



Greetings from the president of ACVA

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Hello Dear

Alumni, learners and friends of ACVA! We hope that each of you are somehow doing well, or at least well enough, these days, and that you have reason to celebrate the Equinox. It does appear that there is reason to expect improved energy from the planets, soon.

It's been quite a lot to handle lately, hasn't it? Debilitated Jupiter, and Mars and Rahu closing in on each other. And the Kala Sarpa yoga in place for what seems like a long time. However, Jupiter is moving towards a better sign, Venus is currently exalted, and the Sun will soon be exalted too. Even Rahu/Ketu are exalted for the entire year. We can choose to focus on the bright side of the stars, while we keep our wits about us.

ACVA has been very busy with a new class of lively students. Our instructors are reporting the satisfaction of nurturing a fresh cohort of enthusiastic learners. It may be that Jupiter currently in Capricorn is prompting students to focus on creating a practical application of the ancient wisdom of Jyotisha. And since Ketu is one of the karakas of Jyotisha, Ketu's current exalted position in Scorpio makes this a great time to study Jyotish! (Actually, any time is a good time to study Jyotisha.)

In the continuing spirit of spreading the knowledge of Vedic Astrology, ACVA has decided to continue offering our scholarships for an extended time. Please take advantage of this opportunity and visit our website, www.acvaonline.org or email our Registrar Lynn Bootes at Registrar@acvaonline.org for more details. This is a really good opportunity for you – please consider joining the on-going classes.

Julene Louis has recently joined the ACVA Leadership Team and has contributed much time and creative effort in refining our existing curriculum. And Dr. Lynn Bootes is doing a brilliant job as our new Registrar – which has become quite a responsibility with all the new students taking advantage of our on-going scholarship program. Special thanks to both of these ladies for their service to ACVA.

There are a lot of excellent Jyotish offerings to look forward to in the near future. Loyal friends of ACVA, Komilla Sutton and Andrew Foss, are presenting a virtual BAVA conference across three weekends, beginning in April. See www.bava.org for details. BAVA is a sister organization to ACVA, and these wonderful conferences are very worthwhile and highly regarded for their scholarly lectures.

I will be presenting a lecture on “The Subtle Meanings of The Houses” at a Western astrology conference sponsored by ISAR, in the Denver area, on August 21, 2021. I’ll be the only Vedic Astrology lecturer there – so please join me – I could use the company!

Also in the planning stage is another in-person SVAC conference, scheduled for November 2021, in Sedona, Arizona. These conferences are always the highlight of my year. It’s lovely to meet with old friends, as we continue our life-long learning in Jyotish. And to meet new friends and colleagues, as well. ACVA will again be included among the offerings for this sweet conference. Details to follow.

We hope that you are able to join in some of ACVA’s ongoing series of complimentary webinars. We will also be continuing our Masters series of webinars, so please watch for details in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, stay safe and sane!

every best wish for your well-being,

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