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AANSW's President's Report

Welcome to the December edition of Orbits. AANSW guest speaker for November was international astrological journalist, author, speaker and principle presenter of the UK's most downloaded iTunes podcast, The Astrology Show, Jessica Adams. Jessica's presentation was about the 2 new dwarf planets, Pluto, downgraded and Ceres, upgraded and their daughter from the myths Proserpina and how they impact on relationships. Jessica as always did not disappoint with a lively and informative discussion on how we can best use these Dwarf planet's energies and integrate them in our readings. On behalf of the AANSW members thank you Jessica for a thought provoking and insightful lecture.

The Members forum followed with AANSW treasurer and FAA president Anita Ings facilitating an interesting discussion on the practical application of these dwarf planets. Anita presented several very popular celebrities charts which the members found very intriguing. Thanks Anita for a fun afternoon of astrological engagement.

Don't miss our December meeting and the Three Wise Guys and Christ. This panel discussion on JC's birth chart promises to be a 'Free for All', 'no holds barred', lively and entertaining event. After this panel discussion if we are still in one piece, to end the calendar year's meetings we will be all share in a Christmas celebration with lots of goodies to enjoy.

So please come along and be part of an afternoon of astrological interchange with like-minded people. The venue is Drummoyne Community Centre, 10 Cometrowe Street, Drummoyne and doors open at 1:15pm on the 2nd Saturday of the month (except Jan).

Gregory Clare,
AANSW President

**Calendar of Events
2010**

Saturday 11th Dec
Panel – JC’s Chart
AANSW Christmas Party

Tuesday 21st Dec
Winter Solstice
Lunar Eclipse

Tuesday 4th January
Solar Eclipse

Wednesday 2nd February
S.A.R.S. – First meeting 2011

Saturday 13th February
Dr Neil Hair
2011 – What’s in Store?

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AANSW SYDNEY

Meetings - Where: Drummoyne Community Centre
10 Cometrowe Street, Drummoyne (off Lyons Rd)

When: 2nd Saturday of the month (except January)
1:15pm-4:30pm

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Panel – 11th December 2010

THE 3 WISE MEN AND CHRIS-T

We welcome Gary Curci to the presenting role this month as part of the Panel who are going to debate Jesus' birthday. We will be entertained and set to thinking by Dr Neil Hair, Greg Clare, Gary and Chris Turner.

It is a fascinating topic with many varied opinions, reports and dates. Gary will share his in-depth research, Greg is quite sure that JC is Egyptian, Neil will investigate the numbers and Chris will share her thoughts.

Anita will be keeping them to their time limits (challenging at best) so that we can all enjoy a plentiful spread of yummy foods and refreshing drinks and importantly good cheer and wishes for a happy festive season.



Speakers Booked and Confirmed for 2010 - 2011

Month	Speaker	Topic
December 11 th	Panel	JC's Birthday?
February 12 th	Dr Neil Hair	2011 – What's in store
March 12 th	Tess Cullen	Astrology and Healing
April 10 th	Neville Lang	TBA
May 8 th	TBA	TBA

Alia Ryder

Dear Members,

Many of you would know Alia Ryder (Griffin) who was a Sydney based astrologer and astrology teacher for many years before moving to South Australia.

Alia's partner has been in touch with us to let us know that Alia is not well at the moment and has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and has begun chemotherapy.

If you would like to contact Alia to wish him well his email address is ajryder@skymesh.com.au

Blessings to you all,

Anita

Speaker's Report - Jessica Adams

PLUTO, PROSERPINA AND CERES



Jessica Adams, our November speaker, topic was the link between Pluto, Ceres and Proserpina. Jessica had no sooner begun her presentation stating that Australia's summer is very "Plutonian" when our gloriously hot day began to change with some wind and then rain! Jessica explained that our summer is Plutonian because it is hot and sticky, "taboo" and so much more. As Christmas is in our summer, women often have to choose whose mother to visit, which deals with Jessica's topic of power or disempowerment.

In Mythology, Pluto abducted Proserpina and then seduced her. In retaliation and despair, Ceres (the mother of Proserpina) and goddess of crops and fruition turned her back on the earth and the land became cold and the crops and fruit ceased to grow. Jupiter intervened and decided that if Proserpina had eaten nothing then she should be returned to her mother, but she had eaten half a pomegranate (symbolic of sex, drugs and alcohol) and therefore could only return to her mother for six months of the year (spring, summer). Then Proserpina would return to Pluto for the other 6 months, the earth would experience autumn and winter. Jessica pointed out that Ceres in the birth chart is "where" you wish to be taken seriously, and by house where you take control, lose control and then regain it!

Proserpina, ultimately, was empowered by marrying Pluto. She was elevated from maiden to Queen of the Underworld. So Proserpina in the chart, particularly when aspected by Pluto – empowers the "maiden" with domination, sexuality and potency ie. the feeling of empowerment (am I a powerless maiden or an empowered wife?).

