

Taurus 2018 edition:

Meghan Markle becomes a princess,
with Mari Garcia

Thoughts on the Full Moon, with Joel
Valentine

From the President

We are really excited about the presentations we have for you this year. In addition to a wide variety of talks ([see our website for the whole program](#)), we have **three workshops coming up in 2018 and a mini-conference in late January 2019.**

On **Saturday July 14**, our own **Mari Garcia** will present a workshop on **Archetypes and Addictions**, looking at Pluto's influence on the personal planets. Really important in our work with clients, and within our own families and friendship groups.

On **Saturday September 10**, **Kerry Galea** will join us from Gippsland, Victoria to engage us in the fascinating world of **Ancient Moon Cycles**. As we move into Spring it will be a timely refresher on planting in our gardens, but the Moon cycles are also relevant in all areas of our lives. Kerry sends out a free monthly newsletter –you can subscribe on her website www.kerrygalea.com.au.

In November, in addition to our members' meeting on Saturday 10, we have a **workshop on Sunday 18**, when **Paul Westran** joins us from WA to focus on the role of **Progressions in Relationships**. He will share his own extensive research, and this is an opportunity not to be missed!

On **Saturday January 26 2019**, South Australia will host the FAA National Council meeting, and on **Sunday 27, National Councillors will present a mini-conference** for us, with a range of speakers from other states. What a great way to start the New Year!

Make sure you put those dates in your diaries – you don't want to miss out! And don't forget our next meeting on **May 12** as well, when **Adrienne Barkla** will take you on a journey into **Soul-Centred Astrology**. Adrienne is a very experienced astrologer with a wealth of information and ideas for us.

One final thing – after Steph Johnson's talk last time about Astro-Mapping, I applied my Local Space lines to Adelaide, and found my Moon line goes right through Aldinga Beach! My happy place!

May love and laughter light your days

Cate Whelan



2018 FAA SA Program

May 12, 2pm - Soul-Centred Astrology: Beginning to read a chart esoterically - Adrienne Barkla

June 9, 2 pm - Countries in Crisis - Vivien Lowe, Mari Garcia, Jill Amery

July 14, 10 am - **Workshop:** Addiction - Mari Garcia

August 11, 2 pm - All the Pain Money can Buy: The life of Christina Onassis - Anne Fryer, Elaine Kane

September 8, 10 am - **Workshop:** Ancient Moon Cycles - Kerry Galea (Vic)

October 13, 2 pm - AGM + Transits to Angles - Miriam Laister

November 10, 2 pm - Sedna - Alan Clay (NZ)

November 18, 10am - **Workshop:** Progressions in Relationships - Paul Westran (WA)

January 27, 2019 - Mini-conference

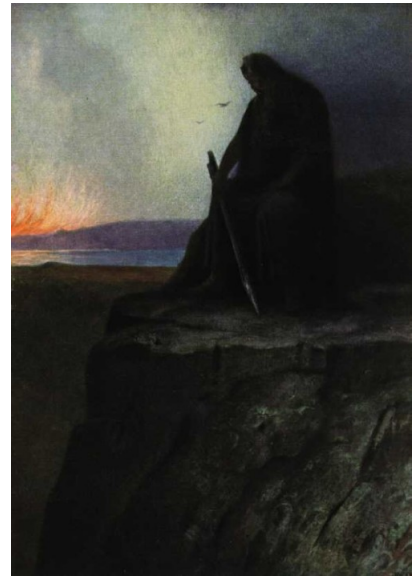
WORKSHOP - Mari Garcia

Pluto, Obsession and

Addiction - Sat, July 14

Earlybird by 9th June: Members \$60, concession members \$50, non-members \$80

Book now so you don't miss out! Payments by Bank Transfer, with email to Treasurer, or in cash at May or June meeting.





FAASA next meeting: Saturday May 12 2 pm



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Adrienne has been practising as a professional astrologer and psychotherapist for over 25 years. She studied modern astrology with Astro Logos with Bernadette Brady and esoteric astrology with ESCEF (Esoteric Sciences and Creative Education Foundation). She was awarded the Allan Johnson Gold Medal in 1994, being the first South Australian to do so! Specialising in Esoteric Astrology, she has had a lifelong interest in philosophy, spirituality and wisdom traditions, has taught numerous courses in these fields, written astrological articles and columns for several publications, and organised and lectured at conferences and public forums in Australia and overseas.



