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from the President,

Welcome to 2018. How many of us remember being children SO long ago when we were just beginning to grasp the idea of numbers? I was 8 in 1951 and barely getting my head around the fact that there could actually be a Year 2000. I was sure we would never see it because it was so far away. Well, guess what – 2018 already and still counting! Every new year is a wonder. And for this Dinosaur, every new year is even stranger;

how good that astrology explains so much of world affairs. If only it could sort out my cell phone!

We in the FAAWA have planned an auspicious start to the year on Sunday February 25th with astrologer/numerologist Jeanne Prosser giving a talk at the SPLC at the customary time of 2 PM. Many astrologers are active in this fascinating field, and number is arguably the basis of life itself, so it is very relevant for us as practitioners.

On Sunday April 15th Sam Bakewell will make a return appearance speaking on Hellenistic Astrology. Her last appearance was attended very well at the SPLC and serves to show how popular Traditional Astrology has become once again.

As always, our expert Editor Carol will expand upon these events and provide details elsewhere in the issue.

As I write, the 2018 Melbourne conference has just concluded, and we await reports from those members who attended. This time around I remained at home in order to fill other commitments, but I expect that the attendees will be enthusiastic. This was Jenny Coad's first turn as National Rep for WA, and she would have joined the council immediately before the conference. They are a very august body of astrologers!

Enjoy this issue of your MM, and we shall see you later this month at the numerology talk.

Best wishes

Jeannette Lewis - Hill

FAAWA President

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Editor:

Carol Jenkins



Hello everyone,

The Christmas and New Year celebrations have come and gone and it's time to engage our brains once more. Following on page 5 and 6 this month is a theory presented by Christine Arens, who is known to many of us as, a first-rate American astrologer.

You don't have to be a follower of any organised religion to have heard of a man called Jesus nor to realise that there was indeed something extraordinary about the man. However, arguments surrounding Jesus' exact date of birth have confounded scholars for centuries with Pope Benedict XVI entering the fray by writing in his recent book trilogy "Jesus of Nazareth" that it is a fact that Jesus was not born on 25th December and that even the Gospel of Luke contends that the birth took place when Quirinius was governor of Syria in A.D. 6.

And so, equipped with an armful of ancient history books, a membership of MENSA and an enquiring mind Christine Arens has done her own sleuth work and arrived at a date of 29th May 0007 BC which, were it to be proven correct, would make Jesus a Gemini.

Jeannette is right on the ball again with her event chart and revealing delineation of our super brand new Optus Stadium and on reading my copy it sounds pretty good news all around for the future of our new icon. Myself? Well I checked it all out in the flesh at last Sunday's open day and I can personally vouch for the endless seating with uninterrupted views, huge screens, impeccable surround sound system, millions of lights (exaggerating again) cafes, bars and restaurants, food pretty edible, beer not bad at all and (you've guessed it) the ladies rooms, not bad either.

And now on to our first event of the 2018 astrology year which is a talk on Numerology by Jeanne Prosser, one of our long time members, who is already a published author and has a new book in the pipeline. She will be presenting to us in our usual Sunday slot of 2pm to 4pm on 25th February at the South Perth Learning Centre. All the details for the day can be found on Pages 3 and 4. To prepare for the day Jeanne says a pen and a note pad is all you will need.

Warm regards,

Carol Jenkins

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Quote of the Month:



Have you ever noticed that all the instruments searching for intelligent life are pointing away from the earth?

A tweet made by Robert Currey on 21st November 2017

Robert Currey: is a British astrologer and entrepreneur. In 1981 he founded the astrological company Equinox and in 1989 The Astrology Shop in Covent Garden, London. The first prime location store to be dedicated to astrology, and a well-known London haunt for astrology enthusiasts from around the world. Currey pioneered and developed computerised astrological reports, with outlets in the USA and Australia. Currey specialises in Astrocartography - in which he was certified by the technique's developer - Jim Lewis.