Pluto is about change and balance of power. In 1930 when it was discovered the Nazis were coming to power with World War 2 the end result, and eventually the atomic bomb and new world order.

Interestingly, in 2006 when Pluto was demoted to a dwarf planet, Ceres was "elevated" to his equal. Ceres was first discovered in 1801 before well before Pluto's Discovery. In 1853 when Proserpina was discovered Charles Dickens was writing "Bleak House" - a novel loaded with mother imagery. In 1801 when Ceres was first sighted Thomas Jefferson was involved in a scandal because of an affair with his ex slave.

Jessica gave many examples of Pluto, Ceres and Proserpina in individual's charts. Some of the more prominent being:

Barry Humphries – creator of Dame Edna, his unpredictable mother figure, empowered by what she says and does, has Ceres at 24 Aries conjunct his Uranus.

Joan Crawford- the actress and "villain" of Mommie Dearest, has aspects between Ceres 14 Leo, Ascendant 14 Scorpio and Mercury 14 Pisces.

Woody Allen – who is as famous for his comedy as he is for his affair and eventual marriage to his wife's stepdaughter, has Pluto 27 Cancer, MC 27 Taurus and Proserpina 9 Sagittarius conjunct his Sun.

Jane Austen had Pluto 25 Capricorn in her 5th house semisextile Proserpina 25 Sag.(4th house) and Venus 9 Scorpio sextile her Ceres 9 Capri. also in her 5th. Her most famous

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book is Pride and Prejudice – a novel about a mother desperate to have her daughters marry someone of wealth (power).

Lastly, Jessica concluded that Pluto now in Capricorn will transform big business until it moves into Aquarius. We may see many company take-overs and changes in direction in the way big companies are run (thank God!). For the next ten years at least.

Gary Curci

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Happy Birthday Anita!

Anita got a nice surprise when we presented her with her own little cup-cake for her birthday. It proved to be a little bit of a challenge to find some matches but we were all able to join together to wish her the best for this solar return.



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Dr Brian Marsden

This message came through from Zane Stein. Those of you who attended the Chiron Workshop may have a vague recollection of the name Dr Brian Marsden. Dr Marsden's work is used by astrologers' world wide – his research predicting the orbits of many asteroids and comets. This message was sent by Zane:-



It is with sadness that I report the passing of Dr. Brian Marsden on November 18, 2010.

In the astronomical world, Dr. Marsden was one of the most influential comet investigators of the 20th Century, and was the Director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory's Minor Planet Centre, and Associate Director of the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics from 1987 to 2003.

But he was also a major benefactor to the astrological world. In 1977, he provided us with the first ephemeris of Chiron (before it was named....it was called Object Kowal at that time), and continued supplying ephemerides as Chiron's orbit was more and more well understood. He provided us with ephemerides of several significant asteroids, such as Eros and Psyche. He was instrumental in assisting astrologers in getting the names of several Centaurs approved (such as Nessus.)

And he did all of this, knowing full well that we were 'astrologers'.

I had a personal relationship with him over the years...Christmas Cards, family news....and had the good fortune to meet him in person a few years ago. He was not only a very intelligent person, but a warm hearted gentleman as well.

I'm wearing black today, spending the day in mourning. I will miss him.

Zane Stien

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Decembers Renewal due 31st Dec 2010

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Anita

Anita Ings
AANSW Treasurer

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Breaking Down the Borders – the Wrap Up

I was lucky enough to enrol at the last minute – my co-worker completed more of her work before going on holidays than I thought so I was free to register for lectures. I was not sure how they would go – it was a little bit beyond my imagination of how the whole thing would work. I set my alarm for very early Saturday morning – crossing my fingers that I would wake up (I have 2 alarms set as a minimum – my main problem is I am fond of the snooze button). Logging on was very easy. I was welcomed into my first Lecture by a cheerful group already in attendance.



In all I attended 7 lectures (I was able to enrol in the 7th as rowing was cancelled on Monday morning). It was fantastic, the presenters were well prepared, and although you could not see them the computer screen had the slides that related to the lecture, I thought that it was a credit to the presenters that they all had relevant and interesting diagrams and information that was tied to their presentations which kept you visually interested.

The facilitators of the lectures were fantastic, very welcoming and professional when handling questions, they deserve special thanks.

I was really chuffed to have been part of the presentations – I attended a lecture from the Netherlands, two from Croatia, one from the States, New Zealand, the UK and Australia. There were people on line from Argentina, South Africa, all over the US, Russia and the UK. I 'ran' into Gail, our scholarship winner, in two lectures, and Ed Tamplin was in another, it was also funny as I 'met' Jack Fertig in a lecture, then in 2 hours I was attending his.

