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From the President:

March has been quite a busy month. Dean Usher - one of our new members - has offered to create a web site for the state branch and to this extent he has been to the April committee meeting to brief us on what the possibilities are. The web site will provide an exciting opportunity for all of us to enhance our profile, visibility to the community and communication within our membership. At this juncture we are possibly looking at an early July launch. In a similar vein another of our enterprising members, Paul (Yogi) Nipperess has started up a yahoo astrology chat/forum site where people can exchange ideas and get information, also access some articles. More details in this edition of the MM.

Our second Astro Chat has been and gone. It was great to see some old and new faces. The topic was ‘retrograde planets in our chart’ which may have made everybody a little bit shy, in keeping with the nature of retrogradation. It seemed that most of us tend to have outer planets retrograde but fewer personal ones. Thank you to Alison for letting us use her lovely house with that endlessly long, beautiful table. We had 7 participants and even made a little money. The next Astro Chat will again be at Donna’s place and the theme is ‘The Moon in your chart’. This can be your natal and/or progressed Moon and should provide us with some chicken soup (or tofu soup– if you are a vegetarian) for the soul as we move into the wintry months.

Preparations for the one day seminar at the Drabble House on May 23rd are well on the way. We have now all five speakers confirmed. Robyn Lee will speak on the fascinating theme of Venus and Captain Cook and the solar occultation that is about to occur this coming June.. Jeannette Lewis-Hill is going to draw a comparison between the charts of the USA and Australia in the light of the upcoming elections, including some interesting dynamics between the John Howard/Mark Latham and George Bush/John Kerry lineup. Dianne Hardwick is from a tarot background and has an excellent reputation in Ethics as well as linking Astrology to her tarot, especially via the four elements. Maggie Sealey has some fascinating techniques concerning the Nodes, transits and midpoints whereas my talk will be around predictive work, using the technique of Firdaria with a blend of medieval and modern approach.

So between the Medieval, Mundane, Ethics, Observational and Psychological we will be covering a lot of ground and we sincerely hope that everybody takes advantage of the opportunity to access quality astrology at what is a very reasonable price; therefore mark **Sun May 23rd** in your calendar and remember there’s an early bird concession. See you there!

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23/04/2004 USA alert

By paul yogi nipperess

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Our cosmic clock has steadily advanced to bring us, yet another warning of impending events, from the lessons of our past Here's some thoughts about Gann, some history in USA and some important anniversaries that are currently unfolding.

On the first page of Gann's "Tunnel thru the Air" there's a reference to the 1906 earth quake in San Francisco ... 98 years ago - 18-23 April 1906. For more about that event in 1906 go to:

<http://www.sfmuseum.org/hist10/06timeline.html>

Astrologically, tomorrow is also an important event for the USA, with Mars transiting its natal position, at 21:14 degrees Gemini.

Tomorrow, Mars is also directly opposite Pluto at 22 degrees Sagittarius Pluto being exactly 180 degrees from its Gemini position, during the 1906 earthquake very significant. Mars is also 144 degrees (bi-quintile) from USA's natal Pluto position tomorrow and sesquidrate 135 degrees, from the US natal South Node. Our Moon also transits Gemini 21 degrees tomorrow, which will trigger the Mars/Pluto opposition.

Venus is also currently transiting Gemini, around 16 degrees, making a loose conjunction, with Mars and the Moon too. Tomorrow Venus also makes a trine to Neptune, both in air signs

Before the end of July 2004, Venus will transit 21 degrees Gemini 3 times, as it has a retrograde cycle starting on 17 May 2004, on the same date that Neptune is on station to go retrograde this year ... with Mercury and Moon both marking their ingress to Taurus on 17 May 2004, as well.)

Whatever happens in the days ahead, it may be a costly event for the USA??

Geographically, we will be looking for events in the western half of the USA, from the San Antonio - Mexico City meridian westward and more specifically the west coast of USA. Most likely any major event will be in the area west of a line drawn directly from Vancouver to Mexico City.

Of course, we cannot ignore the aspects made to other parts of the globe, at this time. Foreign locations that may be also of note would be India, Sri Lanka, Rome, Athens and Cape Town and of course, the Middle East.

Symbolically, Pluto deals with all things underground and may also be explosive in nature, as it is in the fire sign of Sagittarius.

You will remember a previous post, where Pluto figured in another important date ... that day they found Saddam hiding underground). Mars in an air sign and Pluto in a fire sign makes for an explosive mixture ... more fire in the sky? Today Saturn sits on 98 degrees on our astro dial and 66 degrees from its position on the US natal chart remember that it is 98 years, since the earthquake in San Francisco. Let's hope the news brought by the Mercury/Pluto trine over the next few days is good, whether the events ahead are natural or man-made. Interesting times we are experiencing right now and more to come. Copyright©2004 paul yogi nipperess.

Yogi's web site is: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AstrologyWA/> Open up for interesting articles and communicate with other members.

New Moon in Aries – Jeff Jawer.

This second New Moon in Aries is also a partial solar eclipse, making for a doubly strange event. A New Moon and Aries both symbolize beginnings, but at the last degree of the sign, and as an eclipse, it's also about endings. Put a retrograde Mercury in the middle of the lunation and we may find our worlds turning in weird ways. A solar eclipse is about the ego letting go of some outmoded idea of itself, perhaps some old battle in this warrior sign of Aries. There's a burning off of energy that can seem painful in the moment, but which makes way for a new and more noble cause. These eclipse effects can last for weeks prior to and after the exact event.

