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Musings from the President's corner

Welcome to Autumn, everyone! We have now passed the autumn equinox, the nights are longer than the days, and the mornings are dark, as we wait to finish daylight saving. We are experiencing Adelaide's glorious autumn weather, with blue, sunny days and crisp nights. As I write it's windy – expected in spring, but unusual for autumn – but the sun is out and the sea is blue with white billowing foam spreading in irregular lines as it approaches the sand.

The solar eclipse at 29 Pisces on 20th March is now past, although its effect lingers, and the lunar eclipse on April 4th at 14 Libra is coming soon. The Saros Series is 17 South, and to quote Bernadette Brady in *The Eagle and the Lark*:

'The issues, with this family of eclipses, are of sudden success in group projects or personal relationship matters. Happiness in love, thinking of love matters, good news concerning relationships or creative expression within a group.'

I hope you find that good things happen if the eclipse affects your chart. My nephew has a birthday on March 20, and his Sun is at 29 Pisces in the 9th House, so the solar eclipse was right on his Sun. For years he has wanted to train as a Jungian analyst, and last year he applied to Zurich to be accepted in their 4-year course. In early March he heard he had been accepted, and on 20th March he was on a plane to Zurich for 2 weeks intensive introduction to the course – truly looking forward to 'creative expression within a group' and certainly experiencing that 9th House energy through both travel and immersion in study. What a wonderful expression of this eclipse energy!

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From the Editor

I have recently been revisiting some articles written by Rob Hand for Star IQ. In this month's newsletter, I have included one of these articles. Fortunately for us, Rob has kindly given permission for me to reproduce his work and I hope you will enjoy his insights as much as I do.

This month Anne Fryer also provides us with an insight to the application of astro-meteorology – or astrology for weather and our own Cate takes a look at cricket legend Michael Clarke

Next month will find us taking a visit once again to the 1600s and a further exploration of the application of those techniques in today's technological world.

Ann Collins
Editor



Membership Reminder

2015 membership fees due!

Thank you to members who have already renewed for 2015 –this is a reminder to those who have not yet paid. There's so much happening in Adelaide at the moment that's it's easy to overlook such things!

Fees are:

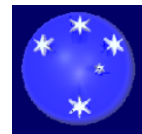
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We have begun 2015 with a bang and we have a great program for you this year! We hope you'll come along for the journey!





Musings from the President continued ...

The solar eclipse occurred in my 5th House and the lunar eclipse will conjunct my Neptune in the 11th House. So for me it has a definite 5/11 flavour. Even if it doesn't conjunct any planets, it's good to look at where this eclipse season sits in your chart. The next one in September will be a lot more challenging so enjoy and make use of this one while you can!

I had intended this month to write about Melanie Reinhart's workshop on the Nodes, but it's turned into a longer exercise than I had anticipated, so that will be in next month's newsletter.