The aim of this talk is to show how an esoteric astrologer approaches a soul-centred or esoteric chart reading. What is it that distinguishes the conceptual framework of an esoteric astrologer from the more well known approaches? Whilst an esoteric reading incorporates a humanistic psychological delineation it takes it further with another layer of interpretation using differing planetary rulerships, alternative meanings for planets, houses and signs and a philosophical understanding of the cosmos and human nature based on the Ageless Wisdom teachings. After an explanation of the broader conceptual mindset to give some context, esoteric techniques will be applied to the delineation of the chart of Christopher Reeve from last year's "One Chart Four Ways" as hopefully everyone will be familiar with it - and this also gives the fourth way!

Next meeting Saturday 12th May, 2 pm

TS Rooms, behind New Dimensions Bookshop, 310 South Tce

\$10 members, \$8 Concession members, \$14 non-members

Afternoon Tea provided

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**Royal Belle:
Meghan Markle**

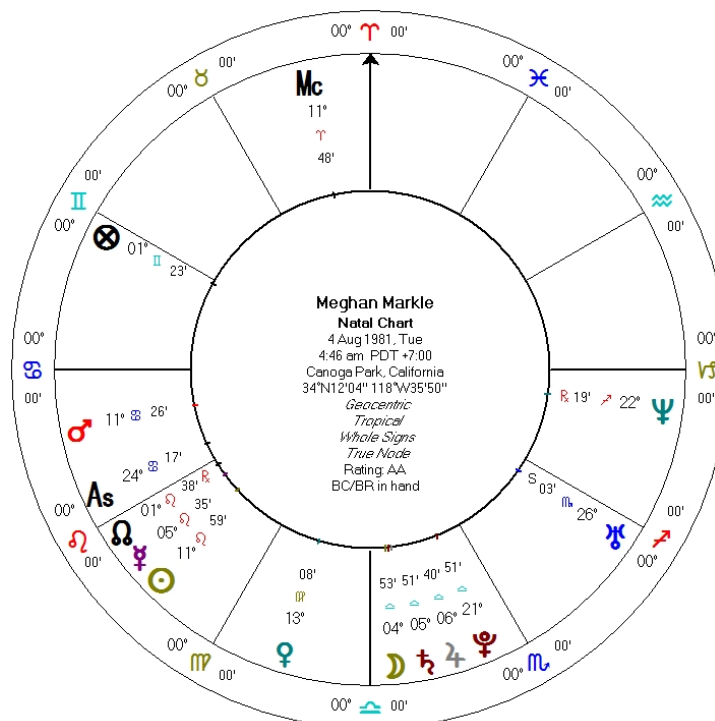
With Mari Garcia

This article was first published as a blog post on [Mari Garcia's website.](#)

On the 27th November 2017, Meghan Markle, an American actress and humanitarian accepted a marriage proposal from HRH Prince Harry and is set to become a member of the British royal family when she marries him this coming May. Meghan and Harry have been seeing each other for several years and this article will look at the evolution of the relationship against the background of Meghan's predictive work.

Progressed Lunar Phase

Let's start by looking at some broad brush strokes which give us the background of this period. She is at present in a First Quarter progressed lunar phase suggesting growth, opportunity and manifestation and will progress into a Gibbous phase in August 2018. The progressed Moon moved into Capricorn in January 2016, ingressed into the seventh house in December 2017 and moves into Aquarius in June 2018. What we have here is first of all a Saturnian statement (both Capricorn and Aquarius are Saturn ruled signs) denoting commitment, stability and focus; coupled with the ingress into the seventh, it highlights a time in her life when roots are not just being laid down but providing strong anchors and stability especially in terms of partners and marriage.



Partners and Security

How does this affect the natal statement as far as relationships are concerned? Markle has Cancer rising suggesting a person whose primary motivation is driven by emotional need and who will seek emotional security and connection. This is realised through the lord of the Ascendant, the Moon in Libra in the fourth house conjunct Saturn. The statement is that the realisation of emotional security comes through family, structures and emotional commitment and restraint.

The Saturn-Moon combination describes someone who longs for closeness, both physical and emotional but who may have a poor history of this. She is also someone who has issues with physical and emotional closeness, fearing rejection on the one hand and yet seeking and longing for intimacy. Saturn is the stronger partner in this combination as it is in Libra, the sign of its exaltation. Adding to the flavour, is Jupiter on the other side of Saturn, adding a sense of excess or exaggeration.

