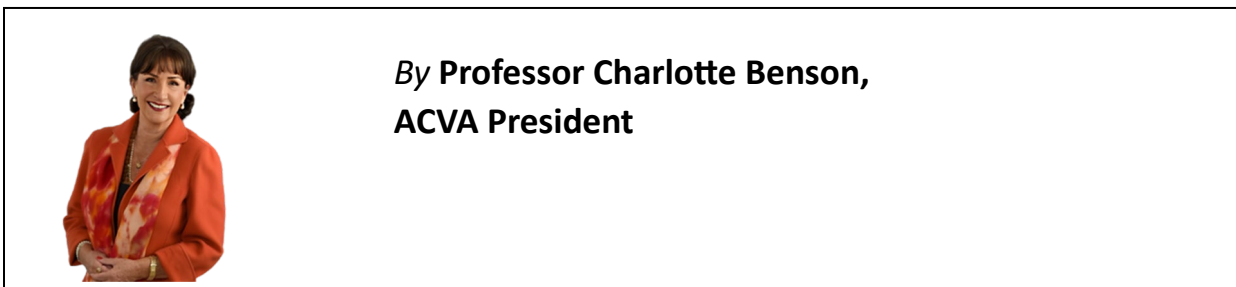


Letter from the President: May 2025



Dear Friends of ACVA,

We hope you enjoy the excellent articles in this edition of the ACVA News. Studying *Jyotish* is a life-time endeavor, isn't it? I recently heard Warren Buffett remark that wealthy people educate themselves, while others merely entertain themselves. Thank heavens there's always something new to learn in the fascinating Ocean of *Jyotish*.

As part of our ongoing monthly webinar series, Vaughn Paul Manley delivered an engaging webinar on the Double Transit of Jupiter and Saturn on May 10. There were many attendees from Türkiye on our global campus that day. The recording of this webinar will soon be available in our online store, where we have many wonderful MP3s and MP4s for sale. Do visit our store, even if you're not enrolled as a student in our courses. The proceeds from all sales benefit ACVA's several scholarship funds

In the heavens, Jupiter/Guru has just transited into Gemini, eluding Saturn's aspect from Pisces. This may signal more scope for peace where it's needed. Meanwhile, with the planet of wisdom in the sign of information, let's all be aware of opportunities to educate ourselves, to better process information, to become wealthy through ideas, transactions, and travel.

Gemini is one of the signs associated with *Jyotish*. Studying, reading, thinking, writing, or talking about the principles of *Jyotish* will flourish during the next six months. This is a good time to put your studies of the stars into experimental practice. Rahu entering Aquarius in late May will also stimulate interest in *Jyotish*, while Jupiter's forthcoming trinal aspect onto Rahu will be supportive.

Under these auspicious indications, ACVA has decided to revive our membership/alumni group. Please read about the qualifications and member benefits in a dedicated section of this edition of the newsletter from our Vice President, Dr. Sisira Amarasinghe.

On a personal note, I was honored to attend the wedding of Sophia Harness, daughter of ACVA's President Emeritus, Dr. Dennis Harness, in Sedona on May 17. It was a charming celebration in a stunning setting. Congratulations to the happy couple and their parents!

I'll be speaking at a few conferences soon, representing ACVA:

- 1) **"Nine Jewels of the Lotus"** conference 8/20/25 – 8/25/25, In person, in Sedona, AZ.
 Faculty includes: ACVA President Emeritus, Dr. Dennis Harness; Former ACVA President, Dr. David Frawley; ACVA President, Professor Charlotte Benson; ACVA Faculty, Komilla Sutton; ACVA alumna, Joni Patry and others.
 Please see <https://www.vedicastrologysedona.com> for further information.

- 2) **“Astrology Weekend”** event, 9/12/25 – 9/14/25, in person, in Sedona, AZ. Please write to info@astrologyclubsedona@gmail.com for further information.

For further details on the above events, please see the announcements in the Coming Attractions section in forthcoming ACVA Newsletter editions. I would love to meet you in person if possible! As always, I extend my sincere appreciation to everyone involved in supporting ACVA’s mission.

Fondly, your fellow traveler,

Charlotte

Professor Charlotte Benson (Jyoti Devi)