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Introduction

Welcome to our Term 3 edition Newsletter - especially welcome to all readers accessing the publication on the Church of Light website - a first! Thanks to Jill, Di and Vicki for making this happen.

We in Australia hope all of you in other parts of the globe find this an interesting read. We are always interested in feedback, and suggestions for future editions.

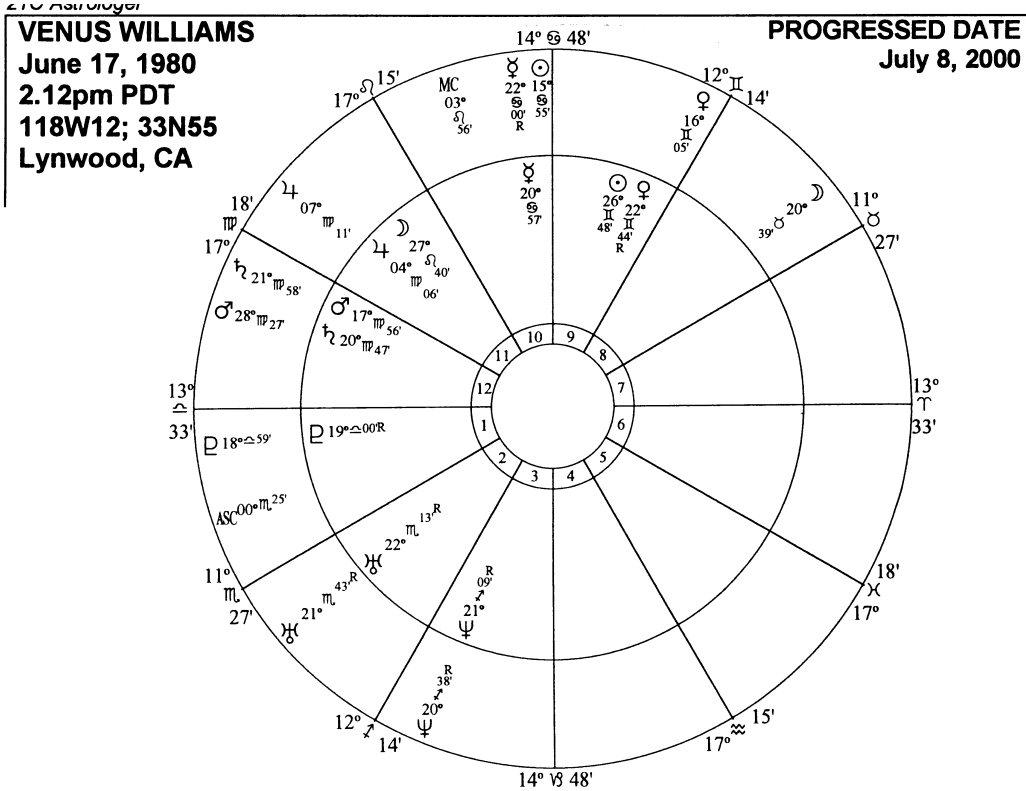
Our feature articles from Dennis Sutton provide excellent astrological perspectives on tennis, golf, the Sydney Olympics (great excitement over here!) and the US elections. Also in this edition for the first time, a Question and Answer feature, where Dennis answers questions that have come from Academy students and members. As they say, all this and more be informed, and enjoy the read!

Newsmakers

Dennis Sutton

Dateline - July 8th 2000: Venus Williams defeats Lindsay Davenport to win the Women's Singles Title at Wimbledon (See chart page 2).

Venus Williams was born at Lynwood, CA (118W12; 33N55), on June 17, 1980, at 2.12 pm PDT. Frank Clifford quotes the Birth Certificate. Talkative Mercury, in the 10th house (her career), dominates the chart. It's sextile Saturn and trine Uranus, the rulers of the 5th house (sport); but square Pluto, planet of groups; and with Mars ruling the 7th house, Venus probably prefers singles. Athletic Mars and hard-working Saturn form a prominence (conjunction) aspect in the 12th house, and the tennis champion can suffer bitter disappointments. Saturn rules the 4th house (her



DECLINATIONS		PLANET ASTRODYNES			HOUSE ASTRODYNES				
NATAL	MAJOR		Power	%	Harmony		Power	%	Harmony
☉	23N24 22N29	☿	92.41	14.9	10.38	10	175.81	18.8	0.58
☽	12N48 12N54	♁	62.73	10.1	-11.77	12	148.99	15.9	-22.48
☿	22N14 17N21	♂	58.39	9.4	-2.35	1	141.54	15.1	-21.41
♀	21N29 18N00	♁	57.67	9.3	-22.90	9	132.08	14.1	13.61
♂	05N31 01N01	♃	56.10	9.1	-8.35	11	86.46	9.2	5.71
♃	11N02 09N52	♄	55.26	8.9	-21.01	3	69.93	7.5	-7.64
♄	05N41 05N10	♀	50.98	8.2	7.68	2	61.35	6.6	11.36
♅	18S04 17S56	♂	47.52	7.7	-6.66	4	27.63	3.0	-10.50
♆	21S44 21S43	☽	41.34	6.7	3.93	8	25.49	2.7	3.84
♁	08N38 08N28	☉	34.90	5.6	0.74	7	23.76	2.5	-3.33
♁	22N37 19N16	♃	34.87	5.6	13.61	5	22.53	2.4	-1.85
♁	05S21 11S37	♃	27.66	4.5	1.41	6	20.94	2.2	-1.74
			619.83	100.0	-35.29				

On July 8, 2000 US tennis champion, Venus Williams, won the women's singles title at Wimbledon. On this date in her chart progressed Sun (at 15° 55') had moved to form a growth (semisextile) aspect with progressed Venus (at 16° 05'). Progressed Mercury (at 22° 00' R), primary ruler of the 10th house (honor), had moved to form an opportunity (sextile) aspect with progressed Saturn (at 21° 58'), cusp ruler of the 4th house (her father) and the 5th house (the tennis court), and a luck (trine) aspect with birthchart Uranus, primary ruler of the 2nd house (her pay cheque). Progressed MC (at 3° 56') had formed a growth (semisextile) aspect with birthchart Jupiter; and progressed Saturn had formed an opportunity (sextile) aspect with birthchart Uranus. The progressed stimulation to the Sun, Mercury and 10th house thought-cells enabled her to enhance her significance and honor by winning the prestigious sporting event. The progressed stimulation to Uranus and the 2nd house thought-cells enabled her to be financially rewarded for her sporting achievement.

father) and is square the 9th house Sun-Venus conjunction and the 3rd house Neptune. Neptune rules her sister - Serena. This 3rd house, 9th house, 12th house T-square maps losses through her father and separation from her sister; but with Pluto in the 1st house, intercepting the Venus-Neptune 3rd house-9th house opposition, Venus has a cooperative personality that can rise above the emotional confusion generated by the Venus-Neptune opposition. (Serena Williams was born at Saginaw, MI {83W57; 43N25}, on September 26, 1981, at 8.28 pm EDT. Shelley Ackerman quotes the Hall of Records.)

Dateline - July 23rd 2000: Tiger Woods won the British Open Golf Title (See chart page 4).

Tiger Woods was born at Long Beach, CA (118W11; 33N47), on December 30, 1975, at 10.50 pm PST. Lois M Rodden quotes the Birth Certificate. The Sun in the 4th house dominates his chart and it forms a T-square with Pluto in the 1st house and Jupiter in the 7th. This T-square maps partnership problems, although the 7th house is high in harmony. Mercury, cusp ruler of the 10th house (his career), is in the 5th house (sport). It forms a high-discord separation (opposition) aspect with Saturn in the 11th house (friends). The 10th house is high in discord and the Mercury-Saturn opposition indicates career problems due to the actions of his friends; and with Uranus in the 2nd house (his personal finances) square Saturn, he can suffer unexpected financial reversals due to his friends. The high-discord 11th house maps big problems with friends. The 3rd house dominates the chart and the golfing champion has an active mind and writing potential. The Sun is in Capricorn and Tiger has already reached the top of his personal mountain so one wonders what he's going to do with the rest of his life. With Mercury in the 5th house, he'll probably write books about golf!

Dateline - July 2000: English actor Patricia Routledge travels to Australia to star in the Stage Production of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of being Earnest* (See chart page 5).

Patricia Routledge was born at Birkenhead, Cheshire (3W02; 53N24), on February 17, 1929, at 12.26 am GMT. Her birth data was given in Old Moore's Almanac (1997). No source was stated so caution is required. The Sun dominates Hyacinth Bucket's birthchart and its opposition pretentious Neptune in the 10th house - her reputation! The high-discord 10th house has, no doubt, frustrated her career, and with the Sun in the 4th house, the fame and glory came later on. With the Moon in Taurus and Scorpio Rising, Patricia Routledge is a

very patient and determined lady. Uranus and Venus are in the 5th house and she loves the stage, but the big success came with the television shows *Keeping up Appearances* and *Hetty Wainthrop*. Venus in the 5th house is square Pluto, planet of television, but the Ascendant trine Pluto maps a personal luck factor with television. The 2nd house Saturn maps heavy financial burdens and the 8th house Mars maps strife over joint finances. Fortunately the Sun intercepts the Mars-Saturn opposition, so a lot of the aspect's discord potential is relieved by an abundance of vitality and high self-esteem.