Saturn rules the Capricorn seventh house, connecting the issues of relationships and associations and their realisation. What we have is the lord of the Ascendant, the Moon and the lord of the seventh house, Saturn, sitting in a tight conjunction in the fourth house emphasising the need for intimacy and also the fear of rejection that it represents.

Firdaria

Next we look at the Firdaria, a system of planetary periods and we see that she is in a Mars Firdaria suggesting that challenge, action and risk-taking colour this period which started in 2013.

FIRDARIA (Al Biruni/Schoener)									
♄	4 Aug 1981	0.0	♂ / ☉	4 Aug 2014	33.0	♂ / ♀	21 Apr 2042	60.7	
♄ / ♀	16 Nov 1982	1.3	♂ / ♀	4 Aug 2015	34.0	♂ / ♀	28 Feb 2044	62.6	
♄ / ♀	29 Feb 1984	2.6	♂ / ♀	3 Aug 2016	35.0	♂ / ♀	7 Jan 2046	64.4	
♄ / ♂	13 Jun 1985	3.9	♂ / ☉	3 Aug 2017	36.0	♂ / ☉	16 Nov 2047	66.3	
♄ / ☉	25 Sep 1986	5.1	♂ / ♀	4 Aug 2018	37.0	♂ / ♀	24 Sep 2049	68.1	
♄ / ♀	8 Jan 1988	6.4	♂ / ♀	4 Aug 2019	38.0	♂	4 Aug 2051	70.0	
♄ / ♀	21 Apr 1989	7.7	☉	3 Aug 2020	39.0	♂	3 Aug 2054	73.0	
♂	4 Aug 1990	9.0	☉ / ♀	7 Jan 2022	40.4	♄	3 Aug 2056	75.0	
♂ / ♀	29 Feb 1992	10.6	☉ / ♀	13 Jun 2023	41.9	♄ / ♀	16 Nov 2057	76.3	
♂ / ♂	25 Sep 1993	12.1	☉ / ☉	16 Nov 2024	43.3	♄ / ♀	28 Feb 2059	77.6	
♂ / ☉	22 Apr 1995	13.7	☉ / ♀	21 Apr 2026	44.7	♄ / ♂	12 Jun 2060	78.9	
♂ / ♀	16 Nov 1996	15.3	☉ / ♀	25 Sep 2027	46.1	♄ / ☉	24 Sep 2061	80.1	
♂ / ♀	13 Jun 1998	16.9	☉ / ♂	28 Feb 2029	47.6	♄ / ♀	7 Jan 2063	81.4	
♂ / ☉	8 Jan 2000	18.4	♀	4 Aug 2030	49.0	♄ / ♀	20 Apr 2064	82.7	
♀	4 Aug 2001	20.0	♀ / ♀	25 Sep 2031	50.1	♂	3 Aug 2065	84.0	
♀ / ♂	22 Apr 2003	21.7	♀ / ☉	15 Nov 2032	51.3	♂ / ♀	28 Feb 2067	85.6	
♀ / ☉	7 Jan 2005	23.4	♀ / ♀	7 Jan 2034	52.4	♂ / ♂	24 Sep 2068	87.1	
♀ / ♀	25 Sep 2006	25.1	♀ / ♀	28 Feb 2035	53.6	♂ / ☉	21 Apr 2070	88.7	
♀ / ♀	12 Jun 2008	26.9	♀ / ♂	21 Apr 2036	54.7	♂ / ♀	16 Nov 2071	90.3	
♀ / ☉	28 Feb 2010	28.6	♀ / ☉	12 Jun 2037	55.9	♂ / ♀	12 Jun 2073	91.9	
♀ / ♀	16 Nov 2011	30.3	♀	4 Aug 2038	57.0	♂ / ☉	7 Jan 2075	93.4	
♂	3 Aug 2013	32.0	♀ / ☉	12 Jun 2040	58.9	♀	3 Aug 2076	95.0	

Mars is an important planet in Markle's chart as it sits in the first house, conjunct the Ascendant, in Cancer, the sign of its Fall; it is also the Lord of the Aries MC.

At 11 degrees of Cancer, it is in the terms of Venus as well as making a tight sextile to natal Venus and squaring the MC. This combination speaks of passion, sensuality and sex appeal. It can be said that in this Mars period, what befalls Meghan has a profound effect on her persona as well as her career and public standing.

Meghan met Prince Harry in early 2016 and what is interesting is that the Mars/Venus period echoes the romantic interlude and the spark that insiders said was there at their first meeting on a blind date. And it is this meeting that eventually highlights a different career path.

