

Note from the president of ACVA- June 2021 Solstice edition



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Greetings dear friends of ACVA!

We hope that things are improving for you, as the planets also improve their positions. Yes, Mars is still debilitated, but both Saturn and Jupiter are situated pleasantly enough, and we are now past the eclipses. Very helpfully, Mercury (one of the planets associated with Jyotisha) will soon be in a high- functioning place, in Gemini, while receiving a graceful aspect from Jupiter. This is a lovely combination involving information, and the wisdom to put it into practice. July is a wonderful month to focus on learning the Science of Light. So, here's looking forward to more intelligence in our collective lives.

Here at the College, we are super busy with lots of new, and continuing students taking advantage of our scholarship offers. Thanks to an endowment, we are able to continue with our current tuition structure, which has enabled many new learners to benefit from ACVA's wonderful Jyotish courses. As a credentialed, practicing jyotishi, I want to remind you that the professional practice of Jyotish is now a viable, lucrative career option. Sure, it takes time, and practice, and experience to become a successful full-time astrologer. But what could be a more interesting, useful career? Astrology is a sacred, cosmic language, and you can learn it here at ACVA! Our website offers a sample class – just fyi.

ACVA's website, www.acvaonline.org, is also evolving, thanks to our brilliant I.T. team. We have recently added a chart (rasi chakra) calculator! Please take a look at that, on our front page. Thanks very much to loyal friend of ACVA Ernst Wilhelm for his generosity in providing this feature for our students, and for the general public.

Our Western Astrology colleagues at the International Society for Astrological Research (ISAR) are including a segment on Jyotish in their virtual Symposium "What is Astrology?" on August 28, 2021. ACVA graduates and friends, Ronnie Gale Dreyer and Joni Patry will be presenting briefly on Jyotisha. ISAR has asked me to present a lecture at their in-person conference, in Colorado, in August 2022.

And speaking of conferences, the Sedona Vedic Astrology Conference will include Ramdas Bill Sinclair and myself, along with a stellar complement of jyotishis – most of them ACVA graduates – in November. Dr. David Frawley, ACVA's first president, will be there! See <https://sedonavedicastrology.com/> for registration details.

ACVA has also been able to offer you a really special series of complimentary webinars on Ayurveda, one of Jyotisha's sister sciences. Dr. Jayarajan Kodikannath, of Kerala Ayurveda, has generously offered ACVA to teach "Healthy Living Through Ayurveda". Part three of this fascinating subject entitled "Mind-care is Lifecare" will be offered on Saturday, June 26 at 9 am PDT/12 pm EDT. Part four, "Family and Community Health" will be presented on Saturday, July 10 at 9 am PDT/ 12 pm EDT. We will send you a reminder to register for this free, but extremely valuable presentation.

Dr. J, as he is affectionately known to his students, is an internationally recognized leader in this Science of Life. ACVA is incredibly grateful to him for his generosity on behalf of our learners and friends.

As ever, we send each of you our very best wishes for success in your studies, good health, prosperity and contentment.

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