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from the President,

Welcome to spring and the latest eclipse season; this edition comes out on the day of a solar eclipse in 9° Virgo. On the 16th we will celebrate a lunar eclipse in 24° Pisces. That almost-eclipse that happened on August 18th in 26° Aquarius might have been an official eclipse – a weak appulse type – but NASA dropped it from their official list and it became an ordinary full Moon.

Where in your charts do these occur? You may be noticing changes in your lives if they hit sensitive points.

Our Chinese astrology and Feng Shui expert Del Meredith will be giving an interesting talk this month on the Abuse of Power on September 11th. A wonderfully appropriate date for the subject.

We have an extra perk for this event: attending members can put their names into a draw and win a free scholarship to the online astrology conference Breaking Down the Borders. This event is in the MM. Speakers come from various countries, and it is possible to download lectures if you can't attend them online – very handy if you value your sleep!

The exams are getting some attention in the West this year – two student members, Melanie Dufty and Jenny Coad, have just passed the Calculations paper. It's nice to see increasing professionalism.

Melanie Dufty has just been awarded another FAA certificate: the Relationships and Special Techniques paper. A great effort goes into passing these exams and we extend our warmest congratulations to Mel for a job well done. She is getting very close to attaining her qualifications.

Our AGM comes around in November; as always it is a short meeting followed by a party. This year, the party is a High Tea, and it's at our place in Marjorie Ave. Not only will the food be good, but in the meeting we have a few cogent comments to make about our relationship with the national FAA that may just surprise you. There is much more to being a part of the national federation than meets the eye. Blessings and warm wishes,

Jeannette Lewis - Hill

FAAWA President. FAA NC liaison rep

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... COMING in SEPTEMBER 2016 ...

Sunday 11th September 2016

or if you prefer 9/11

at the South Perth Learning Centre, 2 pm ~ 4 pm

Del Meredith

(a Chinese astrologer)

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it's USE and
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BREAKING DOWN THE BORDERS

NOVEMBER 18 - 20, 2016

IAA's 3-DAY ONLINE ASTROLOGY CONFERENCE

Breaking Down the Borders Scholarship offer for Student Members of our FAAWA Branch.

Browse our web site, www.astrologyconference.org or our Face Book page, <https://www.facebook.com/BreakingDowntheBorders/> to find out more.

This is an opportunity for all non Americans or Europeans to see and hear astrologers like Rob Hand, Nick Campion, Joni Patry, Georgia Stathis etc and Americans to hear the top speakers from places like New Zealand, Australia and South Africa in real time

The scholarship is valued at the full conference registration price of \$US540.

If the recipient cannot make a lecture, they will still receive a video recording of the lecture free of charge.

Recipient to be chosen by our organisation - the deadline for admission to this online scholarship conference is 1st November 2016.

"More details later on the winner from Jeannette Lewis-Hill"



*Happy Birthday
Patricia is 70 years old*

Congratulations



Melanie Dufty has now been awarded her FAA certificate in Relationships and Special Techniques

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A Reading List for Vedic Astrology - for Western Astrologers

*The following is a fairly comprehensive reading list in Vedic/Jyotish/Hindu astrology by mainly western authors produced by Hank Friedman who is associated with **The Mountain Astrologer** magazine. In time, I will update and comment on the suggested titles. I have removed most Indian books on Vedic astrology due to their inherent difficulty in either reading or understanding for the novice Vedic astrologer.*

Most books on Vedic astrology, even by western authors, tend to have far too much of a focus upon the arcane or esoteric side of Vedic astrology. The biggest presentation problem with most books on Vedic/Hindu/Jyotish astrology is the use of square northern or southern Indian charts rather than the contemporary circular charts used by most western astrologers.

In addition to Hank's list, I will include the following books:

Beneath A Vedic Sky by William R Levacy (possibly out of print but secondhand copies are available). This is one of the best early books (1999) on Vedic astrology as it focusses almost exclusively on astrological techniques and interpretation rather than Vedic spirituality.

The Art and Practice of Ancient Hindu Astrology by James Braha, the author of one of the earliest books on the subject by a western writer – **Ancient Hindu Astrology for the Modern Western Astrologer**. His new book is far more practical and down to earth than his earlier book due to his decades of experience between the two publications.

In Search of Destiny by Edith Hathaway. This is an excellent book for reviewing chart after chart of famous people in a very practical and down to earth approach.

Hank Friedman's Reading List in Vedic Astrology

I spent several hours going through my entire Vedic library for the best books in my collection. Here they are. I hope that my research serves you well.

[Note: about 90% of the Vedic astrology books that I've purchased — and I've purchased a lot of Vedic books! — have been either rehashes of Classical works with no new insights, or poor translations, or simply the speculations of authors who haven't mastered Vedic astrology. That is, in part, what inspired me to provide the following reading list. I don't want you to waste your time or money, which is easy to do because so many Vedic books are just not worth getting.]

Important Update: I have just expanded this Vedic Astrology booklist and created a page on Amazon that both describes each book and allows you to easily order any of them. You can view this new listing by [clicking here](#) to see what books shaped my understanding of astrology, and even get copies for yourself.