Sun in Taurus

Monday, April 19, 10:51 am PDT

Just hours after the New Moon eclipse the Sun strolls into earthy Taurus, a sign of repose. This is a time to reassess resources: physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. While Taurus can become overly fixed and resistant to change, its reward is a clearer connection with those places of comfort and value that can provide fuel for long-term projects.

Mercury Direct

Friday, April 30, 5:59 am PDT

Communicator Mercury shifts out reverse gear, getting minds back on track and freeing the flow of information. But, we won't pick up all the strands of data and remake connections until Mercury returns to Taurus (where it first went retrograde) in mid-May.

Jupiter sextile Saturn

Saturday, May 1. Planetary giants Jupiter and Saturn rule expansion and contraction, respectively. This 60-degree angle harmoniously combines hope and vision with commitment and concrete planning. Good judgment about career, education and long-range goals is enhanced, as is a more realistic understanding of one's religious, political and philosophical beliefs.

Full Moon in Scorpio

Tuesday, May 4, 1:34 pm PDT

This Full Moon is a total lunar eclipse, one that brings up deep emotional issues from the past so that we may be free of them in the future. Diffusive Neptune square the Sun and Moon further expands feelings, leading to exaggeration, misdirection and overwhelm. Forgiving yourself and others helps you find the way from an old wound to a new healing, untying knots that block fulfillment, especially in relationships.

Jupiter Direct

Tuesday, May 4

Expansive Jupiter, somewhat restrained in tight-fitting Virgo, begins to find more external expression as it moves forward in the zodiac. Plans bubbling on the inside (or in the unconscious) move towards the surface where we can start to put them into action.

Mars in Cancer

Friday, May 17, 1:46 am PDT

Warrior Mars turns tender and defensive in this protective water sign. Its highest potential now is to turn violence and anger into constructive behavior. However, an excessive sense of woundedness makes it easy to build barriers against enemies, real and imagined. Mars always functions best when its purpose is to create something new as a hero, rather than hang onto something old as a victim.

Mercury in Taurus

Saturday, May 15, 11:55 pm PDT

Thought fragments and incomplete connections of the past six weeks can start to coalesce now. Mercury in earthy Taurus offers a simple, constructive perspective that's amenable to peace, as long as minds remain flexible. If you keep repeating the same words in your head, consider changing them to avoid falling into a rut.

Neptune Retrograde

Monday, May 17

The inward turn of Neptune is a very subtle event whose influence is hard to see. In principle, it's about finding faith within as opposed to looking for inspiration from the outside.

Venus Retrograde

Monday, May 17, 3:21 pm PDT

Every 18 months this planet of love, pleasure and self-worth spends 6-weeks moving backwards. This is a time to reevaluate partnerships, reexamine personal resources and rediscover beauty in our lives. Memories of old lovers and joys from the past stir the heart to reacquire similar delights in the future.

It's quite unusual to have the New Moon in the same sign two months in a row. The previous New Moon in Aries represented the opening of the astrological year, a fresh period of discoveries, both positive and negative. This New Moon, in the 29th degree of the sign, is like the worn out Aries, wounded from past battles and uncertain whether the fight can be sustained. As a lunar eclipse, as well, this marks a significant turning point personally and collectively. We reconsider the investments of energy made in recent projects and need to decide whether to cut our losses or recommit to the struggle. **Have a great month!**

Jeff Jawer, Publisher, StarIQ.com

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THANKS TO ROBYN LEE FOR THIS SYNOPSIS OF HER TALK TO BE GIVEN ON 23 MAY 04

Captain Cook, Gemini, Sun/Venus and 'Honey Ant Dreaming'?

What is the connection? And how do we as Astrologers find it?

This talk looks at the above question and explores, through the symbolism of Gemini, the Art of Translation and Communication and Mapping that is available to us as Astrologers.

The upcoming 'double' Venus crossing the Sun on the 8th June 2004 is the same Venus crossing the Sun in Gemini that had Captain Cook sailing to Tahiti in 1769 to sight and record it.

This journey to the South Seas had a secondary mission, sealed in an envelope that Captain Cook was to open after the sighting.....he was instructed to 'discover' and claim the Australian lands for the English Government.

The current crossing in Gemini is the first since 1769. The previous 'double crossings' occurred in 1874 and 1882 in sign of Sagittarius.

Some of the transcripts from Captain Cook's journey offer classic and a few 'amusing' keyword phrases which will enable us to further explore this inventive 'mercurial' human art form of communication and translation 'techniques', spoken and unspoken, that occur between peoples of differing 'cultures', languages and understandings.

The diverse 'patterns and mapping' ways of the 'above and below' will be explored briefly. The 'mapping/dot paintings' of the indigenous peoples of Australia offer a beautiful expression of this, particularly in the 'Honey Ant Dreaming' with its link to the 7 sisters of the Pleiades.

With Mercury in Taurus on the 23rd May be prepared for some earthy Venustian humour.

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COME AND ENJOY YOUR DAY AT THE ASTROLOGY FAIR ON 23 MAY 2004