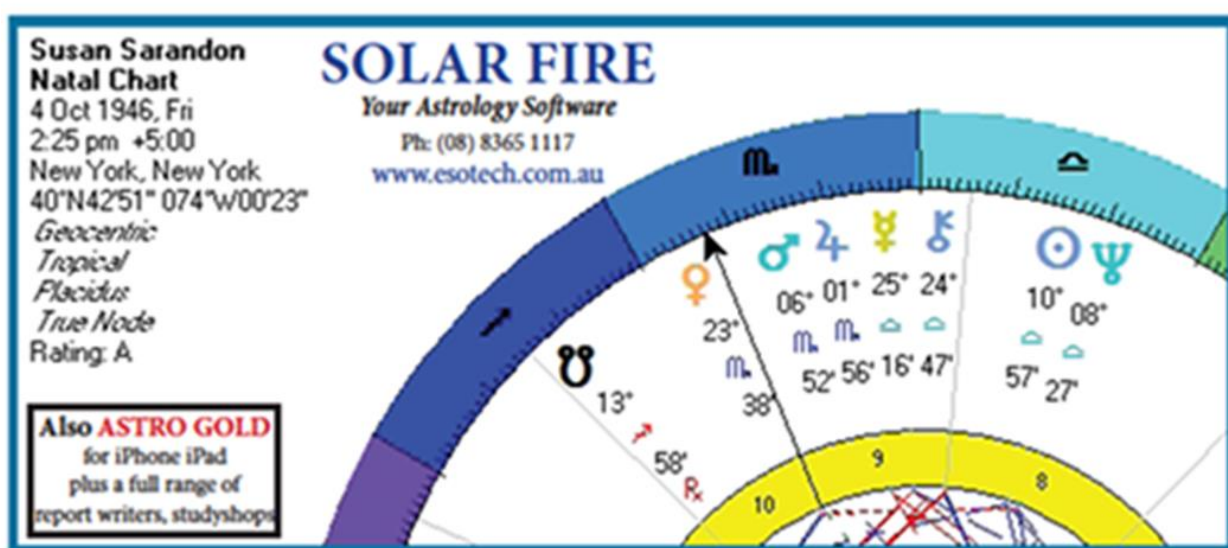
Our next speaker will be Jill Amery, who will present really interesting evidence about the little-known aspect the quindecile, or 165 degrees. As Jill says, who needs another aspect!!

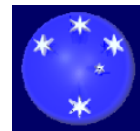
However, this aspect is amazingly powerful, and we all need to understand it. Jill has lectured on this aspect in the US and we look forward to expanding our knowledge at our next meeting. Jill herself is very well qualified, beginning her astrological education with the renowned Faculty of Astrological Studies in the UK, before switching to Noel Tyl's Master's course, which she completed in 2000.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on April 11th – note, the second Saturday, as the first weekend is Easter.

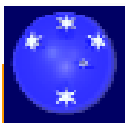
Till then, May love and laughter light your days

Cate





Next Meeting

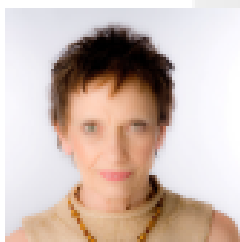


FAASA Next Meeting: Saturday 11th April, 2 pm

The Power and the Glory: The mighty Quindecile

Jill Amery

As astrologers we could well ask "why do we need yet another aspect to work with?" **The Quindecile** is the aspect of 165 degrees, an aspect of upheaval, upset, and separation. It symbolises an anchored preoccupation that won't go away - an aspect suggesting obsessive-compulsive needs, a burning point of focus and unrelenting motivation (Noel Tyl). The quindecile "defines something that overrides common sense, that puts life out of balance, and drives the entire life to play out the energies symbolized. You cannot escape the planets involved." (Munkasey). Jill's talk will explore this amazing aspect. Don't miss it!

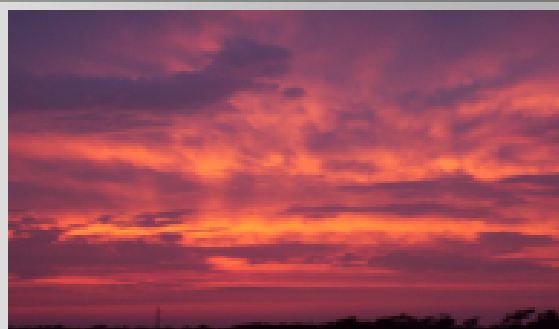


Jill began with the College of Astrological Studies in London in 1988, but after attending Noel Tyl's lectures and workshop, she was so impressed she decided to switch to his Masters' Course, graduating in 2000. She has been manager and moderator of his international-graduate email list, TylNet, since then. She was asked by Noel Tyl to give a presentation on the quindecile aspect in the US in January at his annual student-graduate seminar, and this lecture is based on that presentation.