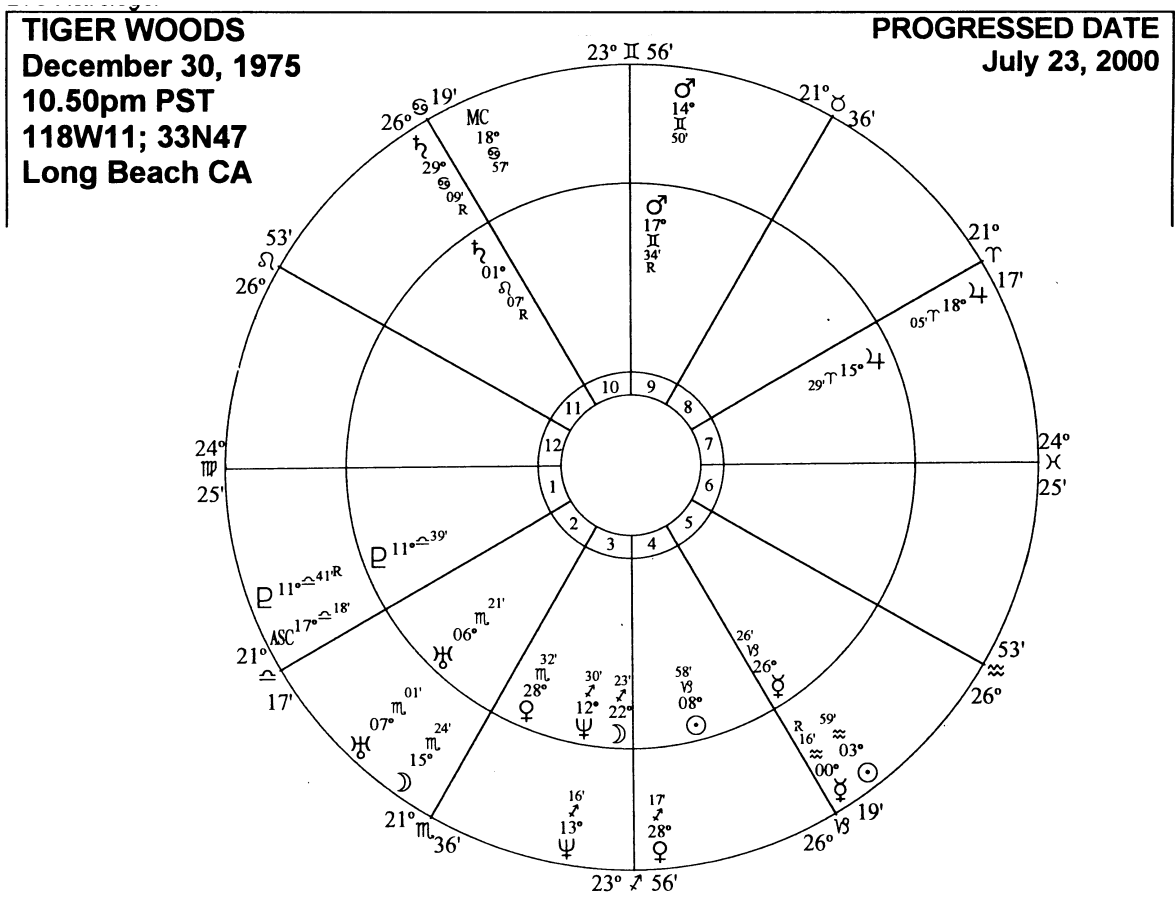
Tomorrows News

Dennis Sutton

Two significant events will dominate the news headlines between now and Christmas. They are the Sydney Olympics and the US presidential elections.

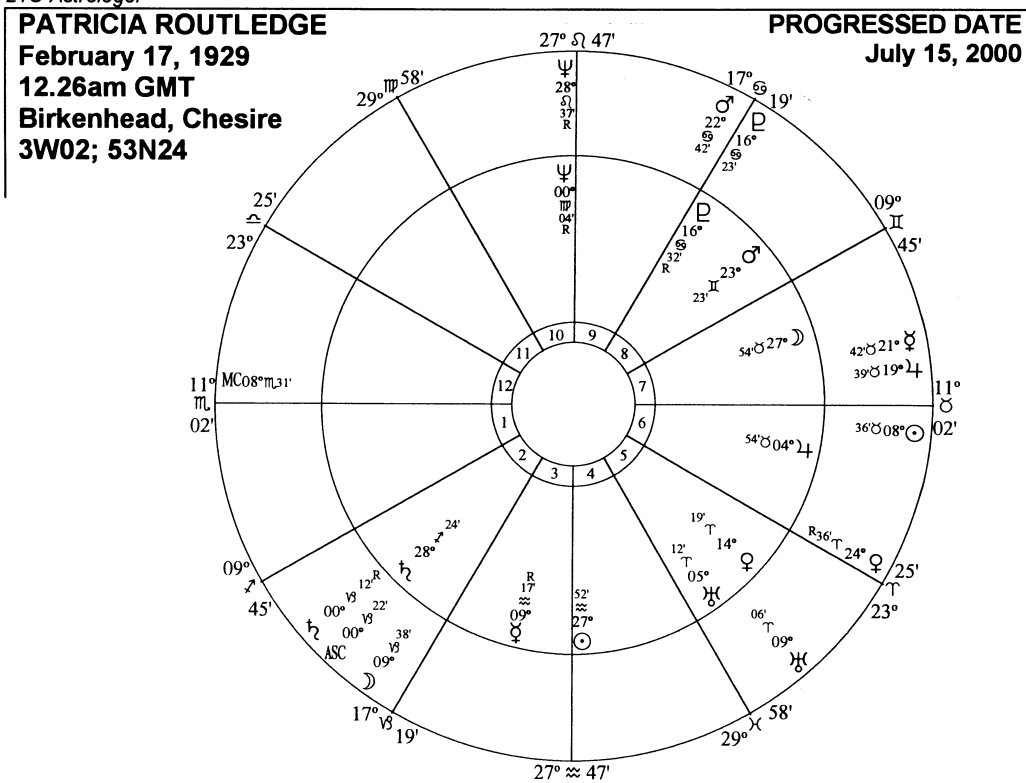
The Olympics open on September 15 2000. This major 5th house event is mapped in Australia's chart by progressed Jupiter in the 9th house (tourism) trine birthchart Mars in the 5th house (sporting events). Mars in the 5th house will have a strife influence on the Olympics. It is the planet of violence and aggressive competitiveness. Jupiter is the planet of fair play and goodwill. Australia's Y2000 Sun cycle chart (presented in the April News and Views) has Neptune in the 5th house. Neptune, of course, will put on a chemically enhanced sporting extravaganza. Saturn, planet of loss and disorganization, the cusp ruler, is in the 8th house (taxes and the public's money) and the Olympics has been a financial and organizational nightmare.

As Mars is the planet of sporting competitions, its cycle chart is an important reference point. The Y2000 Mars cycle chart for Canberra was presented in the April 2000 News and Views. Mars is in the 5th house of the chart, indicating another strong Mars influence on the Olympics - strife, rows, disputes and violent confrontations, not to mention the torn hamstrings, the accidents and the bitter tears. During the Olympics, transit Mars in the 10th house (publicity) of the Sydney Mars cycle chart forms a variety of aspects. On September 15 it forms a luck (trine) aspect with Jupiter in the 5th house; on September 19 it forms an expansion (inconjunct) aspect with birthchart Mars in the 5th house; on September 20 it forms an obstacle (square) aspect with the Moon; and on September 24 it forms an expansion (inconjunct) aspect with Neptune, planet of drugs, and cusp ruler of the 5th



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	NATAL	MAJOR		Power	%	Harmony		Power	%	Harmony
☉	23S08	19S16	MC	61.95	11.6	-24.35	3	145.34	18.5	-5.49
☽	20S33	16S44	☉	56.31	10.6	-2.27	1	116.86	14.9	-7.74
♃	22S43	16S42	☽	54.07	10.2	-27.85	10	85.52	10.9	-22.99
♂	17S39	22S08	ASC	48.74	9.2	-11.57	4	78.64	10.0	4.60
♄	25N58	25N37	♃	47.12	8.8	2.71	11	68.76	8.8	-28.48
♅	04N53	05N59	♄	44.66	8.4	13.74	5	67.98	8.7	-4.57
♆	13S11	13S23	♅	44.55	8.4	2.48	7	66.24	8.4	19.60
♁	20S49	20S54	♆	41.72	7.8	-14.56	9	53.44	6.8	4.08
♂	10N55	11N07	♁	41.65	7.8	9.67	2	38.28	4.9	4.99
MC	23N18	22N06	♄	39.09	7.3	-2.23	12	28.16	3.6	-1.14
ASC	02N13	06S48	♂	28.70	5.4	12.63	8	19.54	2.5	-1.12
			♆	23.93	4.5	-1.32	6	16.41	2.1	-3.97
				532.51	100.0	-42.92				

On July 23, 2000 US golf champion, Tiger Woods, won the British Open Golf Championship – another grand slam victory. On this date in his chart progressed Sun (at 19S16), in the 5th house, had moved to form an intensity (parallel) aspect with birthchart Saturn. Progressed MC (at 18S57) had moved to form an obstacle (square) aspect with progressed Jupiter (at 18T05). Progressed Mercury (at 00≈16R), primary ruler of the 5th house (the golf course), had moved to form an agitation (sesquisquare) aspect with progressed Mars (at 14II50). Progressed Venus (at 28♁17), cusp ruler of the 2nd house, had moved to form a growth (semisextile) aspect with birthchart Venus; and progressed Ascendant (at 17♁18) had moved to form a luck (trine) aspect with birthchart Mars. The progressed 10 house (MC-Mercury) stimulation enabled him to enhance his honor by winning the golf tournament; the Sun progression enabled him to enhance his self-esteem, and the Venus stimulation enabled him to enhance his bank account. The Asc-Mars trine was a lucky rallying force.