Events coming to you over the year: 2018

Numerology

Hellenistic Astrology

Karmic Astrology

Evolutionary Astrology

South Node Astrology

The Ancient art of Face Reading

Sacred Geometry

All events listed are for Sundays : More details will be given nearer the date



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...NEXT EVENT in FEBRUARY...

Numerology

the hidden meaning of numbers

Sunday 25th February 2018

2 pm - 4 pm

South Perth Learning Centre

the Speaker is Jeanne Prosser

All numbers have an energy or vibration that provides a specific meaning and message.

In this interactive Numerology presentation, Jeanne looks at the energy of numbers as well as their planetary associations both natively and in prediction.

\$20 Concession(over 65) \$25 Members \$30 Non-Member

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About JEANNE PROSSER

Jeanne Prosser is a numerologist, flower essence practitioner and co-author of 'Numerology and Your Child'. Jeanne 'found' both astrology and numerology after searching for answers following her brother's death almost 40 years ago. She explains that numerology is the study of the symbolism of numbers derived from a birth date or name. It tells us about our unique talents and abilities, provides insight and direction and helps us develop focus when we lose our way.

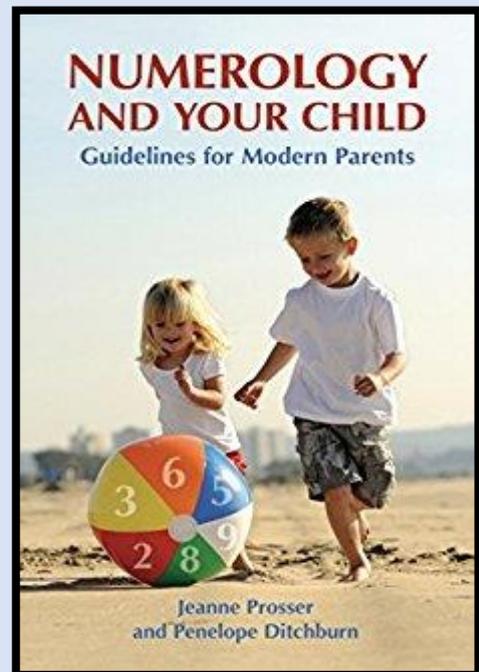
She is co-author of 'Numerology and Your Child', a book designed to reward parents with a deeper understanding of their child's internal world as well as their unique challenges and strengths. Although this book is designed for parents of young children, it's easy for anyone to use to work out their own numbers.

Jeanne is available for talks and workshops.

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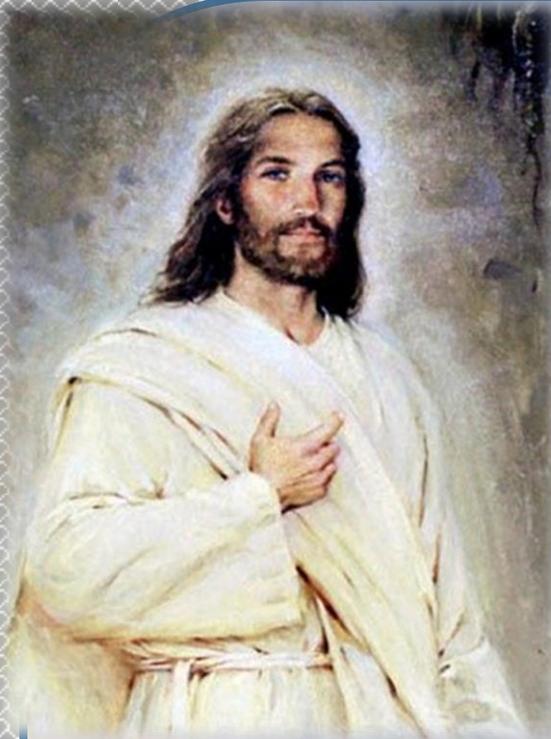
The book, 'Numerology and Your Child', co-authored with Penelope Ditchburn, retails for \$24.95. It can be purchased from Jeanne directly, or online from her website (www.jeanneprosser.com), from Book Depository, or as an E-Book from Amazon. It's also available in selected shops in Perth and from her distributors.