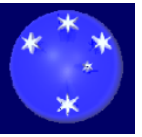
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Adelaide Fires January 2015

By Anne Fryer

Living in a hot, dry state like South Australia, I asked myself: "Are fires predictable by astrology? And if so, how?"

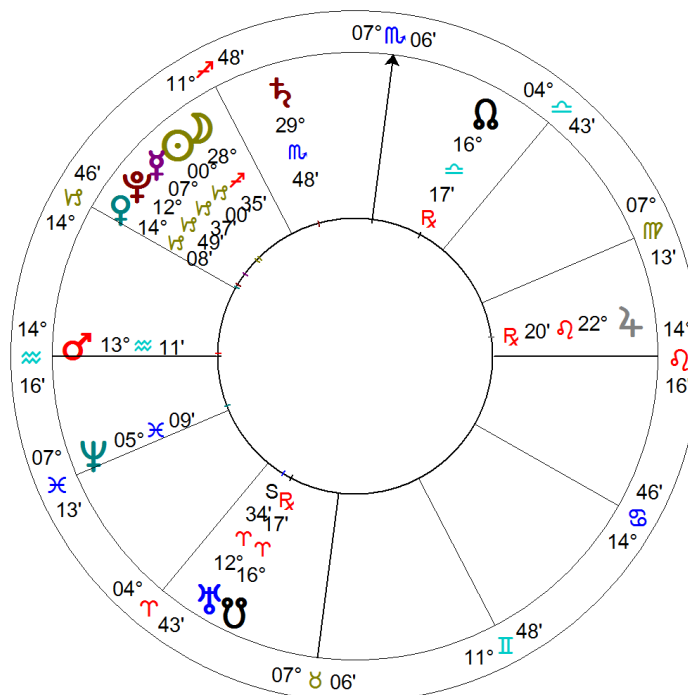
In traditional long-range weather forecasting, the Sun at the ingress sets the scene for the coming three months and the lunar phase of Moon is the trigger. The 4th house reflects 50% of the weather forecast, with the 1st House about 25%, with the other two angular houses giving additional information if the Ingress and lunation charts are not very clear.

Nowadays we just click on our computers to bring up the charts but our forefathers had to work everything out for themselves. Europe is dotted with large stone circles aligned to the Sun's solstice and equinox and to the mid-winter and mid-summer Moon sets. By visual observation and manually moving pegs, they were able to calculate the planetary positions for the coming year and tell farmers when to harvest their crops and sailors the best time to sail. Christopher Columbus wrote in his letters:

"... once more I put into port, since I did not dare to await the opposition of Saturn and Mars, so tossed about on a dangerous coast, since that generally brings storms and heavy weather."

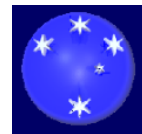
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If you have a quick look at Solar Maps - you see that Mars is on the Asc and is running right through Adelaide. Mars is a fiery hot planet with lots of energy and if combined with other planets gives extreme and violent weather.

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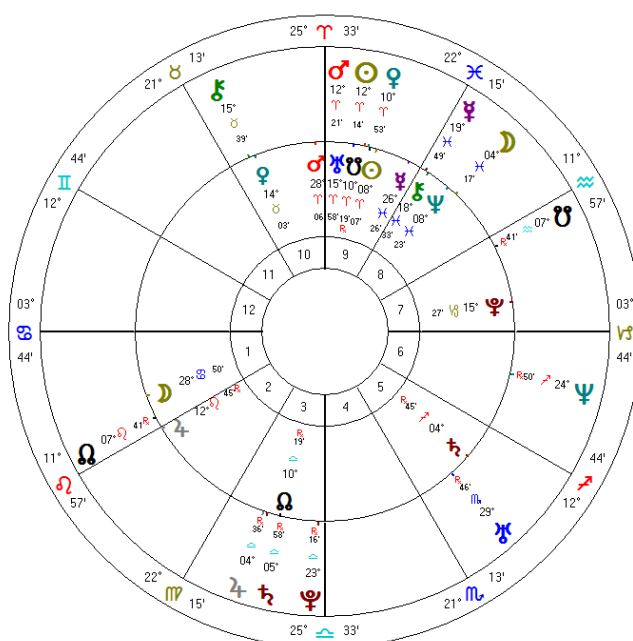
Michael Clarke, Phillip Hughes and the World Cup