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	NATAL	MAJOR	Power	%	Harmony		Power	%	Harmony	
☉	12S13	14N22	☉	117.92	16.9	-24.12	10	264.72	26.3	-40.37
♃	19N54	27S02	MC	106.42	15.2	-13.85	4	134.58	13.4	-22.21
♃	15S17	19N35	♃	99.34	14.2	-14.47	5	86.54	8.6	-0.70
♃	07N36	13N35	♃	65.00	9.3	31.46	8	85.69	8.5	-18.87
♃	26N15	23N23	♃	58.77	8.4	-36.93	2	85.37	8.5	10.79
♃	12N13	16N53	♃	52.86	7.6	-4.94	6	81.00	8.1	29.91
♃	22S16	22S13	ASC	48.99	7.0	-13.60	7	74.61	7.4	-45.70
♃	01N27	02N59	♃	36.57	5.2	-7.21	1	65.84	6.6	-17.42
♃	12N01	12N31	♃	35.41	5.1	-12.15	3	63.00	6.3	-9.68
♃	21N50	21N56	♃	31.99	4.6	-3.11	9	29.38	2.9	-18.46
♃	MC	12N15	♃	31.68	4.5	-17.54	11	18.29	1.8	-3.60
♃	ASC	15S09	♃	13.78	2.0	12.60	12	15.84	1.6	-8.77
				698.74	100.0	-103.86				

English stage and television performer Patricia Routledge is currently touring Australia playing the lead role in Oscar Wilde's 'The Importance of Being Earnest'. At this time in her chart progressed Sun (at 8♃36) had moved to form a growth (semisextile) aspect with progressed Uranus (at 9♄06), secondary ruler of the 5th house (the stage). Progressed Asc (at 00♃22) had moved to form a prominence (conjunction) aspect with progressed Saturn (at 00♄12R), primary ruler of the 2nd house (her finances); and a luck (trine) aspect with birthchart Neptune, primary ruler of the 10th house (her career); and progressed Mars (at 22♂42), in the 9th house (overseas travel), had moved to form a growth (semisextile) aspect with birthchart Mars. This progressed stimulation to the 9th house (Mars) 10th house (Neptune) and 5th house (Uranus) thought-cells enabled her to make the overseas trip and further her career by starring in the play. (Note that Neptune is also cusp ruler of the 5th house.) The progressed stimulation to the Sun thought-cells enabled her to enhance her personal significance, and the 2nd house (Saturn) stimulation provided her with a weekly pay cheque for her work.

house. Each of these aspects maps an aspect-specific Mars event at the Olympics.

Another important chart to consider is the Virgo lunation (see chart page 7). Each lunation chart covers a four-week period and significant events during each astrological month are mapped in this chart. This lunation chart influences the Olympic Games. Not surprisingly, the Sun-Moon lunation, Mercury and Mars are in the 5th house. This house dominates the chart and the Olympics is the only game in town. Again a strong Mars-5th house influence will focus on strife, aggressive competition, bitter rows, disputes and injuries.

Two high-discord Mars aspects in the sky also have an influence on the Olympics. On October 3 at 11.55 pm GMT - converts to 10.55 am DST on October 4 at Canberra (149E05; 35S17) - Mars is square Pluto. Mars in the 10th house (conjunct the MC) is cusp ruler of the 5th house. Pluto is in the 12th house - crime, gaols and out-of-sight activities. The strife could involve an Olympic team - or group of athletes. Mars rules the police and Pluto rules criminal activity.

On October 4 at 7.28 pm GMT - converts to 6.28 am DST on October 5 at Canberra - Mars is square Jupiter in the sky. Mars is in the 12th house - crime, gaols, hospitals, disappointments and secret activities. Jupiter is in the 8th house - taxes, other people's money and death. This aspect indicates financial rows - just how much did the Olympics really cost the New South Wales taxpayers?

Then on October 13 at 8.24 am Jupiter in the sky forms a high-discord opposition aspect with Pluto. Jupiter is in the 2nd house (the people's money and economic conditions) and Pluto is in the 8th house (taxes and the public's money). The first Jupiter-Pluto opposition aspect was assessed in the June News and Views and what was said there applies to this aspect. Drastic financial developments and tax crime are the issues.

And finally on December 9 at 2.14 pm GMT - converts to 1.14 am DST on December 10 at Canberra - Jupiter is trine Neptune in the sky. When this aspect occurred on July 27 the aviation news was all bad and the oil price rose. At Canberra Jupiter is in the 9th house (trade, tourism and aviation) and Neptune is in the 5th house (children, the share market and sport). Jupiter is the planet of commerce and Neptune is the planet of aviation. Maybe Virgin Airlines will finally take off! The aviation news should be good??

In the meantime, on November 7, 2000, the US electorate has gone to the polls and elected their President for the next four years. Once again, the American Aquarian Age democratic process has left the world bewildered!

Using Astrology to assess Election Results

The most important charts to consider are the birthcharts of the two candidates. Their birthcharts should be compared and weighed against each other. Also consider the current progressions in each chart and the progressions immediately following the election. Then consider the appropriate major cycle charts. Jupiter rules the Republicans; and Saturn rules the Democrats. A good aspect in the Jupiter cycle supports the Republicans. A good aspect in the Saturn cycle supports the Democrats. Finally, consider the Lunation chart preceding the election. Its influence should be considered in conjunction with the birthcharts of the candidates.

The Sun is the planet of politics and gaining the Presidency is a 10th house event. The Sun and 10th house in the candidate's birthcharts should be carefully assessed. Then carefully evaluate the progressed aspects involving the 10th house and the Sun.

Al Gore is the Democratic candidate. He was born in Washington, DC (77W02; 38N54), on March 31, 1948, at 12.53 pm EST. Marion March quotes the Birth Certificate (see chart page 8). The birthchart Sun is in Aries (leadership). It is in the 9th house and has power due to its aspect structure. It is square the Moon, semisquare Venus, trine Mars, trine Saturn, opposition Neptune, trine Pluto, conjunct the MC and trine the Ascendant. Its four trine aspects give Gore lots of political luck. Mars, Saturn and Pluto are in the 1st house so he has to rely on his personality - personal contact with people; but 1st house discord does indicate some personality problems. Mars conjunct Saturn maps a very hard worker. The Sun square the Moon puts him out of touch with the electorate: and the Sun opposition Neptune maps an idealistic streak that adversely influences his politics. Al Gore certainly has the better birthchart Sun.

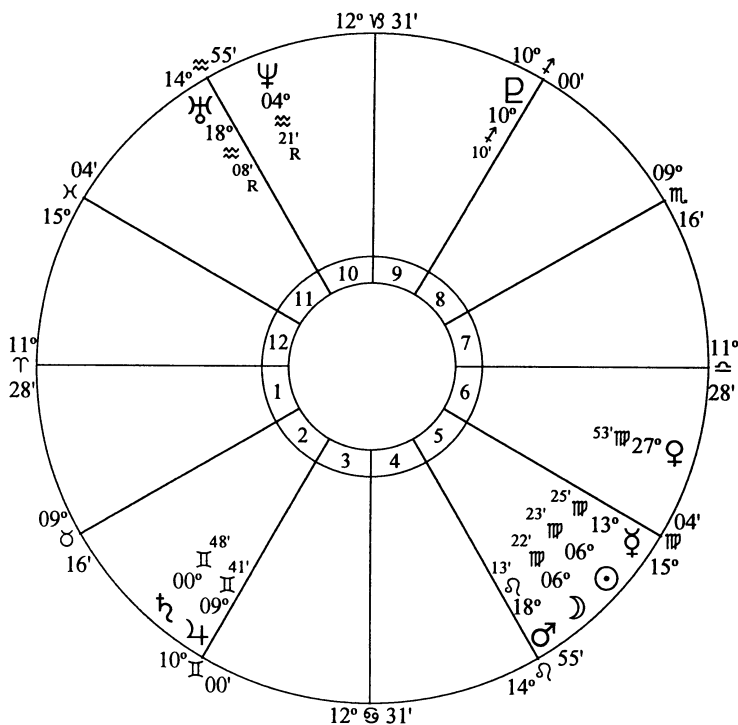
Venus is the primary ruler of the harmonious 10th house. It is weak and discordant - square Saturn - but still indicates a pleasant reputation. Venus influences the 10th house through gratuities - gifts and favors. The harmonious MC is trine Mars, Saturn and Pluto, and his good reputation (MC) is directly connected to his best personality traits - initiative (Mars), system (Saturn) and spirituality

