back to the direction you should have taken. The one in my car here in Canada is polite and requests that I make a U-turn at the first opportunity...

Long story short, **for now**, we are expected to make a few U-turns, change direction and take the time to analyze what we want to accomplish. Mars represents **action** whereas the sign Libra is about negotiating, balancing and finding a way that is acceptable to all parties. Mars also represent **courage**; we need to find the courage within to move forward, despite whatever life has thrown in our way. Joseph Campbell talked about the Hero-myth, which is basically going back deep within to retrieve something deep within us, returning back stronger and being able to follow our bliss, sharing our insights of our personal myth—follow the voice within our hearts fortified by inner courage.

These weeks (almost three months) are often '**redo and/or repair**'-time—we tend to rush the few weeks leading up to the Mars retro-periods because the energy generated is

rushed. It can feel like we manage to take one step forward and then are forced to take three backwards. The message is slow down, attack each task with your full attention—no multi-tasking.

To alleviate stress, during the Mars retrograde period, consider physical exercise yoga, boxing, or lifting weights. Another alternative is any activity that requires the use of metal implements. I recommend pressure washing, it is like holding a gun and you end up with a clean driveway, walls, etc. Something for indoors: knitting, sewing, cooking (we use knives for that, right), building something... When Mars begins to slow down (about mid-February onward) and while Mars is retrograde for almost three months, you may feel like the world is not responding to your demands to move faster, to make a decision or hear your pleas (shouts) let's just do it, move on... etc. My former Aries boss (years ago) used to call this one—HURRY UP AND WAIT. By the way, not the best time to go buy a car. Leave that until late

NOTES ABOUT THE ESSENCE OF MARS

We associate Mars with our actions, our drive, our aggression, our ability to assert ourselves and defend that which is ours. We think of Mars as ruling weapons, not just the spears which were guarded within the walls of the temple for Mars, but guns, knives and anything made of the Mars metal steel. By extension we also give engines to Mars, muscles in our bodies and surgeons are Mars ruled by the virtue that they cut into our bodies. Mars represents how we fight out battles, Mars is physical energy, Mars is about labour, and our urge to fight or flee.

Mars in the natal chart represents what we are willing to do in order to have what we desire. The sign Mars is in shows how and the house Mars is located in shows his favorite playground; meaning where we exert our energy in order to attain that which we think belongs to us. Mars in transit works slightly differently, it tends to pose the question: **“what are you willing to do about it?”** Mars at its best is about how we assert ourselves, get our needs met and how we protect what is ours. Mars at its worst is eager to attack just because or in a vain attempt to appear stronger, more virile or to win status as the alpha male or female. Better to defend and to offend might be healthier Mars attitude.

Mars is the lesser malefic in astrology, it is involved with the fights, aggression and wars in our lives. Most astrologers like to refer to Mars as the warrior. The moniker in itself is not negative; in life we all fight for a cause of sorts—not necessarily the growth and expansion of countries. With Mars in Libra we might fight for justice, demanding equality for all. With Mars in Gemini we might be word warriors. With Mars in Capricorn (the sign of his exaltation) we might choose to manage something bigger than ourselves by being a corporate warrior—that corporation could of course be altruistic not merely materialistic.

Read more about Mars in Libra at www.astrologicallyspeaking.com



Mars

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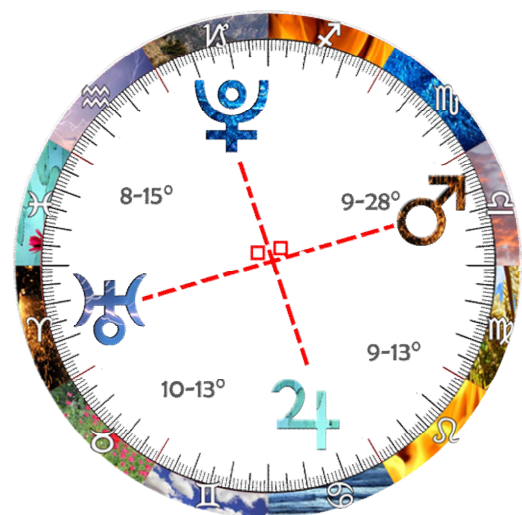
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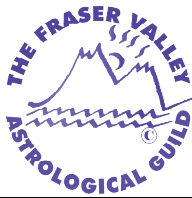
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During this spring we will experience a cardinal grand square with peak dates April 22-24. The degrees in the wheel reveal the span of the zodiac each square activates. Cardinal signs are action and goal-oriented making this an interesting period. The changes afoot since 2012 become personal, particularly for those of us with planets at 8-15° of the four cardinal signs.

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