By Cate Whelan

Even those of you who are not cricket followers will have heard of Michael Clarke and Phillip Hughes. Hughes was hit on the back of the neck while playing for SA against NSW on November 25 last year. Michael Clarke, the Australian cricket captain, was at Hughes' side, along with his family, until his death on November 27. Clarke had been a 'big brother' to Hughes, who came down from the country to play for Clarke's home club, and they had remained close, even though Hughes had moved to Adelaide.

Michael Clarke had been the spokesman for the family, delivered a eulogy at the funeral, carried the coffin and held the Australian cricket world together in their grief. Earlier, he had been playing a one-day match against England when he injured a hamstring, and the damage was so severe that he had been all but ruled out of the summer Test series and the World Cup to follow. He was in the midst of a Plutonian task of intense rehabilitation when the man he called his little brother died in such unexpected circumstances. He put his rehab on hold. He described this period as the worst week in his life.

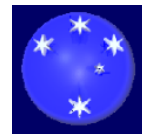
Inner Wheel
World Cup final
Natal Chart
29 Mar 2015, Sun
2:30 pm AEDT -11:00
Melbourne, Australia
37°S 49° 14'E 58'
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
Mean Node



Outer Wheel
Michael Clarke
Natal Chart
2 Apr 1981, Thu
12:00 pm AEST -10:00
Sydney, Australia
33°S 52° 15'E 13'
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
Mean Node

The week after the funeral, Australia began a Test match against India at Adelaide Oval. In the emotion-charged atmosphere, Clarke was determined to play what was to become a memorial game. He batted brilliantly to 60, when he suffered sudden back spasms and was taken to hospital. No one expected him

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Freedom and Consciousness

[In a previous article], I described the principle of how in the higher worlds there is more freedom, and in the lowest world, Cosmos, there is very little. Insofar as things are purely physical and material, their movements are determined either by cause and effect within the physical world or by causes originating in the higher world.

A consequence of this idea has been that many ancient astrologers believed that the material planets themselves were astrological causes within the physical world, and that as their motions are predetermined, so are the motions that they induce within us. However, as I indicated last week, it is more consistent with these teachings to believe that the movements of the physical planets are results of movements in higher worlds in which there is freedom, and that we participate in those worlds also, and therefore we have freedom.

I would like to call attention to two points that contradict the idea that we have no freedom. We have electional astrology, in which we pick times for taking action. This would not be possible if we had no freedom. Without freedom, we would neither need such an astrology, nor would we be able to use it. The results of our actions would be predetermined. There would be no “electing.”

In magic, the situation is even more pronounced, because in magic the will of the practitioner becomes a genuine cause, even to the extent in some cases of affecting the physical world. But as the higher worlds are ones in which consciousness is more developed than it is in the physical world, so we can gain freedom only to the degree that we become more conscious ourselves. The more we manifest Soul and Nous, and the more we act with integrity (Oneness), the more we become free. This has practical astrological consequences aside from electional astrology.

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Master Class Series 2015



Desire, Drive & Motivation

Desire is defined as a sense of longing or hoping for a person, object, or outcome. When a person desires something or someone, their sense of longing is excited by the enjoyment or the thought of the item or person, and they want to take actions to obtain their goals: for power or authority, for love and belonging, for winning and overcoming. The motivational aspect of desire has long been noted by philosophers who have asserted that human desire is the fundamental motivation of all human action. This talk will explore the nature and expression of the planets Venus & Mars as the built in signifiers of the individual's desires as described in an astrological chart.