VIRGO LUNATION
August 29, 2000
8.18pm EST
151E10; 33S55
Sydney, NSW

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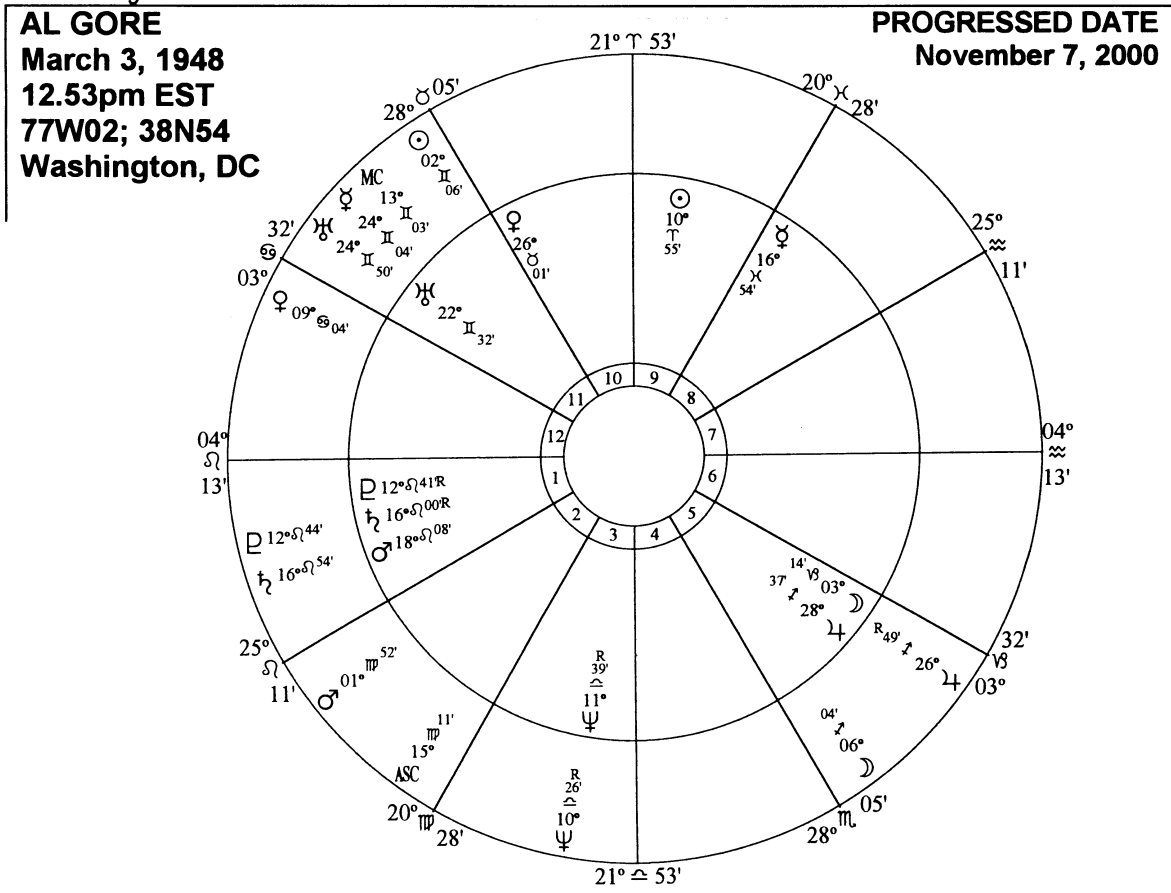
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The lutation chart for Sydney, at the time of the Y2000 Olympics, has the Sun-Moon lutation in the 5th house. This house rules every type of sporting event including the Olympics Games. The lutation is conjunct Mercury, planet of controversy, square Jupiter, planet of extravagance in the 2nd house (finances), square Saturn, planet of loss, in the 2nd house (finances), square Pluto, planet of coercion, in the 9th house (airports and tourism), inconjunct Neptune, planet of chaos and uncertainty, in the 10th house (the administration) and trine the MC (world-wide publicity). The 5th house is high in discord indicating administrative and other problems with the staging of the sporting extravaganza: the lutation square Jupiter-Saturn indicating financial difficulties. Mercury, in the 5th house, is the planet of talk and controversy. It is conjunct the lutation and the Olympics will generate a lot of controversy – both on and off the field. Mercury forms a T-square with Jupiter and Pluto. Pluto is the planet of groups and rules all the teams competing in the team sports.

Mars in the 5th house is the planet of strife, combat and energetic physical activity. It indicates strife, conflict, discord, torn muscles and other injuries, arguments and violence. Mars forms an exact opposition with Uranus, planet of radical action, in the 11th house. This high-discord aspect indicates (violent) protests, strikes and demonstrations. Mars is the planet of competition, excitement, adrenalin and alcohol so everyone will be having a wild time. The MC and 10th house are harmonious so Australia will receive good publicity – although Neptune in the 10th house could be sending out false impressions! Pluto, the planet ruling large crowds, is in the discordant 9th house so large numbers of people will be inconvenienced at the international airport terminal: and with Neptune, the planet of drugs, in the 10th house drug taking, and drug enhanced performances, by the athletes will get a lot of publicity (10th house).

Australia is a sports loving nation so let's hope this once in a lifetime Olympic experience is a good one. The 5th house discord indicates that there's going to be problems, but I'm sure we will all vicariously share, and enjoy, the triumphs of the winning athletes.



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☽	27S19	23S16	♂	54.13	11.5	-3.62	5	103.19	14.2	-3.83
♃	07S20	25N36	♃	52.29	11.1	-15.59	10	90.58	12.5	8.46
♂	21N46	26N27	☉	47.33	10.1	7.83	9	64.91	8.9	7.30
♂	18N26	12N12	♃	42.10	9.0	3.87	11	59.81	8.2	-2.15
♃	22S55	22S56	MC	38.60	8.2	17.03	3	45.30	6.2	-14.49
♃	17N14	16N56	♃	35.53	7.6	7.09	8	44.61	6.1	-13.45
♃	23N23	23N30	♁	34.79	7.4	-9.23	6	26.14	3.6	-7.79
♁	03S08	02S41	☽	31.26	6.7	-14.29	2	23.67	3.3	3.92
♁	24N04	23N57	ASC	31.07	6.6	-1.83	7	23.60	3.2	-2.93
MC	08N32	22N22	♀	24.91	5.3	-6.76	12	15.63	2.1	-7.14
ASC	19N13	05N50	♃	21.02	4.5	-10.52	4	12.46	1.7	-3.38
				<u>468.98</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>-16.02</u>				

On November 7th, 2000 Al Gore will be the Democratic candidate for the US Presidency. On this date in his chart progressed Sun (at 21° 53' Taurus), planet of politics, has moved to form an obstacle (square) aspect with progressed Mars (at 11° 52' Taurus), cusp ruler of the 10th house (honor). Progressed MC (at 22° 03' Taurus and 13° 03' Taurus) has formed an intensity (parallel) aspect with birthchart Venus, primary ruler of the 10th house, an intensity (parallel) aspect with birthchart Jupiter and an opportunity (sextile) aspect with progressed Pluto (at 12° 44' Taurus); and progressed Jupiter (at 26° 49' Taurus) has formed an expansion (inconjunct) aspect with birthchart Venus, in the 10th house. The progressed stimulation to the Sun and 10th house (MC, Venus and Mars) thought-cells has enabled him to seek the presidency. With progressed Sun square progressed Mars this contest will be a fight to the death! It activates a birthchart trine and Gore has had a lot of luck in his political battles – he feels the joy of victory. Mars is in the 1st house so it's up to him to take the initiative.

(Pluto). Mars, planet of strife, is cusp ruler of the 10th house. It is trine the Sun, conjunct Saturn, conjunct Pluto and trine the MC. Al Gore has the better 10th house.

Other comments: With the Sun in the 9th house, Gore has strong religious ties. Saturn ruling the 7th house cusp has caused marital problems. Mercury in the 8th house has generated controversy over his fund-raising activities. Neptune in the 3rd house has written books; and with Mars in the 1st house, he did military service in Vietnam. Mars is also cusp ruler of the 5th house, and in 1989 his six year old son was hit by a car and suffered massive internal injuries.

Al Gore's Progressed Chart at November 7th, 2000

Progressed Jupiter in the 5th house (the youth vote) has moved to form an inconjunct aspect with birthchart Venus in the 10th house. Progressed MC has formed intensity (parallel) aspects with birthchart Venus and progressed Jupiter. Progressed MC has formed an opportunity (sextile) aspect with birthchart and progressed Pluto (activating their birthchart trine); and progressed Sun has formed an obstacle (square) aspect with progressed Mars (activating their birthchart trine). This Sun-Mars progression maps the political battle. (Progressed Neptune has been opposition the Sun all his life.) Al Gore has the better (less discordant) 10th house progressions.

Other progressed aspects in Gore's chart include: Progressed Mercury conjunct progressed Uranus. This could see more controversy over his political fund-raising activities. (Mercury and Uranus form a birthchart square and Uranus is cusp ruler of the 8th house.) Progressed Saturn inconjunct birthchart Mercury - worry over his fund-raising activities; and progressed Ascendant semisextile birthchart Saturn - increased work and responsibility. On election day progressed Moon in the 5th house (his children) is parallel progressed MC.

Al Gore's Progressions in the Immediate Future

Progressed Sun remains square progressed Mars, planet of war. Progressed Mercury forms the conjunction aspect with progressed Uranus, planet of expose and cusp ruler of the 7th house (foreign powers). Of more importance in 2002, progressed Venus in the 12th house forms obstacle (square) aspects with birthchart Sun and progressed Neptune. No doubt, these progressed square aspects involving the Sun and the ruler of the 10th

house will have an adverse impact on his political career.