The lectures are available to purchase online at for US\$19.95: www.astrocollege.com

Joyce Hoen – The Mercury Transit Cycle

Joyce's lecture challenged us to use Mercury through the houses to plan our calendar. Mercury transits are fast and over a longer period time do not seem to have a noticeable effect however when looked at in a day to day influences they reveal more. Mercury rules work, travel, appointment and the diary and schedules. Joyce discussed Mercury through the elements, when in water houses (4th, 8th and 12th) silence and retreat are desirable, Fire houses Mercury is happy, in earth practical pursuits are best planned, in air houses you will be busy – so beware! Joyce also correlated the moon phases – to planet phases, with the new 'planet' – when closest to the earth being the 4th house, the ¼ the 7th – relating to others, the 10th shining your idea to others, 1st refining the idea. We then discussed Mercury through the houses – we all had the opportunity to input looked at our placements and discussed what was happening in our live now.

Branka Stamenkovic – Court Astrologer's Astrology

Branka presented techniques used in by astrologers of old. Astrologers, being mainly in the employment on Kings, were expected to aid the king in decisions, by picking the best time for an event for example, a coronation, an invasion, building of special building or secretive events – will the secret be discovered. It was interesting, and highlighted the different influences in our day to day environments, Branka went into detail investigating what to look for when selecting a war chart and that of whether something remain a secret – I thought these odd – however as the lecture progressed there are many interesting ways to apply the research and rules. Branka presented the charts of the Sept 11, the 2 London Bombing which have so far ben close representations of the charts. She also used the 'secrets' to investigate two disappearances, a Croatian politician and Maddie McCann's disappearance.

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Colleen Coffey – The Hidden Dimension – The Lunar Phase Personality

Colleen presented a lecture detailing the personality traits of the 8 lunation phases, there was detailed traits listed for the phases and charts of many people to reinforce the qualities and provide excellent examples for applying the information. Being 8 phases the 45 degree angle is very important and from it the importance of the inconjunct aspects.

Jack Fertig – All about Eris

I chose this lecture as carry on from the AANSW presentation by Jessica Adams, as Eris is now considered another dwarf planet. Eris has a long, 550 years orbit, which is very elliptic, and over the past cycles is not very consistent with the time spent in each sign (Chiron is elliptic however it is always slow through the one sign). Jack's lecture detailed the research about what has happened over the previous cycles, suggesting that as with other bodies that have been discovered – the initial energy reveals the more negative traits, and over time the positives. Eris in mythology is the sister of Ares/Mars and one of the few legitimate children of Zeus and Hera. Jack suggests Eris represent discord and strife, but through that there is a striving for self improvement. This is lecture presents an excellent base for learning and using Eris in charts

Sherrynne Dalby – Local Space

Sherrynne has provided me with my next project. The lecture was about Local Space. Local space is the energy that you take with you wherever you go, your connection with the environment. It uses the Azimuth and the altitude above the horizon of the planets when you are born. It is your own personal bagua to use Feng Shui as a reference. You place the local space chart in the middle of the space and boost the energy of planet lines to enhance the energy of your space. Sherrynne provided some great example of applications, particularly for enhancing the success of your garden. It also made me feel more comfortable about surrounding myself with bright colours – it cannot be helped with Uranus being the planet of most influence in my local space chart!

Christeen Skinner – Neptune

Christeen's lecture feature how she uses Neptune in business charts. I wonder about this when this enrolled in the lecture as usually Neptune is that spacey foggy energy. However when the obvious sunk in – that Neptune rule oil, pharmaceuticals, the entertainment industry, football, cosmetics, drinks and alcohol and health – these are a lot of the industries that are multimillion dollar earners and represent a huge number of companies on any countries stock exchange. Combine these industries with the positive aspects of Neptune, invention, imagination, resourceful, artistic it is easy to see why its transits and aspects are important in financial cycles. Christeen present many successful people charts and the impacts of Neptune through the signs, she left us with food for thought – Vesta is strong in chart with people who are comfortable with currencies. Christeen agreed with information provided by Patricia Shepard in our May lecture – showing that the septile and quintile are import aspects, often being very prominent in success financial charts.

Aleksandar Imsiragic – Hermetic Astrology and Strings Between Incarnations

This was a really fascinating lecture and I am looking forward to the opportunity to revisit it by listening to my download. Aleksandar uses a mix of eastern and western astrology and seemed to very knowledgeable about both the sidereal zodiac (more related to the real) and the tropical zodiac which he considers reactive. Aleksandar presents that we are living 3 incarnations simultaneously and gave 8 rules to find information about the previous and future incarnations within the current birth chart. Uniting the charts represent liberation – the final goal of Hermetic Astrology. The rules seem abstract until he ties it all together with his example of Barrack Obama. I really enjoyed this lecture as a wonderful example of the fantastic minds that research and apply astrology.

I had a wonderful weekend – on-line conference a great, easy and more interactive than I thought – they are an excellent means of sharing knowledge, live conference and online both have their place in – count me in for the next one!

Kate Holden

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