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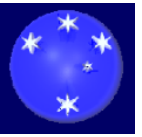
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Michael Clarke, Phillip Hughes and the World Cup (continued from page 6)

to play any further part in the match. But next morning, in severe pain, he resumed his innings and went on to make a century. When he was fielding, however, he damaged his other hamstring and was ruled out of the rest of the series. He thought his World Cup dream was also over, perhaps even his cricket career.

The only hope was risky surgery, which he underwent, and began intensive rehab once again, getting up at 5 am every day and working on his recovery.

This was clearly a major period in his life, and a look at his chart explains all. I don't have his birth time, but Clarke was born 2nd April 1981, and he has a tight Sun-Mars conjunction at 12 degrees Aries. In late November, the Uranus / Pluto square was exact at 12 degrees Aries / Capricorn. All of the above can be seen as a manifestation of this transit – the initial injury, the intense rehab, the sudden death of his friend, the strength and leadership he showed, the back spasms, the final injury, the surgery and the obsessive recovery work – all in an intensely emotional atmosphere.

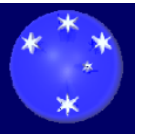
The World Cup covered a period of 6 weeks when the major cricketing countries of the world

all played each other, until elimination games led to the Final on March 29th. Due to his intense desire and consequent hard body work, Clarke was fit to play by late February. Last Sunday he led his Australian side to victory – he achieved his dream of captaining a winning Australian World Cup team.

Pluto and Uranus had done their work and moved on from his chart. Now it was Jupiter's turn. For the Semi-final on Thursday 26th and the Final on Sunday 29th, Jupiter was sitting at 12 degrees of Leo, trining his Sun-Mars conjunction at 12 Aries. Clarke captained the side brilliantly and made an elegant 74 with the bat, the highest score for Australia. He had announced that this was to be his last one-day game for Australia, and a huge crowd of 93,000 was there to give him a standing ovation when his innings was over. Shortly afterwards as King of the cricket world, he held aloft the World Cup trophy. Truly a Jupiterian experience!

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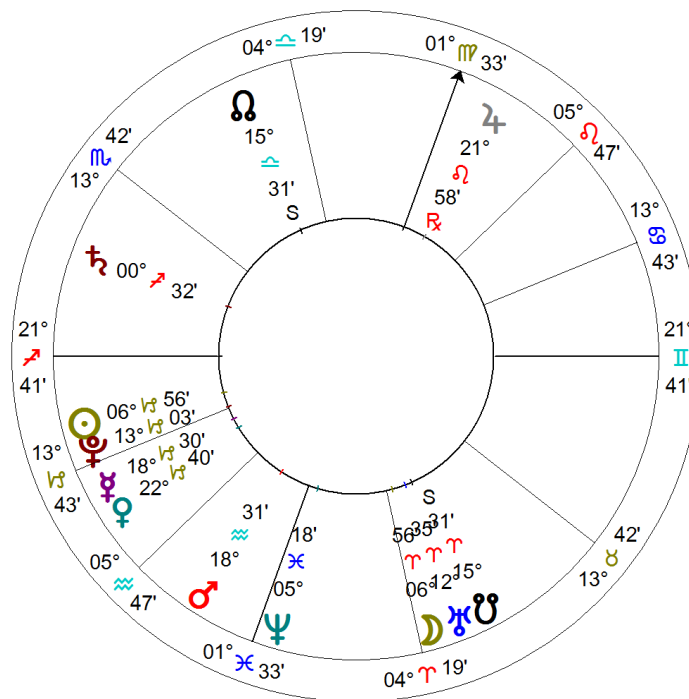


Adelaide Fires January 2015 (continued from page 5)

The 4th house will give the seasonal influence until the next ingress. Taurus is cool and moderating, and the ruler Venus is also cold and moderating. Both Venus and Mercury (cool and breezy) are out of bounds, so you could expect Summer to be cooler than average.

