



## Scorpio 2016 edition:

Your Astrology, with Kris Svendsen  
The waters of Venus  
President's report

# From the President

I am writing this on November 10, still reeling from yesterday's election of Donald Trump. As the results started to come in, I listened in horror. Then I dealt with it the only way I know how – I switched it off. I couldn't watch the news. I decided, at that point, that all I can do in this crazy, dangerous world is to create my own reality. To live my life as best I can. To notice and appreciate more than ever the joys in my life and do what I can to nurture the people I love best. What other defence do we have at a time like this? Still, the sun came up this morning. That's a good start.

Donald Trump has a Gemini Sun/North Node/Uranus conjunction sitting right on the US Mars. His Sagittarian Moon sits opposite. It's not a stable scenario and we are all rightly worried. I can see how he became the catalyst for the collective wish to 'stick it up' the establishment in Washington. But that Gemini collection is also square the US Neptune. His revolution is a fantasy. He is not the answer to the working people's struggle. They have substituted reality TV for the harsh reality of their lives.

What can we do? We can massage our social conscience. One person diminished, through bigotry, racism, misogyny or lack of caring, diminishes all of us. Of course we want someone to pay when we can't see a decent future for ourselves. Of course we feel helpless when faced with a world driven by corporate greed. Of course the easiest people to scapegoat are those who are most vulnerable. But this is where we should call ourselves out. We alone are responsible for our own attitudes and actions. We need to be informed. We need to be compassionate. We need to recognise the equal worth of each person. We

need to choose leaders who can further those ideals. How else can we turn the terrible tide that is sweeping the world?

May the hand of a friend be always near you.

**Cate Whelan**

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Day 1 Evolutionary Astrology  
Mercurial Connections – **Sat Feb 25**  
Day 2 Lunar Saros Workshop  
Murray Beauchamp – **Sun Feb 26**

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**Murray Beauchamp - Lunar Saros Workshop**

This latest workshop continues to develop our understanding of our pre natal eclipse and its relationship to the Saros, a relationship representing the possibilities that exist when our soul touches energy from another level. Entering this relationship opens us to a further understanding of our life journey. Our pre natal eclipse connects us to a lunar Saros series, a series of eclipses with a beginning and end, Saros is relevant to our life.

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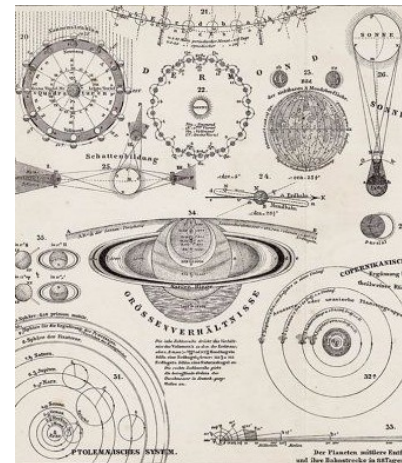
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## Transits to watch

- New Moon 7 Sagittarius 23 - Nov 29**
- Mercury enters Capricorn - Dec 3**
- Venus enters Aquarius - Dec 8**
- Full Moon 22 Gemini 26 - Dec 14**
- Mars enters Pisces - Dec 19**
- Mercury Retrograde in Capricorn - Dec 19**



## Committee Members Wanted

We currently have 6 hardworking



## That Time of Year

Yes, time to think about your membership fees for 2017! We've raised them just a tiny bit... an

committee members who keep your association running. This is very much a skeleton crew and we need help! Committee meetings are at 12 pm on members' meeting days, so it's only a couple of hours extra out of your month. We would value your ideas and we promise we can use whatever skills you have!

Email [president@faasa.com.au](mailto:president@faasa.com.au) for more information, or chat to one of the committee at the Christmas Party on November 26th.

extra \$5 a year, so hopefully it won't be a problem for you but it will certainly help us. Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year - we would not have an association without you!

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## Calling it

Did you pick the election? [Listen to astrologer Chris Brennan](#) discuss how and where he went wrong when he said Hilary Clinton would take-out the US presidency.



## Ready for Melbourne?

Have you checked-out FAA's 2018 conference page yet? There is a great list of speakers and lectures, as well [as Roderick Kidston's wrap-up of the conference chart](#).

## Your Astrology:

getting to know our community and their practice

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With Kris Svendsen



**SS: What are your three favourite astrology texts?**

*The Astrology of Death*, **Richard Houck**

Great combination of Western and Vedic Astrology techniques (especially Tertiary Directions, Eclipses and the death inflicting “Maraka” planets). Written with both entertaining humour and academic rigour.

*The Real Astrology*, **John Frawley**

A witty critique of the post Alan Leo reinvention of Astrology. A little theologically preachy, yet surgically incisive and pleasantly challenging.

*The Moment of Astrology*, **Geoffrey Cornelius**

The book was timely in that it struck a chord, coalescing my collected thoughts about the symbolic nature (as opposed to the astronomical/ scientific explanation) as to the how and why astrology works.

