

Letter from the President: February 2025



**By Professor Charlotte Benson,
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Dear Friends of ACVA –

We hope that you like the excellent articles in this month's issue, and that you are maintaining your peace of mind in these turbulent times.

The fires are extinguished in Los Angeles now, but other intense, unusual weather is disrupting many communities. And armed conflict, across the globe, is ruining lives. Our prayers and sympathy go out to all in distress. Mars will resume direct motion on February 23, 2025. This will be generally helpful for reconstruction – however that concept is applied. May peace prevail!

I wanted to comment on the nature of Saturn, still in Aquarius until 3/29/25, and Venus exalted in Pisces. Both of these planets in their dignities now, create about 16 hours of special yogas throughout the day during the next six weeks or so. When either of these two planets are rising, culminating, setting, or at their deepest night position (cusp of the fourth house), they form creative, two-hour time periods.

Venus forms “Malavya yoga” which promotes cordial relationships, equitable transactional business, and general creativity and peace. Saturn in Aquarius now forms the very useful “Sasha yoga.” Sasha yoga promotes serious, consistent focus, and foundation building. Saturn now in Aquarius suggests to me that we can create value by forming committed connections with groups of friendly strangers with a common altruistic cause. That's one connotation of Aquarius rasi. Aquarius is the constellation associated with the elevation of human consciousness.

I expect that there will be less cruelty expressed in the world at large, at the end of March 2025.

So, we still must keep our wits about us, during the eclipse cycle of March 13, and March 29. More on that in the next edition of the ACVA News.

Also, now in mid-February, there is a rare and obscure conjunction of Rahu with Neptune. As it is the nature of Rahu to exaggerate and aggravate and disrupt the standard expression of

whatever he contacts, combining with Neptune is a potent brew of suffering, deceit, and malfeasance on many fronts. By the time you read this, these grahas will be separating. It is to be hoped that the worst effect of this contact is past, and that the misery will abate. I do realize that the outer planet Neptune is not mentioned in the ancient shastras, but a lifetime of observation of the damage that Neptune can cause, prompts me to mention this.

If you're still with me, I would like to invite you to **The Cosmic Patterns Convergence**, in Orlando, Florida, 3/6 – 3/9/2025. I will be speaking on the subtleties of the bhavas – “Hidden in the Houses.”

My friend, colleague, and fellow ACVA alum, Joni Patry will be there too. Please join us! Here is the link to register: <https://cosmicpatternsconference.com>. I am honored to be able to represent Jyotisha at this mostly Western astrology conference.

Please take a look at ACVA's “Coming Attractions” for information about our next webinar, in the series “Jyotish Insights.” And in the meantime, please take good care of yourselves.

With every good wish to you and your families,

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