

Quarterly Questionnaire

ACVA faculty members good-naturedly respond to some interesting questions.

This quarter we see what ACVA teacher Dr. Karina Weil has to say.

What is your favorite nakshatra? Each Nakshatra has a singular shakti, which seems to evolve from the previous one so I'm hard pressed to choose one, but, to indulge you I kind of like to muse about Revati and the protective, sweet and caring embrace it grants us during our crossing from this journey to the next...

What was your first impression on discovering Jyotish? For years I intuitively knew that my quest for the truth would inevitably take me through Vedic astrology (it was until much later that I learned the term Jyotish). But it took me a long time to find a Vedic astrologer; but, when I had my chart read, heaviness was lifted off my entire being. Everything suddenly made perfect sense! The pressure I had felt was due to my spending years trying to mold to the Western astrology view of my chart.

What are your top three Jyotish books?

How to Predict Your Future by James Braha

The Nakshatras by Dr. Dennis Harness

Beneath a Vedic Sky by Dr. Bill Levacy

Are you currently experiencing an interesting transit, or dasa? Aren't we all? I am approaching the last bend of my Rahu Maha Dasha. It's been intense and contrastingly varied, to say the least.

What is the most powerful piece of astrological advice you've received? To be humble and to know that God's will always prevails.

What is your go-to remedy, upaye, or planetary prescription? Prayer and the application of the second commandment; every single time.

Lightning round: Ayanamsa? True node, or mean? North style, or south? 360, or 365-day dasa calculation? Lahiri, True Node, North style, 360-day dasa calculation.

Any general advice to your learners? Never overestimate your knowledge. Seek to often go back to the books and review the basics. Also, the extent to which Jyotish is respectable and truly helpful to your clients will depend on your practicing ahimsa in your speech when counseling.

Any plans for making the most of Venus in Libra this season? Enjoy, in a spirit of humble gratitude, the blessing of being alive!