**SS: If you could be the inventor of any astrological technique, which one would it be, and why?**

Horary – It is not vague; it’s almost immediately testable and it doesn’t rely on a birth time!

Dasas and Bhuktis (Vedic Astrology) – Consistent predictive timing of major life events and lessons promised in the natal chart.

**SS: Without giving away any confidential (or incriminating!) information, what has been your best astrological consultation or enquiry moment, and why?**

Maybe not my best, but interesting just the same. It was a combination of a natal chart

reading and a horary.

The Horary was a question about a university entry application. The querent gave me feedback of the success of his application within the week (which was indicated positively in the horary) but it surprised me when he also indicated his father had died in recent weeks! I had raised the topic of his father, as the natal chart indicated his potential absence. It seemed to be leaping out at me from a number of significations (e.g. Sun in Libra ruling the 4th in the 12th) and my intuition kept leading me back to it. I didn't come to this through any predictive technique (i.e. progressions, directions). It was like the natal chart was acting as a horary, and highlighting the issue at the right moment.

I'm glad I followed the significations and trusted my intuition!

Kris Svendsen is Vice President of FAASA, and a consulting astrologer and tarot reader.

## The Depths of Venus

With Joel Valentine



*The planet Venus has no water, but what happens when the symbolic planet of love and relationships is placed in a water-sign? Here we take a quick look at Venus in Pisces, Cancer, and Scorpio using classical principles with some interesting chart examples.*

By planetary humour Venus is a Cold and Wet planet; an energy that does not seek to initiate or change, but merge with others and make connection. An easy going associate who will let you lead the way, if you will! Water signs are also Cold and Wet. In these signs Venus's most easy-going attributes can be accentuated (depending on other chart elements), but sometimes to her detriment.

**Venus in Pisces** - A Jupiter-ruled sign, Pisces is traditionally the Exaltation of Venus; here her attributes of cordiality and persuasion are delivered by the bucket-load. Mutability gives her flexibility, and water lends her an emotional insight and fluidity not found in her traditional rulerships. A powerful Venus in Pisces can make you a smooth operator, but in

extreme cases to a pathological extent.

Anïs Nin was a writer, most well-known for her explicit diarising of sexual pursuits. She also had several marriages. Some that were concurrent! "I reserve the right to love many different people at once, and to change my prince often," wrote Nin. Venus rules the Parisian writer's Ascendant, but is placed in the 6th whole-sign; this powerful Venus drove her, formed part of her 'work', but one might say that it also created unhealthy habits and situations. A Mars in Libra in the 1st also added to the equation.



Chart data: February 21, 1903, 8:25pm. Paris, France. (AA)

**Venus in Scorpio** – While Venus agrees with water-signs by humour, the water of Scorpio can seek connection through control and understanding hidden motivations. It is a Mars ruled sign, after all! Venus here is opposite her rulership of Taurus, and is in water that is a little over her head. Relationships are not always pleasurable pursuits, and can be seen as avenues to power.

We do not know Hilary Clinton's birth time, but her Venus in Scorpio (among other chart elements) corresponds to her career in politics; powerful relationships!. Clinton has often been criticised for not being perceived as 'trustworthy', particularly by other women. Clinton's Venus gives her an understanding of motivations, but does not lend itself to easily connecting with others. Trust and openness for this Venus must be earned, and even then you have to keep proving yourself!



Chart data: October 26, 1947. Time unknown. Chicago, Illinois. (DD)

**Venus in Cancer** – Relating occurs through nurturing, and a sensitivity to others' needs. Here Venus' more social inclinations are subsumed by a willingness to provide. The significator for women is in the sign associated with mothers, and emotional understanding and understanding is paramount.

Chart example: Donald Trump may be the last person that comes to mind where nurturing is concerned. In Trump's chart his sensitive Venus is dominated by a conjunction with Saturn. Venus has no especial dignity in Cancer, but Saturn is in its Detriment. As the placement is in the 11th house and 12th sign, Trump's position on women's rights becomes clear: control (Saturn) women (Venus)! These chart elements begin to explain his grab women "by the pussy" behaviour. And we might also assume that recording is just the tip of the iceberg (12th whole-sign). Venus in Cancer also describes the women in Trump's life: mothers to his many children.





Chart data: June 14, 1946, 10:54am. Jamaica, New York. (AA)

Delineating individual planets by sign placement has its limitations, but it can tell simple stories for us to explore more deeply using other chart elements, or at another time. Some planetary placements appear 'too good to be true' (or too difficult!), but often there is more to the story.

**Joel Valentine**



## Will you be wealthy?

We would all like to know! [Take a look at Skyscript's wrap-up of traditional astrological significations for wealth \(or lack thereof!\)](#)

Cafe Astrology [also tried its hand at the topic.](#)

Did you know Pluto was one of the gods of wealth?  
Where is yours?

## President's Report

2016

With Cate Whelan



This AGM marks the completion of my fifth year as FAASA President. It has been an interesting year, and, I hope, a worthwhile one for members.

