

Letter from the ACVA president
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Hello dear friends of ACVA! Hope this note finds you and your families doing well.

So, here we are on the verge of some major planetary shifts. Isn't it wonderful that we have the wise voice of the grahas available to help guide us through these strange and wonderful times? I for one am grateful every day that we have access to the navigation tools provided for our use, in the form of the movements of the planets. Since you're reading this, you probably feel the same way. Bless the hearts and minds of the teachers who taught us the meaning of the planets!

Along those lines, I want to thank everyone who has contributed to ACVA's well-being during the past three months. I am constantly in awe of the good will directed towards ACVA. Our board members are a consistent source of support in the daily grind of the administration of the college. Karina, Shoba, Angela, and Swati have created some very good and high "karmic bindus" as Karina puts it! We've also benefitted from creative input from our new intern Carlos, and from each of our instructors. Thank you to our volunteers, and to those who have generously donated to the William Levacy Scholarship Fund.

As you may well imagine, it takes a dedicated team of very smart people to keep the world's best on-line college of Jyotish running smoothly. ACVA evidently has access to some really good purva poonya (past life credit) since we have attracted such a superior group of scholars and technicians to our team. The most recent additions to the ACVA cohort are Dr. Sisira, and his I.T. team lead by Sudath. They have brought a tremendous amount of talent and good ideas to our college. We are so grateful to Juliana Swanson for the introduction of these lovely people.

Because of these recent additions to the college, ACVA instructors are now even better prepared for the next wave of learners. I believe that potential future jyotishis will be now be compelled to acquire both information about Jyotish and wisdom of Jyotish, courtesy of the ingress of Rahu into Gemini, and Ketu into Sagittarius. The perfect storm (in the best sort of way) for Jyotish education! The practice of professional Jyotish is becoming more viable, every day, as a lucrative and legitimate career choice.

A few notes from our last edition, which bear repeating:

Peggy Levacy still has some of the late Dr. Bill Levacy's fabulous library available for sale. She can be reached at plevacy@gmail.com for a list of titles.

The British Association of Vedic Astrology, ACVA's sister organization, is holding their annual conference in London Friday, April 19 – Monday, April 22, 2019. I will be there, presenting some ideas about "The Outer Planets and Relationships." www.bava.org. Please consider joining me there for a cup of tea and conversation about our favorite topic.

Also: another reminder to take advantage of early-bird rates for the Sedona Vedic Astrology Conference, in beautiful Sedona, Arizona, November 21 – November 25, 2019. Hosted by ACVA President Emeritus, Dr. Dennis Harness, this annual conference is truly a "spiritual family reunion". I'll be there, of course, offering a 2-hour "Introduction to Vedic Astrology". (How am I going to manage that in only two hours?!) www.sedonavedicastrology.com.

During the SVAC, we will be celebrating ACVA's 20th Anniversary! Isn't it amazing that "the Harvard of Jyotish educational institutions" has reached such an auspicious milestone! The memory of our dear mentor Chakrapani Ullal comes to mind on the occasion of his birthday, next week. He would be so proud of our progress! ACVA will issue a major announcement about the most current evolution of the college, in next quarter's edition. Please stay well in the meantime, and remember: Amor Vincit Omnia

As ever, on behalf of the entire ACVA organization, I send each of you my very best wishes for your peace, prosperity and contentment. Charlotte Benson (Jyoti Devi)