

Note from the President: March 2026

By Professor Charlotte Benson, ACVA President



Dear Friends of ACVA –

Hello again dear friends of ACVA. Hope all is well enough with you and yours, even during these unsettling times.

We are currently recovering from the recent eclipses. Please observe the current position of Rahu/Ketu in your chart and pay attention there. Eclipse activation is quite a lively experience and needs careful handling – even after the actual eclipse has passed.

Jupiter in Punarvasu nakshatra had now resumed forward motion – this is also a relief for all. Catch a glimpse, if you can, of Jupiter in the night sky before he disappears from view. This is powerful Guru darshan!

Something to also be aware of is the rare and impactful conjunction of Saturn and Neptune still close to each other in Pisces. This continues to influence all of us in some subtle but profound ways. The importance of maintaining your spiritual practice with intention might be the message here.

It is also important for me to emphasize that ACVA's core online program has been steadily growing. ACVA offers a rare blend of flexible online learning and personalized one-on-one mentorship, making authentic Jyotisha education accessible to dedicated students worldwide. ACVA's certification programs are unique in that they combine the flexibility of true self-paced online study with the guidance and accountability of individual mentor-based instruction. Each student is supported by a dedicated instructor who helps ensure steady progress, correct

understanding of fundamentals, and thoughtful application of Jyotisha principles through assignments, feedback, and live online Q&A meetings. This model allows learners from around the world to study authentic classical Jyotisha at a rigorous standard, while still benefiting from personalized attention—culminating in ACVA’s respected Jyotisha Ratna (Level 1) and Jyotisha Prabhakara (Level 2) certifications through a structured and integrity-driven assessment process.

ACVA members and friends enjoyed a masterful webinar on the topic of Panchanga by Mr. Pratik Mehta on March 14. This very worthwhile material will be available on the ACVA website soon. Please see “Coming Attractions” to learn about our next ACVA webinar on May 9.

Simon Chokoisky is offering his excellent relationship software known as [Dilaanu](#) to friends of ACVA for 50% off. Dilaanu is the world’s most advanced compatibility algorithm. Use the discount code “acva50” for a great deal on this special relationship software.

ACVA will be holding an organizational meeting at UAC in early September, in Chicago (see “Coming Attractions”). Be sure to stop by and meet some ACVA faculty in person!

Also, as a reminder, the annual online Maharishi Parasara conference will be held from November 19 to November 26, 2026. Presenting will be ACVA alumni Komilla Sutton, Dr. Dennis Harness, Alan Annand, Ronnie Gale Dreyer, and myself, among many other teachers. www.parasharaconference.com.

I hope you enjoy the special article about ACVA’s late spiritual grandfather Chakrapani Ullal along with the other brilliant articles in this edition.

Stay well and hopeful...until we meet again!

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