If anyone is interested in purchasing a copy at the FAAWA meeting, Jeanne will be selling her book for a discounted \$20.

Although this book is for parents of young children, it's easy to use to work out your own numbers using the simple techniques provided and is therefore relevant to anyone with an interest in numerology.

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Christine Arens is a very well-known American astrologer and she first presented the basis of this talk back in 1993 at MENSA where she is a member. This time she is reviving the talk, with many additions, for the United Astrology Conference (UAC) Chicago in May 2018. She presents her "Sleuthing Theory", as she calls it, below for your consideration.

Was Jesus a Gemini?

Astrologers don't want to be collectively thought of as the Grinch who stole Christmas, but evidence from both Biblical and historical sources – and a star map of the ancient sky — suggest Jesus was born much earlier in the year, most likely in late May with the sun in the astrological sign of Gemini.

Astrologer Christine Arens says historians impressively argue against the December 25 date, when Christ's birth is traditionally celebrated by Christians around the world. A more likely date is May 29, 7 BC, she maintains.

According to History.com, the true date of Christ's birth wasn't known to early Christians. In the 4th Century AD, the Roman Catholic Church established the Christmas holidays in December near the winter solstice in order to blend in with pagan Saturnalia festivals observed in Rome and elsewhere in Europe.

Historical records are sparse, but Arens says Scripture provides some important timing clues. For example, Scripture describes the appearance of angels heralding the birth of Jesus to shepherds who were watching their flocks by night.

"The sheep indigenous to this region have their mating season from October to December. With a five month gestation period, all of the new lambs would have been born by late May and the shepherds would be in the fields watching their flocks by night to make certain none of the newcomers went astray.

Sleuthing History

"What this gives us is a birth date for Jesus sometime in late spring," she says, adding:

"The Roman historian Flavius Josephus writes about the illness and death of Herod, which occurred while a lunar eclipse was visible in Judea on March 13, 4 BC. Since the Bible tells us Herod was very much alive when Jesus was born His birth had to be prior to this date."

An additional clue from the Bible: at the time of Christ's birth Mary and Joseph had travelled to Bethlehem to register for their taxes. From ancient Roman records we know that three such calls for taxes were sent from Rome – in 28 BC, 8 BC and 14 AD.

"The 28 BC date is probably too early and the 14 AD date is obviously too late. Most likely, the 8 BC tax call is the one Scripture refers to," Arens said.

Using modern computers astrologers can swiftly create a star map that shows the heavens exactly the way they would have looked to ancient astrologers more than 2000 years ago. From an astrological perspective, 8 BC was not an especially eventful year but the following year, 7 BC, was.

"Given the distances and communications challenges involved, it's likely that most Jews would have registered for taxes in the year following the call, or in 7 BC when the heavens better explained the events unfolding," she said.

Continued ... *Astrologer Priests?*

Every Christian knows the story of the three Wise Men who followed a star to Christ's birthplace. It's likely these Wise Men, or Magi, were astrologer priests from the star cult of Zoroastrianism, a religious sect found in ancient Persia and Arabia that still exists today.

Arens believes the star the Magi followed was not an astronomical phenomenon like a meteor shower, a comet or nova as none were recorded during this period. More likely, the Magi were anticipating an extremely rare coinciding of two naturally occurring astronomical cycles: a Jupiter-Saturn conjunction (which only occurs every 20 years) on the same day as a new moon (moon-sun conjunction).

A conjunction occurs when planets line up in the same zodiacal degree. After observing a Jupiter-Saturn conjunction in December, 1603, astrologer Johannes Kepler proposed that the Christmas Star may actually have been a conjunction of these two planets. Arens agrees.

"When the planets involved in the conjunction are the two largest gas giants in the solar system they can light up the night sky spectacularly. This is what Kepler observed in 1603 and what ancient astrologers viewed in 7 BC," she points out.