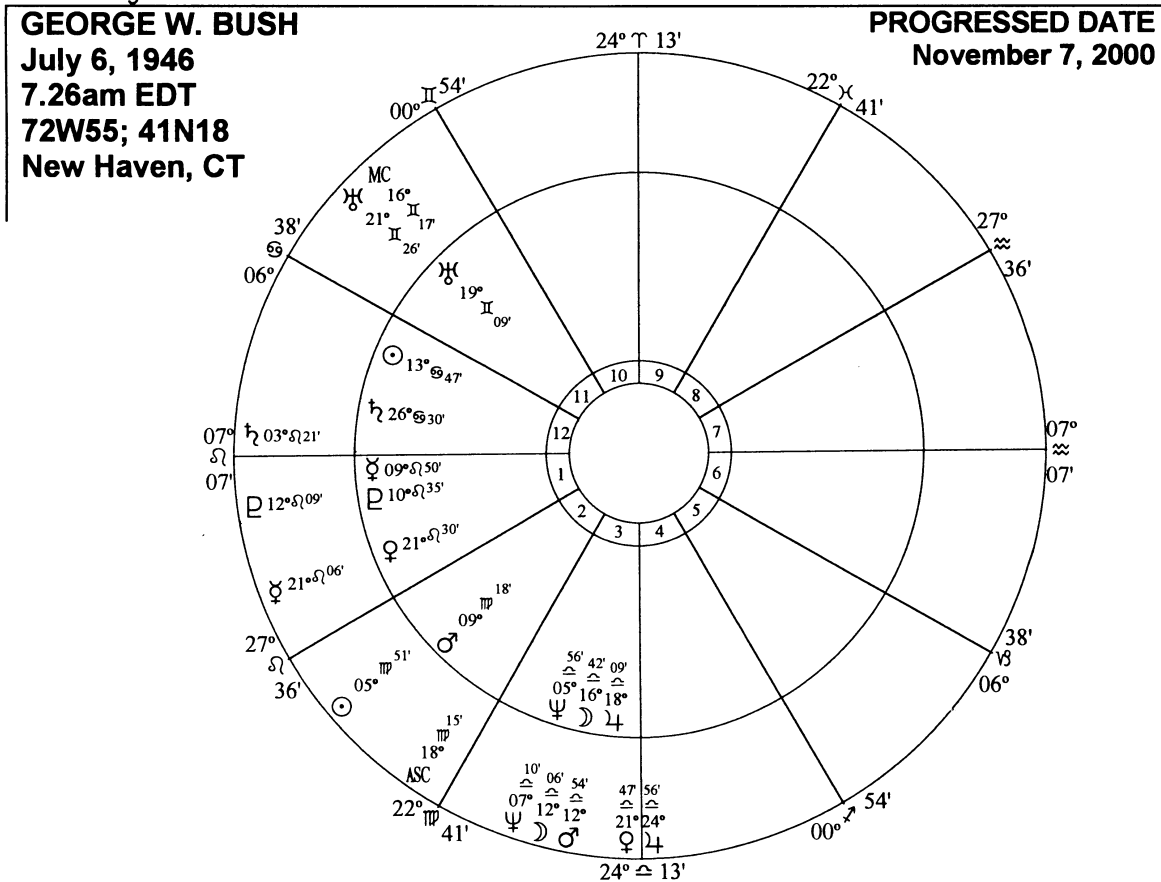
George W. Bush is the Republican Candidate.

He was born at New Haven, CT (72W55; 41N18), on July 6, 1946, at 7.26 am EDT. Kim Castella quotes the hospital records.(see chart page 10). The birthchart Sun is in Cancer (tenacity). It's in the 12th house and weak (but don't forget this man is the governor of Texas and a successful politician). The Sun is square the Moon, sextile Mars, square Jupiter and square Neptune. Its three square aspects adversely influence his political aspirations and incline him to over estimate his ability. The Sun-Moon square puts him out of touch with the public. The Moon, Jupiter and Neptune are all in the 3rd house - his private thoughts. His political success is due to the Sun-Mars sextile. Venus rules the 4th house, and George Bush Sr has provided George Jr with lots of loving support. The 12th house Sun indicates that George W Bush has powerful secret enemies - and they don't want him in the White House! Al Gore has the better birthchart Sun. (It needs to be noted that Bush and Gore, due to their birth times, have similar charts. Both have Leo Rising {within 3 degrees} and Aries on the 10th house cusp. All other house cusps have the same sign rulership except the 5th and 11th houses.)

There are no planets in Bush's 10th house. The MC is strong and highly discordant. The MC is opposition the Moon, trine Venus, sesquisquare Mars, parallel Mars, opposition Jupiter and sextile Uranus. 10th house discord indicates reputation problems and career setbacks. Venus trine the MC seems to indicate that his father is his best career asset! His bad reputation is directed linked to his discordant personal thinking - inconstancy (Moon) and conceit (Jupiter) and his harsh (Mars) policies. Mars is the cusp ruler of the 10th house. It is weak and discordant, being sextile the Sun, semisextile Mercury, sextile Venus, semisquare Saturn, semisextile Pluto, sesquisquare the MC and semisextile the Ascendant. Al Gore has the better 10th house.

Other Comments

With birthchart Venus sextile Uranus, cusp ruler of the 7th house, Bush married his wife, Laura, three months after they met; and with Sagittarius (a duel sign) on the 5th house cusp they have twin daughters. Bush is not only a politician. He's also an oil millionaire and owns a baseball team! Every now and then a shady past comes to haunt him - he's had drinking and drug problems; and with the Sun and Saturn in the 12th. George W is sure to have an active secret life - with lots of secret deals!



DECLINATIONS			PLANET ASTRODYNES			HOUSE ASTRODYNES				
	NATAL	MAJOR		Power	%	Harmony		Power	%	Harmony
☉	22N44	09N22	☿	54.39	11.7	5.68	1	203.58	29.3	35.06
☽	02S12	00S35	♁	54.19	11.7	-15.87	3	126.21	18.2	44.05
☿	17N34	15N32	♂	48.27	10.4	7.80	10	78.98	11.4	-13.34
♀	15N58	10S05	♁	46.95	10.1	3.70	11	71.53	10.3	27.60
♂	08N58	04S49	♃	44.33	9.6	24.76	12	65.54	9.4	-8.06
♃	05S56	08S39	♀	40.25	8.7	20.84	2	43.18	6.2	-8.32
♄	21N02	19N40	♅	37.36	8.1	21.88	4	29.84	4.3	10.72
♅	23N03	23N14	♄	36.73	7.9	10.53	5	18.68	2.7	10.94
♆	01S00	01S31	♃	29.47	6.4	-5.37	7	16.02	2.3	4.34
♇	23N42	23N18	♂	27.43	5.9	-5.90	8	16.02	2.3	4.34
♁	09N24	22N44	☉	24.92	5.4	8.80	9	15.57	2.2	7.67
♁	18N30	04N39	♃	19.75	4.3	-7.42	6	9.87	1.4	-3.71
				<u>464.05</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>69.43</u>				

On November 7th, 2000 George W. Bush will be the Republican candidate for the US Presidency. On this date in his chart progressed Mars (at 12♁54), cusp ruler of the 10th house (honor) has moved to form an obstacle (square) aspect with birthchart Sun, planet of politics, and an opportunity (sextile) aspect with progressed Pluto (at 12♁09). Progressed MC (at 16♃17 and 22N44) has moved to form a luck (trine) aspect with birthchart Moon (activating their birthchart opposition) and an intensity (parallel) aspect with birthchart Sun; and progressed Sun (at 5♄51 and 9N22) has formed a growth (semisextile) aspect with (compassionate) Neptune and an intensity (parallel) aspect with birthchart MC. With progressed Sun square progressed Mars this contest will be a fight to the death! It activates a birthchart sextile and Bush has the opportunity to win his political battles – he can feel the joy of victory. With Mars in the 2nd house he’s energized by the personal financial rewards, but with birthchart Sun (and Saturn) in the 12th house he can also feel the disappointment of political loss.

George W's Progressed Chart at November 7th 2000

Progressed Jupiter in the 4th house has moved to form opposition and parallel aspects with birthchart MC. Progressed Sun has formed an intensity (parallel) aspect with birthchart MC. Progressed Venus has formed an intensity (parallel) aspect with birthchart MC (activating their birthchart trine). Progressed MC has formed a luck (trine) aspect with birthchart Moon (activating their birthchart opposition). Progressed MC has formed intensity (parallel) aspects with birthchart Sun, birthchart Uranus and progressed Pluto. Mars is the cusp ruler of the 10th house and has a strife influence on Bush's career. Progressed Mars has moved to form an obstacle (square) aspect with birthchart Sun (activating their birthchart sextile). This Sun-Mars progression maps the political battle! Both candidates have progressed square aspects involving the Sun and Mars, so this could be a real cat-fight. Progressed Sun has formed an intensity (parallel) aspect with birthchart Mars; and progressed Mars has formed an opportunity (sextile) aspect with birthchart Pluto. On election day progressed Moon in the 3rd house is conjunct progressed Mars. George W Bush has a number of neutral parallel progressions influencing the 10th house on election day. Progressed MC trine birthchart Moon activates birthchart discord. All things considered, Al Gore has the better 10th house.

Other progressed aspects in Bush's chart include: Progressed Mercury conjunct birthchart Venus, cusp ruler of the 4th house. Help from dad. Progressed Venus sextile birthchart Venus. Progressed Mercury sextile progressed Venus: and progressed Venus trine progressed Uranus. More help from dad. Progressed Mercury sextile progressed Uranus in the 11th house indicates unexpected help from a friend. Progressed Ascendant semisquare progressed Saturn in the 12th house indicates hard work and disappointment. And progressed Ascendant square birthchart Uranus indicates unexpected adversity through a friend. Uranus is the exposé planet. The Venus, Mercury and Uranus progressions indicate supportive rallying forces and Bush's current personal environment (Mercury and Venus) is very helpful and supportive.