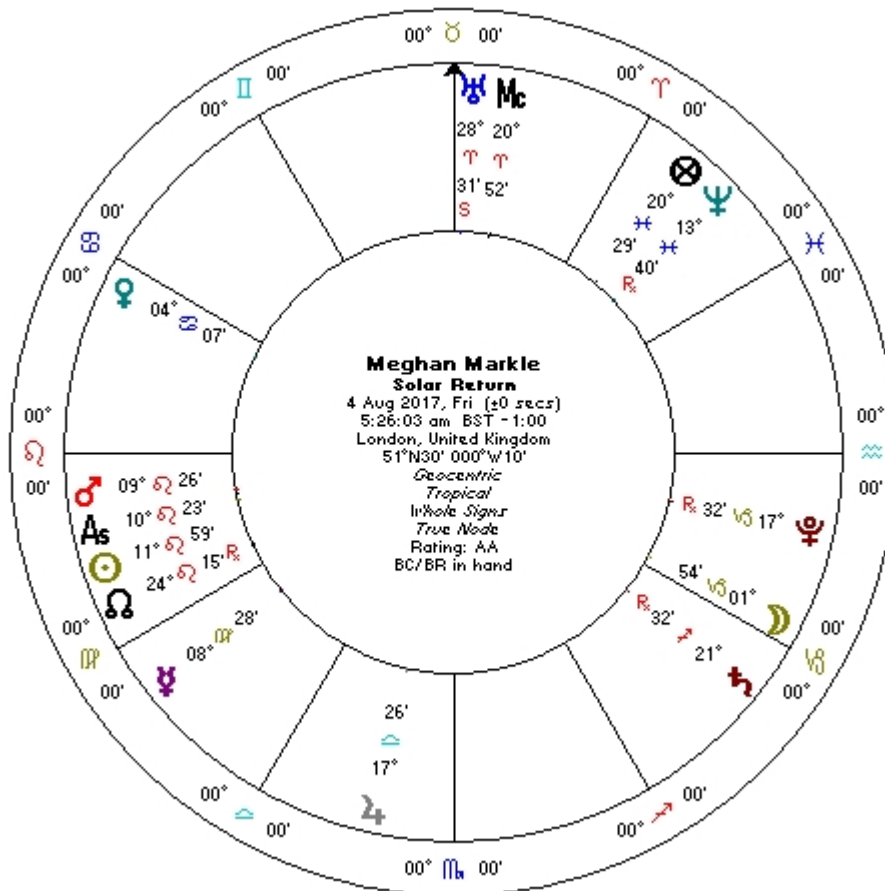
A few months later the Firdaria moves into a Mars/Mercury period lasting until August 2017 and during this time the energy of this was reflected in the media hype surrounding the couple. In August 2017 the Firdaria moved to a Mars/Moon and in this period we have the official engagement and wedding announcement and subsequently the wedding itself in May 2018. The Moon as sub-ruler of this period will bring with it all the associated issues as the lord of the natal Ascendant and the Saturn-Moon conjunction.

After the wedding, by August 2018, the Firdaria moves into a Mars/Saturn period where we expect the learning curve for the new Royal will be steep indeed as it will include all sorts of protocols as well as a daunting workload which will require both resilience and perseverance, something which Meghan will be fairly familiar with.

Profecction

Adding another layer, we look to the Profecctions, which involves advancing the Ascendant one sign per year. At her last birthday in August 2017, Meghan was thirty six years old. As profecctions start at birth, the Ascendant represents every year divisible by twelve, hence in this her 36th year we see the Ascendant come back to Cancer. The Moon then, becomes the Lord of the Year and brings to prominence the Moon-Saturn-Jupiter combination.

Next we will consider the condition of the Moon in her Solar Return for her birthday in August 2017. The first thing we see is the Lord of the Year, the Moon is in Capricorn in the sixth house making an opposition to Venus. The Moon's position in a difficult house and in her detriment echoes the rest of the predictive work in suggesting that this is a year that entails a facing of her emotional insecurities as well as working hard in defining her new role. If we also look at other planets or points in Cancer, we find Mars there as well as the Ascendant, again emphasising the need to face those challenges and impose both her will and personality in dealing with them.