Our committee for 2016 has been myself as President, Kris Svendsen as Vice-President,

Judy Best as Treasurer, Helen Bowering as Secretary, committee members Anne Hamilton and Joel Valentine. And we were joined during the year by Diana Hutchison. Joel was appointed one of SA's representatives on the National Council, along with myself. I would like to thank the committee who have been so supportive this year and have made the year happen so smoothly.

At the AGM we have had two resignations from the committee. Helen Bowering, our secretary, is moving on. Helen has been a very organised secretary and has dealt with all things secretarial with great efficiency and absolutely no fuss. I would like to thank Helen for her commitment and support over the last few years. She has been a great committee member and we absolutely appreciate her efforts.

Diana Hutchison is also moving on. Diana has been a wonderful supporter of FAASA for many years, taking on the Treasurer's role not once but twice, and joining us this year to provide more 'bodies on the ground' to help us bring you our 2016 program. She is involved in another organisation which is claiming her time, so we wish her well and thank her for her contribution over many years.

Special thanks go to Judy Best, who has taken on the Treasurer's role and kept the books in great order. This year she was also appointed editor of the FAA Journal, a great honour, so it was a very steep learning curve! However, she insisted she wanted to continue as Treasurer this coming year – 'I've spent the year working on this,' she said, 'and now that I've got the hang of it I don't want to give it up!' So, Judy – thank you for your commitment and support; you are now a very effective Treasurer. I have loved the changes you are making to the journal and look forward to seeing how things develop in the coming year.

Thanks go to Kris Svendsen, our resident technical expert. Without him our members meetings just wouldn't have happened. He has also given a lecture on Tarot and moderated a session on horary astrology; as we would expect from a mutable chart, his expertise is wide and varied. Kris and Joel have also enabled the taping of some of our lectures, and these can be purchased and sent by email. We are entering the technological era at last!

Anne Hamilton has very efficiently organised afternoon tea for the year, so enormous thanks go to her. I'm sure you have all enjoyed the variety of delicious food she has put out. We especially appreciate this as she has been recovering this year from a debilitating accident in January. Anne, you are a star!

Joel represented SA intelligently and articulately at the January National Council meeting and he has continued to be an on-line presence as co-host of our Facebook Page (with Suzanne Pfitzner). One of the best ways you can help raise our profile is to go to our page and click 'like' or 'share'. This works like compound interest in the bank in terms of

spreading the word around. He has also computerised our library lending system and he took charge of putting up online the survey that he and I designed with the help of the committee, and providing an analysis of the results. Finally, last month he took over as editor of *Southern Star*. The newsletter can now be read direct from your inbox, and he has already started to make his style felt.

Many, many thanks go to Ann Collins who edited our newsletter for 3 and a half years. She stepped up just when we needed her and she has been a joy to work with over that period. Thank you, Ann - we appreciate the time and effort you have put in to being the voice of FAASA for all this time. As a multiple Gemini you fitted seamlessly into the role and we look forward to reading more of your articles in the *Southern Star*, as you have promised!

We have had some great talks and workshops this year from Alice Portman, Jill Amery, Mari Garcia, Olga Morales, Kris Svendsen, Anne Fryer, Elaine Kane, Eve Dembowski, Miriam Laister, Joy Usher, Victoria Powell, Vivien Lowe and myself. We are very lucky to have such astrological talent around and our members have shown their appreciation by turning up in much greater numbers.

We have introduced some innovations this year. We have introduced chart discussion or other short presentations before our main lecture. Our lectures can now be purchased by email. We have designed a response sheet for our workshops, and I must say that the response to Eve Dembowski's workshop was outstanding. Somehow she managed to find a level that was right for everyone! These response sheets will give us valuable information about what our members want and get for workshops. We have also had a survey running to help us plan for next year and Joel has already talked about that. It's important to get feedback from members, because you are the reason we run this organisation.

We also had a look at our constitution and found that some sections were out of date. It's not easy to change our constitution but we managed to get the required votes to do so this time.

We welcome Bev Malin who is rejoining our committee for 2017. Our committee is still under-staffed, so if you can spare a couple of extra hours on a Saturday, please put up your hand.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of FAASA in 2016.

**Cate Whelan**

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## From the Editor

I was fascinated to see that at the recent ISAR conference, on two separate panels, astrologers unanimously said Hilary Clinton would win the US presidential race. As astrologers, our judgement is often doubted or ridiculed. And at moments like these, our community might see reason to buy-into that doubt.

I often think that astrology is a perfect art (or science!), but that we, as translators, remain human. May we learn from our mistakes, rather than hiding them and letting them damage our confidence in ourselves and the messages of the planets.

If anything, these lessons make me think we should believe in astrology more strongly. And that we should all commit to perfecting and defending our craft. This must include [sticking to our codes](#), and testing our theories and practices in debate and community discussion.

We know astrology 'works'. Let's show everyone else that it does, and how professional and accountable we can be - when we get it right, and when we get it wrong.

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