George W's Progressions in the Immediate Future

Progressed Mars, planet of war, remains square birthchart Sun. Progressed Ascendant remains square birthchart Uranus and moves to the square

of progressed Uranus. In 2002 progressed MC forms a trine aspect with birthchart Jupiter. Progressed Sun forms a conjunction aspect with birthchart Mars in 2004.

The Scorpio Lunation for Washington

The Scorpio lunation chart has the Sun-Moon conjunction in the 2nd house. Economic and financial trends during the month will be influenced by political developments and the election. It seems that economic policy is the electorate's primary concern. With the lunation conjunct Mercury, cusp ruler of the 10th house, the Democrats economic record and economic policies are favored. (The chart is presented and assessed on page 12.)

Other charts that may shed some light on the election result include: Tipper Gore (Al's wife): Born at Washington, DC (77W02; 38N54), on August 19, 1948, at 2.40 am EDT. (Celeste Longacre quotes her.) Note that progressed Mars in her chart has formed a square aspect with birthchart Sun. George Bush Sr (George W's father): Born at Milton, MA (71W05; 42N15), on June 12, 1924, at 11.45 am EDT. (Robert Cole quotes birth announcement in newspaper.) Barbara Bush (George W's mother): Born at New York, NY (73W57; 40N45), on June 8, 1925, at 7.00 pm EDT. ((Frances McEvoy quotes a family friend.)

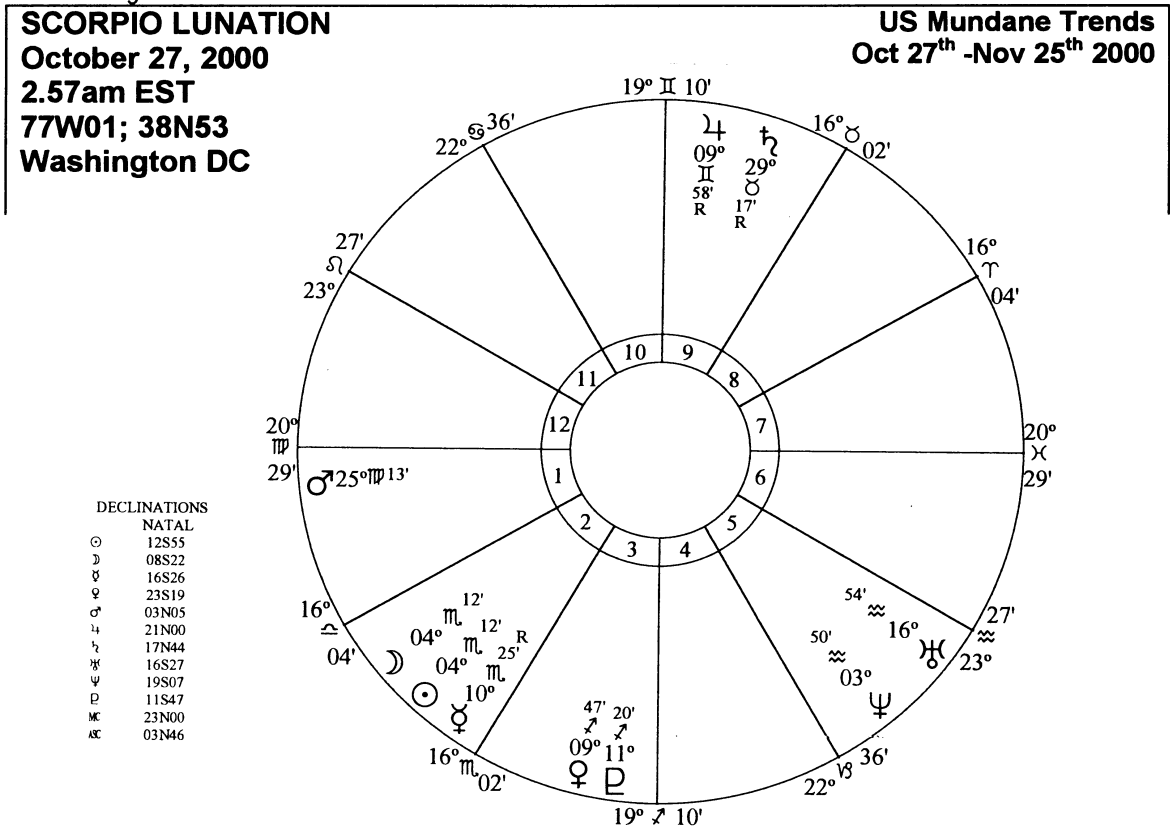
In Conclusion I wish to stress that this assessment of the US election is strictly astrological and has ignored a very important factor - the external environment. Both candidates have to operate in a political environment - the US electorate. I have presumed that both candidates will avoid antagonizing the electorate, but as they both have progressed square aspects involving the Sun and Mars, antagonism is very likely. The election campaign will generate a lot of anger and an angry electorate can do impulsive, destructive, dangerous things.

Questions and Answers

Dennis Sutton

1. *What meaning (if any) can we give to the total power figure for the planets in the astrodyne printout?*

No meaning can be put on the planet's total power figure. It is important to understand that the astrodynes do not represent an absolute measurement; and that the evolutionary level, conditioning and personal effort modify what



The lunation chart for Washington, at the time of the US election, has the Sun-Moon lunation in the 2nd house (economic developments) forming an exact (obstacle) square aspect with Neptune in the 5th house (Wall Street and share market). The aspect maps a month of political uncertainty and financial confusion. Wall Street will be in a dither! There are no planets in the 10th house so the election looks like being a non-event – will anybody bother to vote! The 10th house rules the Democrats and the 4th house rules the Republicans. With Mercury, cusp ruler of the 10th house, in the 2nd, the administration’s focus is on economic policy and financial announcements. There are no planets in the 4th house and with Jupiter its cusp ruler in the 9th the Republican’s focus is on the moral high ground and trade. A high-discord 2nd house dominates the chart and the economic news during the month is not good. The lunation-Neptune 2nd house-5th house square aspect indicates the pre-election build-up and the election result will initiate great uncertainty on Wall Street. 5th house (Neptune) discord indicates the market place will be driven by confusion. With no planets in the 4th and 10th houses there is no strong astrological impetus influencing the election – and a lack of public interest in both political parties. The 10th house (the Democrats) has more power, but is high in discord. The 4th house (the Republicans) is as weak as water, with slight discord. The gun-lobby (Mars in the 1st house) are, as usual, mad as hell; and with Mars square the MC and semisquare Mercury they’re angry at the administration. Mars will make his presence felt during the month with the usual strife, shootings and acts of violence: And with Neptune square the lunation both candidates are buying votes with unreal promises.

On November 7 in the Jupiter cycle chart transit Jupiter (at 8♃49R) is inconjunct Mars. This (weak) aspect can provide the Republicans with some voter support. In the Saturn cycle chart transit Saturn (at 28♄27R) is trine Neptune. This powerful harmonious (luck) aspect indicates the Democrats will poll a much heavier vote than expected. Don’t believe the opinion polls as many voters will change their mind on Election Day and support the Democrats. All things considered these cycle charts point to a Democrat victory due to public disinterest.

these figures indicate. Each chart operates within its own frame of reference and the total power figure simply allows the percentage of power possessed by each planet in the chart to be determined. You cannot compare the total power of one chart with that of another. This means that you cannot say that chart A with a total power of 628 astrodynes will achieve more than chart B with 471 astrodynes. The total power of the chart cannot be used to indicate a potential for accomplishment, but the angular house planets do. This situation is easily clarified by assessing the charts of high-achievers. The Australian Chart book presents the charts of 50 high-achievers and the total power figure for the planets shows a wide variation. Robert Helpmann has a total chart power of 424 astrodynes. There are only two angular house planets in his chart - the Moon and Jupiter, yet he was a high-achiever. Mike Willesee has a total chart power of 718 astrodynes. He has four angular house planets - the Sun, Moon, Jupiter and Pluto. He too is a high achiever, but it would be quite misguided to say that Willesee achieved more than Helpmann just because his chart has a lot more power. **Each chart operates within its own frame of reference.**

2. *Re the timing of a sub-major event, why is a minor progressed aspect not needed here, as it seems inconsistent with the timing of major events?*

In this instance, what might seem inconsistent, has been clarified by actual research. In any scientific enterprise the facts must always be based on research. The (Piscean) tendency to believe something has now been replaced with the (Aquarian) tendency to know, and factual knowledge must be based on the observation of what actually did happen in a large number of charts. Research into the timing of sub-major Moon events found that the timing of the event did not require the reinforcement of a minor progressed aspect. While there may well be a minor progressed aspect reinforcing the sub-major Moon aspect at the time of the event, it is not essential.

3. *What are the astrological indicators for the following: superstition; antisocial habits (picking one's nose, scratching one's bottom); distaste for sexually explicit movies; and /or for violent movies; strong feminism; ability to see ghosts?*

Superstition is an excessive reverence for, or fear of, that which is unknown or mysterious. It promotes foolish behaviour and religious beliefs that are irrational and misleading. Most of the superstitions we have today have been handed down from the Age of Pisces. It has provided us with many of our mysterious and unknown religious traditions. Fear is ruled by Saturn. A combination of Saturn's fear and Neptune's mysticism can result in the tendency to be superstitious.