Arens says archaeological evidence confirms the ancient Magi astrologers were competent mathematicians and astronomers who understood the Saros cycle, which identifies the positions of new moons and eclipses and how these positions regularly repeat themselves. The Magi astrologers would have realized that Jerusalem – and the little town of Bethlehem nearby – was the only major urban area in the known world where both the sun and moon would be rising exactly together on the Eastern horizon. This, she explains, is why the Magi travelled to Jerusalem

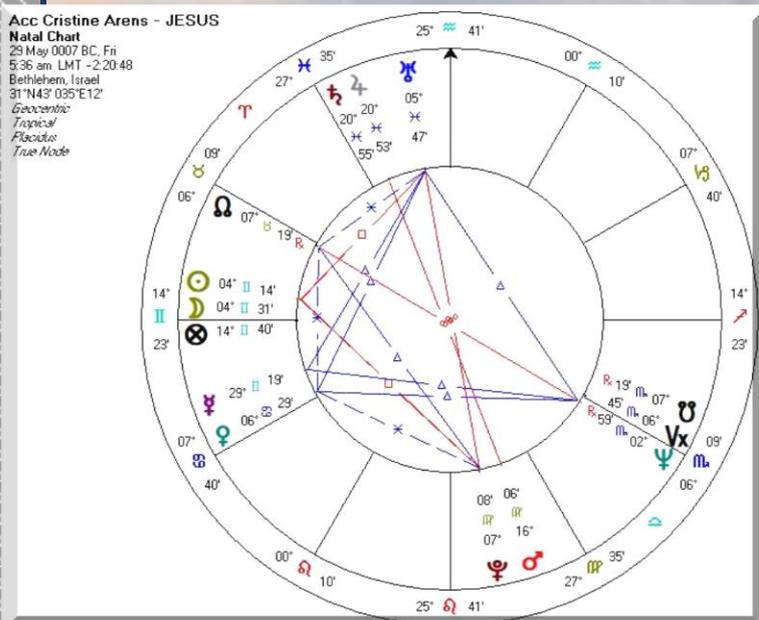
"The ancient astrologers would have considered the coinciding of these two cycles to be an event of major significance. Two Roman emperors who claimed to be "divine" said they were born exactly at sunrise. A new moon sunrise birth would be even more significant.

"With the new moon on Jerusalem's Eastern horizon it would be seen as bringing the power of the heavens to the physical world of the earth," she says.

This fixes the time for Christ's birth on May 29, 7 BC at 5:36 a.m. with the sun, moon and the sign rising on the eastern horizon all at 4 degrees of Gemini. Jupiter and Saturn would be conjoined high up in the eastern sky (the Star in the "East") at 20 degrees of Pisces.

"Although maybe not the earthly king the Magi were reportedly looking for, with this combination Christ was born to be a great leader – a spiritual teacher and healer – who was destined to serve mankind," Arens concludes.

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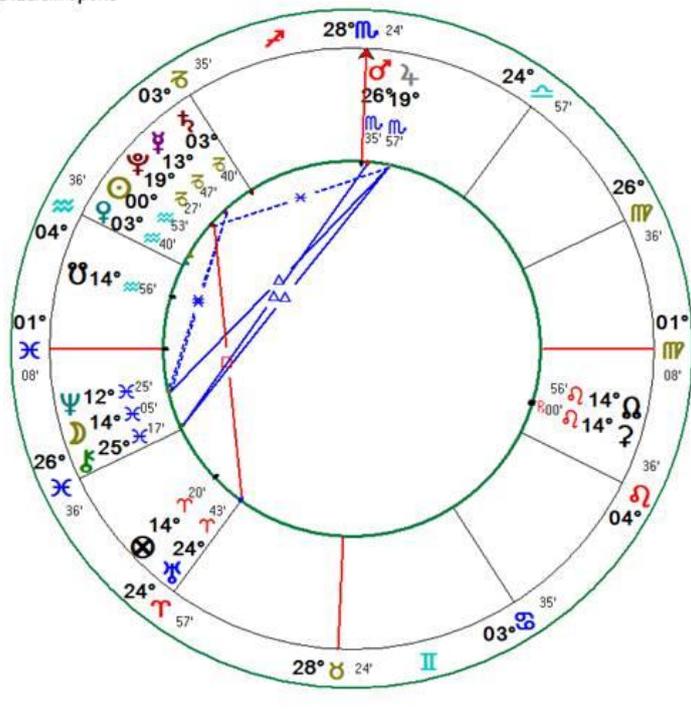


Perth's New Optus Stadium

Our brand new stadium opened to the first ticket-holder at 8 AM on Sunday 21st January 2018. A chart cast for that time is an event chart, and will show something of the qualities and fortunes of this massive new centre for sports and entertainment, especially in relation to the public [ticket-holders].