The solar Ingress chart sets the stage but the Moon with her gravitational pull is the major weather indicator. We need to look at the lunations against the solar Ingress chart to get a clearer picture.

1st Q Moon 29 Dec 2014
Event Chart
29 Dec 2014, Mon
5:01:22 am ACDT -10:30
Adelaide, Australia
34°S55' 138°E35'
Geocentric
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The first lunation after the Capricorn Ingress was a 1st Quarter Moon in fiery Aries, squaring the hot summer Sun and moving to conjunct the unstable record breaking Uranus, square the Sun/Pluto.

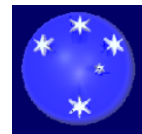
Pisces rules 4th house, with Neptune right on the cusp. A first thought for Neptune would be torrential downpours, flooding and freakish weather, but in summer, the freakish weather can be the haze of a bush fire.

The lunation is going to last about 8 days - In a weather chart, the Sun reflects the quality of the season, so we can see the build up of intense weather condition as the hot summer Sun moves one degree a day to conjunct the severe and intense Pluto square Uranus..

The intense Sun/Pluto of the lunation chart will also conjunct the Mercury/ Pluto/Venus (ruler of the 4th House) conjunction in the Ingress chart, a

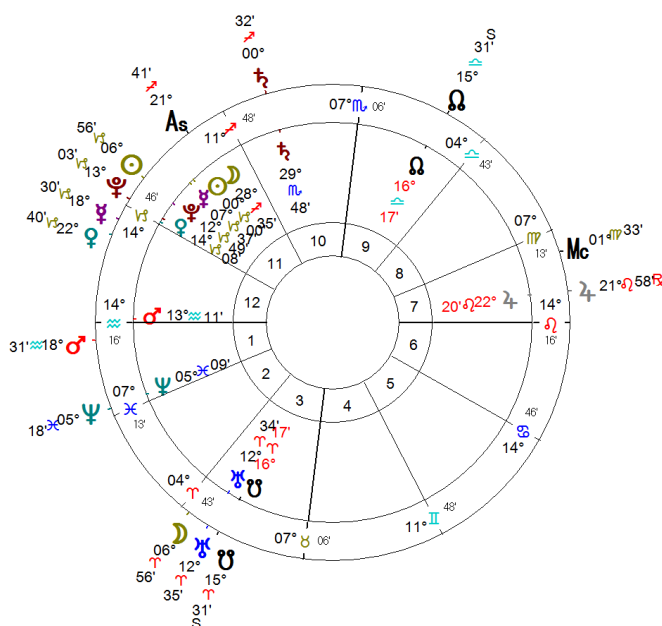
clear indication of hot and scorching weather for that week.

Saturn, always a trouble maker in weather, has changed signs and moved from Scorpio into the hot and breezy Sagittarius. It is now square the 4th house cusp of the lunation, adding more heat to the mix. You already get the feeling that the next few days are going to be hot, unstable and life-threatening.



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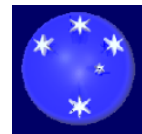
Visually, you can see the Sun transiting a degree a day until five days later on 2nd January it reaches Ingress Pluto, the day the fire started at Sampson Flats. On that day, transiting fiery Mars in airy Aquarius moved to partile opposition to breezy Jupiter (planet of expansion) in hot and dry Leo creating hot winds. An emergency situation was declared on January 3 as the strong winds blew the fires out of control. It was the worst disaster for South Australia since the 1983 Ash Wednesday bushfires. The fires and extreme hot weather lasted until the Sun moved away from its close connection to Pluto square Uranus and Mars moved away from Jupiter.

Looking at the Capricorn Ingress and the lunation chart together, its very clear to see a build up of heat and intensity. All that was needed for a major record breaking fire was Uranus, and on 2nd January, transit Uranus was square transit Sun/Pluto conjunction triggering the Ingress chart.

"Are fires predictable by astrology?"

