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November Program

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LUNATION PHASES

by Christy Hall

The Cyclic Nature of Time and the Process of Change Through the Lunar Phases



Christy Hall was one of the original ASA members and moved to the Dallas area in 2013. She graduated NCGR Level I in 2007, and recently completed Level II studies with Glenn Perry in AstroPsychology. Christy has been a professional astrologer since 2009 and taught a Lunar Phase Technique class in Austin in 2013.

Although clocks and watches are round and we measure our days and years by orbits and revolutions, we still commonly think of time as a straight line measuring forward or backward or as something flat. But like the seasons, we too are meant to go through a process of change psychologically and physically as we mature.

If you have a firm grasp of the lunation phases' process of birth, growing, decaying to dissolving which leads to re-birth, you can understand how to help the client that asks, "Am I doing what I should be doing?" or "How can I best use my time?" and even more importantly, "What is my purpose?" The lunation phase tells us very specifically the manner in which the individual will grow and how the psyche experiences purpose and the life lessons carried within that purpose.

Bring your chart and discover how the lunation phase at birth can help you understand your own path of learning and experience.

President's Message

Donna Henson, President



These are important times for ASNT. We have a new election coming up, and at the November meeting we will be selecting a committee to get a slate of officers. Fortunately, all but four are keeping their positions for the coming year, but four new ones will need to be selected.

This list will be read at the December meeting and will be printed in the newsletter. Then further nominations may be made at the meeting (with the permission of any being nominated) and the election will be held at the December meeting too. The new board will begin functioning on January 1, 2015.

Also at the November meeting I will have the books that Mauriene Pierce left to ASNT in the trunk of my car along with a few that are left over from the book

store that I used to have. ASNT members are invited to go through the books right after the meeting and select the ones they want to keep. The rest will be discarded

We appreciated your support and work for Gary Caton's workshop. He gave us several insights to think about. Twenty-seven plus the speaker were there.

We are all looking forward to Christy Hall's talk on the Phases of the Moon since we have not heard Christy before. Our new members are always a welcome addition to the group.

See you in November.

— Donna Henson, President

MERCURY NOTES

From *The Way of Astrology* by Ivy Jacobson Goldstein

Mercury is never more than 28° from the Sun, before or after it. This distance divided equally by three, shows three modes of thinking that are reflective of the air signs.

Within 8°59' is like Gemini, keyword, "I think," giving an aptitude for:

- logical reasoning from first causes to an intelligent conclusion
- coherence in expressing oneself
- volatile and childlike in manner
- desiring to learn
- given to many gestures and pouting
- relatives and papers play an important role
- fails to appreciate good points of first mate until after ten years.

9° - 18°59' is like Libra, keyword "I weigh" gives:

- a judicial mind, fair and just, unemotional and impersonal

- good judge of character in choosing a mate
- impressionable and susceptible to persuasion
- generally pure in mind, speech, and motives

19° - 28° is like Aquarius, keyword "I know"

- thinks for himself and is broad-minded
- universally attuned to human problems
- diplomatic and charitable
- tolerant of human frailties
- unselfish and philosophical
- capable of heroic decisions
- able to see both sides of an issue and not argue, but one whose settled opinions are seldom changed
- might take the easiest way out

By Mode:

Cardinal - does own thinking, has own ideas

Fixed - establishes other's ideas and plans

Mutable - takes material originated and established by others and adapts, presents, and/or distributes it into wide circulation

October 11-12 was our Annual Workshop with Gary P. Caton of North Carolina.



Donna Henson and Gary Caton

We had 27 attendees on Saturday and 18 on Sunday for a well-attended workshop.



SCORPIO

October 22 - November 21
8th sign, fixed Water, ruled by Mars. Symbols: scorpion, eagle, serpent, and phoenix bird.

I was transfixed by the story of Aron Ralston who after five days essentially without food and water, trapped in a slot canyon with his hand caught by a fallen boulder, cut off his own dying, dominant hand with a pen knife.

Using cold calculation in dire circumstances and an iron will he broke the wrist bone he couldn't cut by using the weight of his own body thrown at a precise angle in very limited space to maneuver. Then, tying a piece of rope around the stump, he traversed the rest of the tight canyon, rappelled down 100 feet, hiked three miles while losing one third of his blood before being helped by fellow hikers who called in a helicopter. Intense!

My initial thought was this guy *has* to be a Scorpio. No one else could do it: they wouldn't have

the guts for something so edge-of-death intense, so facing-the-pain, so grisly and self-mutilating — and to a passionate, ultimate end. In his weakened state, he was treading in the edge of the afterworld and had a vision of his future son calling to him to save himself. He was not married at the time.

I looked him up on Wikipedia - October 27, 1975.

I have a healthy respect for all things Scorpio. Of all the signs, this is one of the most complex and can encompass the broadest scope of behaviors from the most depraved to the most sublime. Never underestimate a Scorpio. And never play Chicken with one. They have nerves of steel!

— Sandra

NEXT MONTH: Donna Henson talks about the meanings of Chiron in astrology. Happy Thanksgiving. May you have much to be thankful for.