The antisocial habits referred to are all learned behaviours, so there is no precise astrological indicator. The new born human soul adopts the behaviours of its teachers. Maybe a weak Sun, indicating low self-esteem or a weak Venus, indicating a lack of refinement, can be considered as astrological factors.

Distaste for sexually explicit and violent movies is also a learned behaviour. The first experience with a movie of this type would have initiated a consciousness of pain (distaste). A taste for refined pleasure is also a learned behaviour. Mars - a harsh, selfish and discordant planet, rules sexually explicit and violent movies. Venus and Libra are naturally inclined towards refinement. Both are easily distressed by coarse, unrefined, rude and licentious behaviour.

If I understand strong feminism to mean a powerful urge to behave in a feminine way, the astrological factor is Venus. Alas, much popular feminism is tinged with Mars. When this occurs, the feminine attributes of charm, beauty, refinement, elegance, courtesy and grace are contaminated with aggressiveness. The truly feminine woman has the back pituitary gland (Moon) more active than the front-pituitary (Sun) and active gonad glands (Venus). This creates a feminine body chemistry. Feminine behaviour is also learned, so teach your girl babies well. Unfortunately, modern society encourages the development of competitiveness and aggression as survival skills, rather than charm and grace.

The ability to see ghosts involves the astral sense of sight called clairvoyance. This astral equivalent of our physical sight corresponds to Mercury's night sign, Virgo. A ghost is an earthbound soul and while these entities can be seen by those who have their clairvoyant vision well developed, this inner sense of sight can see and do much, much more.

4. *What does the luck factor of a planet relate to? What does the problem factor of a planet relate to?*

Luck refers to something beneficial that happens where there is a strong element of good-fortune. This means the reward is often far greater than the physical and conscious effort. Each planet expresses its own (good) luck factor and it is important to know what this factor is. In text-book 4 each planet's luck factor is indicated. It relates to the potential of the planet-specific thought-cells to attract a 'luck' experience. While birthchart harmony indicates a potential to experience luck, this potential can also be acquired through productive behaviour and personal development. The problem factor relates to the potential of the planet-specific thought-cells to attract a 'problem' experience. While birthchart discord indicates a potential to experience a problem, this potential can be acquired through destructive, non-productive personal behaviour. This astrological information is simply enhancing self-awareness.

5. *Does polarity change as we get older? Does the type of experience we (naturally) attract and repel ever change due to experience? (I realize that the power of the polarity doesn't change, but if we work with a discordant planet, will the polarity begin to express more harmoniously and attract more harmonious conditions, or does it change to another discordant expression?)*

Polarity is an attractive or repulsive quality that is given to the soul at the moment of its differentiation (birth). This polarity then determines the broad trend of its future development. This means the soul is naturally attracted to have certain experiences and naturally repelled away from having others. Polarity is not mapped in the soul's human birthchart. As an attractive and repulsive force, polarity ensures the soul will only have those types of experiences that are needed to develop its particular abilities. Obviously, the active birthchart houses indicate that the soul is having 'life' experiences of a definite type and that these experiences are contributing to the development of its skills and abilities. On the other hand, the inactive birthchart houses indicate that the soul is not having certain 'life' experiences - because they are not needed. But polarity is much more than this. It really has nothing to do with harmony or discord and it

doesn't change with age, etc. It is a force that naturally attracts you to have the experiences you need - and not to have other experiences. (For example, some souls do not need to experience marriage or parenthood simply because their polarity repels them from these experiences and attracts them towards other experiences. Yet marriage and parenthood are very important experience for the human soul.) The continual development of ability demands that the soul continually encounter conditions that are slightly more demanding. By overcoming problems, mediocre ability develops into extraordinary ability – and that's what life is all about.

Church of Light Website

Going surfing? Check this out
www.light.org (Church of Light). A very nice and interesting website! And our Newsletter is going to be included here!

Remember the "Testimonials Book"?

If you don't get to Astrology House much, please consider sending your contribution by post or email to AHA. This book will become a special record of past students' experiences and responses to our courses and other activities. Contributions can be brief or more detailed; just however you want to express your views and feelings. Thanks!



Teachers' News

Term 3 classes have continued apace, with Sylvia teaching the term 3 class, Judy the term 11 progressions class, and Julia the term 7 class.

We have all survived the winter conditions, and look forward to more daylight and warmth as Spring approaches!

Our Term Review Seminars will be held at the end of week 8, on Saturday 9 September, for each of the classes.



"Reach for the Stars!"

Announcing The arrival of our new ten-week course, designed to provide quality INDIVIDUAL ASTROLOGICAL ANALYSIS, with an emphasis on enhancing

SELF-AWARENESS and guiding PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.

This course will be held for the first time, from Wed 4 October to 6 December 2000, 7 - 9 pm, at Astrology House, Phillip.

Cost will be \$120, plus \$15 for text and reference material (opening special!).

Not suitable for those who have completed our Certificate Course in Natal Astrology, but VERY SUITABLE for friends and others who would like a taste of what true astrology can do to help us improve our lives - and/or who would just like to be able to speak with you in the language of the stars!

Flyers will be available soon, and will be sent out to all AHA students and members, so they can be passed on to interested friends, family or colleagues - or posted on notice boards.

AHA 2001

A new prospectus for 2001 will be available later in the year. If you know anyone who may be interested in studying with us, let them know we are compiling a mailing list and they might like to be on it. They can phone or email the Academy anytime.

Reminder!!

For all those who construct charts - this year, due to the Olympics, we have DAYLIGHT SAVING starting VERY EARLY! On 27 August 2000, to be exact. Note it in your DST Booklets.

NB: Broken Hill and SA start DST on 29/10/00, i.e. not extended for the Olympics. There is no DST in Queensland, WA and NT.



Report on Mundane Astrology Seminar: 12-13 August 2000 Di Clarke

The academy has again been fortunate to have Dennis Sutton come to Canberra for a weekend to impart his knowledge to a small but dedicated group of budding astrologers. We spent an informative two days, with a Venus event at Julia's on the Saturday night, with lots of astrological talk, good wine and good Thai food.

On the first day we learned about Mundane Astrology and that astrological energies influence events around the world. Planets and zodiac signs exert these energies and their effect is felt in all countries on earth. Situations like banking, weather, industrial and rural development, peace and war are all effected by astrological energy. With mundane birthcharts, an astrologer can judge future events and conditions of cities or countries.

Dennis told us about the Age of Aquarius and the differences it brought to the planet from the age of Pisces. We learned all about being in the Libra decanate of the Aquarian age, and Libra being the marriage sign, indicates that under this decanate, humanity should study the laws of sex, and humanity should avoid the loveless marriage, which is deemed to be the greatest evil on the earth today.

Next came information on the Pluto period, and the influence of lower and higher Pluto forces on areas of life. This is a sobering situation where corruption, crime and inversion reigns and under its effect we lose contact with our soul. Since 1930, when Pluto was discovered, greed and materialism have steadily become more important to our world than spiritualism.

On the second day we discussed Personal Astrology and learned that the conscious and the unconscious mind is just like an iceberg, with the conscious being the tip and the unconscious being the largest part. Memories from things we see, feel and hear from early experiences are stored in our unconscious mind; we can even suppress painful experiences from the conscious mind, which is accepting of suggestion until it learns to be discriminating. We are greatly influenced by the thoughts and feelings we accepted as a child and therefore we need to develop critical analysis and teach our children to think critically.

Dennis talked about conditioning, saying that all experience is accompanied by either pleasure or pain, and the energy associated with every experience is added to the thought cells in our unconscious mind. We are the result of our important life experiences and we need to look to our birthchart to see where our behaviour potential lies.

We learned that psychokinesis is the dynamic power of pure thought and not only do the desires of our 'thought cell groups' in the unconscious mind determine our thoughts, actions and emotions; they also exert psychokinetic power to adapt our environment to attract events and

conditions into our life. We discussed each planet in turn and learned how and what its psychokinetic power attracts; for example, Jupiter uses its psychokinetic power to attract events and conditions that involve and influence abundance, religion, optimism and joviality, depending on its power, harmony and discord in the birthchart. Jupiter discord tends to attract unfortunate religious life experiences.

Dennis concluded with the message that “self confidence is the ultimate life resource.” Praise builds our self esteem and criticism undermines it. Our constructive achievements deserve praise and we should seek praise for what we do and not what we own.

The following three articles are re-printed from articles written by Karen Gray and Julia Goldstein, and published in the “Valley View Newspaper”.

What gives with Astrology?

Are you dissatisfied with the usual ‘star’ sign columns in the newspapers and magazines, yet somehow can’t stop reading them?

Do you read them purely for fun and entertainment (after all, how *could* all Geminis expect the same experiences in the coming week, month or year?), or do you secretly believe there are hidden truths in there somewhere that will one day explain the pain and help you find fulfillment and love - *and* your true path - in this life?

Or maybe you are amazed by how many of your friends pin their hopes on a star gazer telling them that *next* week their lives will improve, their star will rise and all their troubles cease? If only

But wait, do you really want to hand over the controls of your life to a few star patterns and some celestial orbs moving through the heavens? *We* certainly don’t. In fact, scientific astrology promotes free will and denies a fatalistic approach to life.

Most people familiar with astrology are impressed by the observed correspondences, *repeatedly* observed correspondences, between ‘star’ signs (i.e. the zodiac sign the Sun was traversing at the time of birth) and particular behaviour patterns. For example, people born when the Sun was in Aries share the characteristics of independence, competitiveness and leadership, while those born when the Sun was in Cancer tend to be home loving, sentimental and tenacious.