It has got to be auspicious to have such a strong Mars for a sporting facility! He is in domicile and conjunct the midheaven and chart ruler Jupiter. We should be able to expect high quality and abundant sporting events in this facility. Mars trines the 2nd cusp of resources almost exactly, and I hope this means that the coffers are well filled.

New Perth [Optus] Stadium opens
Natal Chart
 21 Jan 2018, Sun
 08:00 AWST -8:00
 Perth, Australia
 31°S57' 115°E51'
 Geocentric
 Tropical
 Placidus
 True Node



The 1st house Moon shows the public being much involved with this stadium. Moon = 'people' in a mundane chart, and it looks like the people will be entertained to the point of hypnosis [Neptune] – they will be utterly wrapped up in the events in other words. With the Moon trine the chart ruler, how good is that! The public is going to be generally happy with the facility.

Moon / Neptune can also be associated with substance consumption, and from memory there has been some controversy regarding beer strength and other regulations around this topic; so it is fitting that these conjoined planets are first to rise to the ascendant, showing much prominence for this issue.

Moon / Neptune can also indicate that music and dance [Neptune] of a popular cultural type [Moon] will be very much in evidence here – simply stated: concerts. A slightly more exotic symbol of Neptune here is the lighting of the stadium; all smoke and mirrors to those who see the display at night. The building appears to be anything other than the behemoth that it actually is – it is more like a group of lightning sprites playing on the ground.

Jupiter as Lord of the Chart [ascendant ruler] is peregrine. This does not lend him any power to speak of, although he IS Jupiter and can't be all bad. In fact, here he has some bonus points; he is conjunct Zuben Eschemali [one of the Libra pair of stars] which is referred to as The Full Price. This star gives "good fortune, high ambition, beneficence,

*honour, riches and permanent happiness" * [wow!], and is compatible with Jupiter. [*from Vivian Robson] Jupiter is also happy to be high in the sky, and he is a Day Star – in sect in the daytime. He can bring benefits after all.*

The Sun and Venus in the chart belong to the 12th house, perhaps making the CEO [Sun] a bit secretive, but it's probably an ok position in respect to the chart's meaning. Nice that the Sun is fixed; the boss will stay around. Mars is fixed too; the 10th house is the administering body of the stadium. Governments come and go, but we will have this stadium for quite some time so a stable administration would be a real bonus.

Venus rules the 4th house of foundations; she is fixed but hidden; that's a pretty good description of what holds the building up. Taurus on the 4th cusp is also good for endurance of the structure.

Ceres and the north node are in the 6th house of illness; it looks like any suffering patrons will be tended to in a kind and motherly manner.

Finally, what about that interesting 11th house with Saturn, Mercury and Pluto within? This can show many aspects of the stadium's life. It is the house of good fortune and benefactors; it shows the income of a business. [The 2nd house shows general assets and is happily ruled by Jupiter.] Saturn is in his own sign; benefactors may be senior persons of authority and orderly affairs. With Capricorn here they may not be giving a lot. Revenue may be well administered. Pluto is the ancient planet of wealth and makes an exact sextile to Jupiter. That should be good. Mercury is besieged between Saturn and Pluto; perhaps this shows a great and orderly intensity over administration of the monies taken. Just maybe, one of our government's bigger cost blowouts will pay for itself in the end.

Jeannette Lewis-Hill

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"Crash Course in Astrology for Beginners"
starting Saturday 3 February running for 7 weeks.

The time is from 3 to 5 pm in
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in exploring astrology to a greater
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Thursday 15 February.

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