We also notice that the lunar eclipse on the 31st January at 11 Leo conjoined her Sun and fall across the 1st – 7th axis of the Soar Return emphasising relationships with others and with the world as well as her identity. The eclipse also conjuncts the Solar Return Ascendant underscoring the change of identity and persona; her face to the world will undergo a make-over in this year.

Her natal Ascendant at 24 Cancer falls in the 2017 Solar Return twelfth house suggesting that natal issues of belonging may rise as a fear or anxiety. Conversely, the 2017 Solar Return Ascendant at 10 Leo falls in the natal second house conjunct the Sun and again the focus is on the changing nature of her priorities as well as her role in life.

Meghan Markle has made her name as an actor, taking on a variety of roles on the small screen. Apart from acting, Markle is also known for her humanitarian work, activism and advocacy of women's rights and modern day slavery. It will be interesting to see how she incorporates her 'warrior' image (Mars in the first house) as she is gears herself up for the role of a lifetime as a member of the British Royal Family.

[Mari Garcia](#) is a local astrologer and one of our speakers at our June meeting. She will also be presenting a workshop in July on the astrology of obsession and addiction.

Thoughts on the



Scorpio Full Moon

Joel Valentine

After the intensity of the astrology these last few weeks, today's Scorpio Full Moon (Monday, April 30 10.27am Adelaide time) might feel like a walk in the park. And a release.

Mercury is now direct in motion (yay!) but, if you celebrated (or spoke) too soon you may have been immediately shut-down by its square to Saturn this week. These conversations (ahem, arguments) may have been reprisals or revisits from Mercury's square to Saturn before it went retrograde (around March 14).

Mercury in Aries seeks clarity through confrontation. At best it's exuberant and well-meaning honesty. At worst, it's rushing in to wrapping things up without taking into account the feelings/thoughts/experiences of others who are taking part. Saturn was having none of it, and however the slow-moving rule-based planet appeared in your conversations this week it may have been rather rigid in its response. Saturn says to Mercury, « You haven't filled out the right form. Denied. » Or « I remember two years ago when you said something else. Now you're contradicting yourself. » These two planets could learn a little from each other. Whether you were the Saturn or the Mercury this week (and you were probably both at different times and with different people), there is room for rules, and there is room for last minute changes of mind that just feel 'right'.

We also had the god of war joining forces with the god of the underworld. Mars is very comfortable in Capricorn. If anything, it tempers him a little. His battle plans are considered, and he's not wasting any of his energy on the small stuff. But while Mars is playing more of a sensible captain role rather than a hired-gun with no direction, Mars and Pluto can be rather brutal in their vision. In combination with Saturn and Mercury's crossing swords, these aspects definitely make the battles - and they may be real, but we're also prone to imagining enemies under this energy - heavy with old baggage, and a little bit crazed. There is an intensity here that says, « You're either with us or against us. » Rationality, consideration, and 'calmly talking it out' might have gone out the window this past week. The emphasis on Capricorn also speaks to abuses of power by those in control. Anything to keep 'peace' and order, so to speak. (Are we at all surprised that the second season of ['The Handmaid's Tale'](#) was released under this astrology? No. Not at all.)



Scorpio Moons are fierce. They know what is. Or at least think they do, because they've spent so much time considering all of the options: where the weaknesses are, and which tactical advantages they can make use of. They've kept their cards close to their chest and know who they can and cannot trust. This is strange territory for the casually caring and considerate Moon. But they are, at times, useful skills. This Full Moon also brings all of this energy out into the open. Where do we find the balance between critically assessing our situation, and just letting it 'be'? Where, and who, can we trust, and when do open ourselves to loosening our boundaries a little? The Moon in Scorpio will have boundaries in order to protect itself and to ensure survival. This Full Moon is in a very tight square to the Moon's nodes (eclipse points) and there is the potential to feel a shift on these topics.

And we may need it. After this Full Moon, our night light luminary will be waning straight into the hands of Mars, Saturn, and Pluto in and around May 5. But the boundary setting Full Moon may have more of an idea of where it stands with others at this point: the Full Moon today finds constructive Saturn in an exact trine to the Sun and sextile to the Moon. These positive aspects reinforce the benefit of boundaries, doing the hard-work, and getting clear on where we stand. It's been intense astrology, but it has also been great for getting serious: taxes, forms signed, « Yes, that's my responsibility. » People may have been cross with you (but, be honest, you were cross with them as well), but this energy is all about out rather than in, and doing the work. before the release.

By the time of the New Moon in Taurus on May 16 we will have earned a truly pleasurable reprieve.

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