However, we all know that no two people with the same Sun sign have identical characters - the differences in behaviour and motivation can be enormous.

So what gives? Quite a lot, actually.

As with anything, a little knowledge can be a dangerous thing - and most people these days know a little about astrology. Based on that, some people decide they strongly believe in it, while others dismiss it as a load of utter nonsense.

Oh for a time when most people had more than a little knowledge of astrology, so they could make *informed* decisions about a subject that existed longer than most religions, and one that continues to flourish in this scientific age where everything must have a rational explanation.

Over the next few weeks this column will provide astrological information to set you thinking. It won’t tell you that next week you’ll meet your soul mate and live happily ever after, but it will give you food for thought. And, if you read between the lines, it may even get you excited!

Astrology has been described as ‘the science of the soul and the stars’: let’s find out more about it...

So, What Sign are You?

When people discover that you are an astrologer, they frequently challenge you to: “Guess *my* sign!” Usually implicit in this request is that if you cannot, astrology must be nonsense.

If you explain that this is actually a very difficult task, many give a derisive snort and use this as evidence for astrology’s reputed vagueness and inaccuracy. In fact, the opposite is true.

When a stranger asks us to “guess their sign”, meaning their Sun sign, chances are that we would not even try. This is because the personal image and behaviours which are easily noticed by others (i.e. the personality) are actually determined by their Rising Sign, or Ascendant, not their Sun sign (which corresponds to the Power Urge and Desire for Significance).

The sign on the Ascendant is the one that was ‘rising’ above the eastern horizon when the person was born. Due to the earth’s rotation on its axis every 24 hours - and the fact that 12 zodiac signs comprise the great circle (ecliptic) surrounding the earth - the sign on the horizon will change

approximately every two hours. It is the nature of this sign that determines the person's attitudes and behavioural approaches to their personality, appearance, health and interests.

This factor explains why two people who share the same Sun sign - or even birthday - can be so very different in character. The personality may in fact be opposite in nature to that of the Sun sign!

For example, someone with their Sun in Virgo is driven to analyse: they can be logical and factual, have superb attention to detail and be practical and precise when in positions of authority.

However, if their Ascendant is in Pisces, the sign opposite Virgo, their personality will tend to be dreamy, sensitive, imaginative and idealistic - and they may be gullible and easily confused! Obviously very different from the Virgo motivation

So you can see that meeting someone with a strong Piscean Ascendant at a party - where they would probably be enjoying a few drinks and going with the flow - would effectively mask the more serious and critical Virgoan Sun.

The fact that one's personality can be so different to one's Sun sign immediately adds a layer of complexity to astrological analysis.

While the Sun sign maps your individuality and desire for significance - things that you can recognise within yourself - it is the sign on the Ascendant that the rest of the world will observe, at least initially.

The criticism that astrology puts everyone into 12 discrete boxes corresponding to the zodiac signs is clearly an oversimplification!

Exploring the Map of your Mind

Most columns in popular magazines and newspapers deal only with Sun signs, giving general predictions about what might occur for each during the following week. But this is the tip of the astrological iceberg, because we comprise a mixture of all the planets' influences. Today we will begin exploring the birthchart, which defines and pictures this mixture for us.

A birthchart is a map of the heavens generated, by computer, for the exact time, place and date of your birth. As it is based on these three precise factors,

your birthchart is unique and specific for you - and it provides a map of your unconscious mind.

The planets map specific unconscious psychological urges. For example, the Sun represents our Power Urge and our desire for significance; the Moon our Domestic Urge and desire for a home and family; Mercury our Intellectual Urge and desire for mental activity, etc.

The zodiac signs map behavioural approaches, attitudes and motivations. For example, Aries approaches life seeking personal survival and accomplishment; Taurus desires personal possessions and ownership; Gemini wants to mentally assess every experience, etc.

As each planet will be in a particular sign at birth, you can see how a unique pattern is starting to develop.

The next layer to the birthchart is the houses. The chart looks somewhat like a pie that has been cut into 12 pieces. The 'slices' are called houses and each maps specific matters, activities and people found in the external environment.

For example, the 1st house maps factors such as your personality, physical body and personal interests; the 2nd your personal finances and possessions; the 3rd your close relatives and short distance travel, etc.

When each planet in its zodiac sign is located in its correct house - which is determined by your time of birth - you have your birthchart. Interpretation of this birthchart provides invaluable insight into your character and can tell you an enormous amount of information about your life.

Your birthchart can indicate: how different parts of your character interact - and how internal conflicts can be eased; your attitudes towards the different parts of your life and how to improve them; susceptibility to illness and how to stay healthy; how your various relationships can be enhanced, etc. The possibilities are virtually endless and will be investigated in future weeks.

Please contact The Academy of Hermetic Astrology if you would like a computer-generated copy of your own birthchart (costing \$10) so you can begin exploring the mysteries of your character.



AHA Library and Bookstore News

Sue Leschen

The 1900-2000 Ephemerides have arrived from the USA. There are three new copies on the bookstore. They are selling at \$77 each. If anyone wishes to order a 2000-2009 Ephemerides, please put your name on the sheet for orders in the classroom. The Academy requests a deposit when the order is placed.

There is a new catalogue of course books that has just arrived in the bookstore. The catalogue is there for anyone who is interested in what is available. We have just received some new books and sets of the Egyptian tarot cards. They are yet to be priced, but will be available to buy soon.

There is a new updated price list of books available from the AFA. The publications of Hermetic Astrologers are listed. The price increases have been minimal. We are still establishing the means to order from the AFA direct and are dealing with the logistics of postage, etc. We are working to get things established and happening soon.

There are still available secondhand copies of "The Laws of Occultism", "Evolution of Religion" and "Evolution of Life". They are being sold at reasonable prices and available in the bookstore.

I am checking the order book regularly, but should you not be able to get to the Academy, I can be contacted at the phone number and email address below.

There is a plan to develop a public chart resource book for the library. This will take the format of a folder containing the birthcharts and astrodyne printouts of notable individuals. If you have the data of anyone interesting, could you please contact Sue. The interest is in people from all walks of life of all nations - the more varied, the better.

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Cassette Review

There are two cassettes being reviewed - both by Doris Chase Doane. The first is "How to Read Charts". This was taped at a workshop run by the AFA. There was a problem in the audibility due to other speakers giving workshops interfering with the content of this tape. Nevertheless, there were some salient and interesting points to note

regarding chart reading. There was emphasis on looking to the main house and related houses when assessing a department of life, as well as the planets in houses and planets ruling the cusp's influence. There was discussion on the supportive and restrictive influences of aspects, emphasizing that the squares and oppositions in the chart are blessings - they are the impetus to ACHIEVE. There was discussion concerning psychic abilities and reading astrological charts. Doris stated that she found the more she read and studied Astrology, the more her psychic abilities developed. There were many interesting points that served to support and revise the principles we are taught through the Academy's courses.

The second cassette was "Emotional Security". This cassette opened on examining 'desire'. There was discussion on Saturn and the behaviour and associations it has. Antidotes were suggested to have Saturn working better in environments that were not supportive. There was also the suggestion to look ahead at progressions that will develop and prepare as to how most successfully to use them. Just for fun, a game was suggested. It requires sitting in a room and looking at everything in that room and applying an Astrological signature to each item. For instance: a light Aquarius; a book - Mercury. A good way to utilize your time and brush up your knowledge next time you are standing in a queue at the supermarket!

Fundraisers

We presently have two fund raising projects in operation:

T-Shirts

Time is hurtling onwards towards the end of term. The closing date is 8 September for orders for the T-Shirt Drive. Please have all orders and money/cheques into the Academy by then so that the job of collating and placing the orders can get underway. T-Shirts should be available at the beginning of Term 4.

Garage Sale

A garage sale will be held on Saturday 7 October, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, at Tammy Lee's place, 11 Batman St, Braddon. Phone 6247-9964.

Goods can be dropped at Tammy's during the week before the Sale, or at Astrology House anytime from now (unless they're huge!) If you want to put

a price on your donations, please do so before delivering them, though this is not necessary.

Does anyone have a "Garage Sale" sign or poster they could lend us? Volunteers are also needed to help in the sale. Please phone Tammy.

Support this Fundraiser and get rid of your excess material possessions at the same time!



Venus Event

The next Venus Event will be a
SPRING EQUINOX
GATHERING on Friday
22 September, from 7:00 pm,

at Julia's place in Yarralumla. Bring a plate to share, and drinks. Come help celebrate the coming of Spring, with good company, maybe a ritual or two, and some fun as well! Please RSVP to Julia.



Many Happy Solar Returns to:

Virgo: Heidi Wedd, Steven Riley, Leisa Stear
Libra: Isobel Mathieson, Karen Gray, Edward Denis, Jane Herfort
Scorpio: Tammy Lee, Surya Britten, Sue Knowles

Newsletter Articles

We are always looking for suitable Astrology articles for inclusion in upcoming editions of the Newsletter. If you have anything that may be of interest, whether it be an astrological "story" of something happening in your own life, something you have read, or perhaps something humorous, please submit it for editing. All are welcome!

Please send articles to: Jill Healand:
jilly@ozemail.com.au; or by "snail mail" to PO Box 270, Belconnen, ACT, 2616.

Survey Form

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a survey form on ideas for topics for future seminars to be conducted by Dennis Sutton. We would be pleased if you could take a few moments to fill out the form and return it to the Academy during the coming weeks.