Light on Life by Hart de Fouw and Robert Svoboda (Not only the best Vedic astrology book in English, but a huge number of insights and gems for Western astrologers too.)

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Path of Light vol. 1 & 2 by James Kelleher (Truly excellent new books by a brilliant and generous astrologer who shares his great depth of understanding of Jyotish. Highly Recommended!)

New Techniques of Prediction 1 & 2 by H.R. Seshadri Iyer (For advanced Vedic astrologers only, the brilliant predictive methods and understandings of a great Jyotish master)

Learn Astrology The Easy Way by Dr. G.S. Kapoor (For beginning to intermediate students of Vedic astrology, this provides a very good education in Vedic astrology.)

A Thousand Suns by Linda Johnsen an excellent new Vedic book that covers a huge range of Vedic topics in a very accessible and easy-to-read conversational style. Highly Recommended!

Astro Sutras Events and Nativities and Art of Predictions by JN Bhasin (excellent books by the late excellent astrologer Bhasin)

How to Read a Bhava by Dr. T. S. Vasan (a very small book that condenses divisional chart analysis quite well)

Varshphal or Annual Horoscope by Sumeet Chugh (an excellent book on Vedic Solar Returns)

Predictive Astrology – An Insight by Dinesh S. Mathur (a comprehensive & excellent analysis of planets in houses)

Practical Vedic Astrology by G. S. Agarwal (a fine compendium of 25 years of the authors notes, well organized)

How to Read Your Horoscope by James E. Higgins III and Tom Hopke (newly reprinted – excellent modern interpretations of lordships , planets in signs and houses, etc.)

Vault of the Heavens by Ernst Wilhelm (a lovely and comprehensive textbook on Vedic astrology, complete with modern interpretations of the lordships for each Lagna, and more.)

Core Yogas by Ernst Wilhelm (a unique, descriptive, and comprehensive analysis of yogas)

Mansions of the Moon by Kenneth Johnson (a wonderful book on Nakshatra myths, meanings, etc.)

The Astrology of the Seers by David Frawley (a very good book, but it mixes a little Western astrology in)

The Lunar Nodes by Komilla Sutton (some very good insights in this one)

Essentials of Vedic Astrology by Komilla Sutton and her **Indian Astrology** coffee table book have merit.

Nakshatras by Dennis Harness (The first Western book on Nakshatras, the product of a great deal of research.)



With thanks to Terry MacKinnell for supplying the above lists of Vedic astrology books.

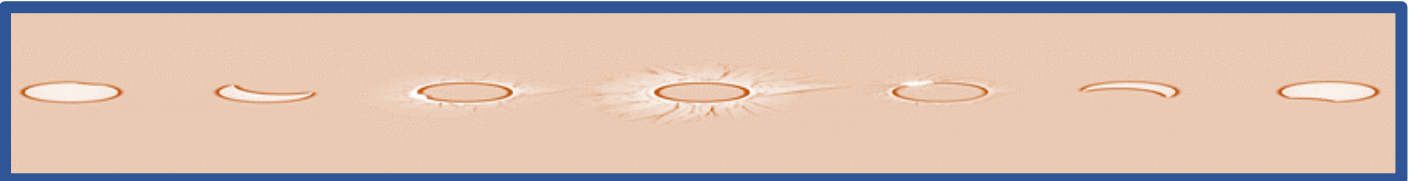
SEPT 2016 ECLIPSE CYCLE

1st September 2016 = Solar Eclipse 9M

16th September = Lunar Eclipse 24X

Saros Series 19 North

Aspects: Neptune is conjunct South Node and there is a T-square of Venus opposition Jupiter both squared by Saturn.



Meaning: This Saros Series is about realism, a coming down to earth. The individual will become aware of an old situation, and see it for what it is rather than what he or she thought it was. This can be a constructive time for talking the truth.

Overview The energy from these eclipses began 6 months ago in March of 2016. So it is a good time to reflect what goals or issues may have developed for you during that time and to check in for a status update. Anything still left hanging may come up again during this Eclipse season.

It is not a beneficial time to start anything new until the end of September when Mercury moves forward again. The New Moon in Virgo asks us to review our health holistically (mind, body and spirit), the Full Moon in Pisces will be asking us to heal any of these issues and Mercury will be moving through the Eclipses to review and make any last corrections overall.

Come October the energy will be moving into Libra, representing balance, harmony and love so things will finally start to move forward – and results of our goals/ wishes may even come to us overnight. Jupiter also transits out of Virgo, this whole year, and into Libra until October 2017.



All information on Saros Eclipse Cycles taken from Bernardette Brady's predictive book "The Eagle and the Lark".

AGM ADVANCE NOTICE

AGM meeting and voting for the 2017 committee will commence at 2 pm.

As usual all positions will become vacant until voted on at the meeting
You will find forms included with this newsletter. Please read and return all
relevant
forms by the required date to be included.

Party food and fun commences 3 pm.

The AGM and our END OF YEAR party will be held
on November 20th 2016 at Jeannette's
Studio, 53 Marjorie Avenue, Willetton.

We always make it a bit of fun and this year we are having a
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