Anne Fryer © 2014





Freedom and Consciousness (continued from page 7)

Dignities and Debilities

The following is an application of some of the principles that I have been talking about. These concepts were first presented to me and others by Tim Smith in a lecture in which he presented the ideas of his teacher, the late [Anthony Damiani](#). As presented, they are a combination of Damiani and Smith with some additions of my own.

In most, but not all, astrological signs, there are four planets with a significant relationship to the sign. There is the sign ruler, as in “Mars rules Aries,” the exaltation ruler as in “the Sun is exalted in Aries,” the planet in detriment as in “Aries is the detriment of Venus,” and the planet in fall as in “Saturn is in fall in Aries.” Two of these planets are “dignified” or made better in some way, but two are “debilitated” or made weaker in some way.

Damiani came to the conclusion that these were related to the four worlds in some way. He suggested that Mars represents the aspect of Aries as Oneness, the Sun as Nous or consciousness, Venus as Soul and Saturn as the physical universe, or Cosmos. In traditional occult philosophy, which is basically Neoplatonic, the two higher worlds partake more of perfection, the two lower worlds are more susceptible to corruption, especially Cosmos. But all four are good and in some way divine, even though we do not handle them properly.

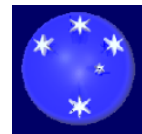
Inverted Dignities

The idea is quite simple. Detriment and fall do not really weaken a planet. It is more our problem. We are more creative with these planets when we are being conscious beings and less creative when we are less conscious. The planet in fact is actually dignified. It is ourselves that create the debility. This leads to a simple idea. Is there some way in which we can change our orientation so that “weaknesses” become strengths? I began to look at this and found not only that it is possible, but I had actually been seeing it in my practice without realizing it.

Let me take Mercury as an example. I have Mercury in Sagittarius, which is its detriment. This is supposed to make my Mercury weak, in theory. Yet here I am, making a living writing, lecturing and doing astrology which is traditionally a Mercurial activity. But I do have some traditional detrimented Mercury problems. My handwriting is terrible, my level of manual and digital dexterity is quite low (according to tests) and I have always had some problems keeping things organized. What is going on here?

The answer seems to be that my Mercury effects divide along the lines of whether or not what I am doing requires my being fully present and conscious. When I am being conscious and intentional, everything Mercurial not only works, but works very well. I am actually known for doing things that are very Mercurial indeed. And when I am not being conscious, the sloppier effects of Mercury in Sagittarius become evident.

And then there is Mercury in Pisces, which is in both its detriment and fall. I have seen many



people with that placement who work well with numbers, languages, philosophy, editing and all manner of things that require a strong Mercury. I have also seen people with this placement who have serious trouble communicating and whose thinking seems very fuzzy. Usually, even with these, I have found that their logic only seems fuzzy. There is usually something very potent about it once one understands it. I believe that

this is the same effect that I have noted with Mercury in Sagittarius.

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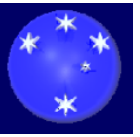
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Notes

Damiani's complete teachings about astrology and philosophy are now available. Damiani, Anthony. ***Astronoesis***. Larsen Press, 2000.

In traditional astrology, Mercury rules astrology rather than Uranus.

This is based on Mercury ruling and being exalted in Virgo. Some modern astrologers make Mercury exalted in Aquarius. There is no traditional foundation for that.



Speakers for 2015

Monthly meetings of the Federation of Australian Astrologers SA Inc are usually held at 2pm on the first Saturday of the month at the Theosophical Society, 310 South Terrace, Adelaide.

\$10 Members, \$6 Concession Members and non-members \$12. Afternoon tea is provided and everyone is welcome.

***Note:** April meeting is second weekend because of Easter*

June meeting will be held on May 30 because of long weekend 6-8 June

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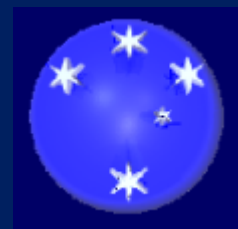
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