

Greetings from the president of ACVA



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Hello gentle readers. The people at ACVA are sending each of you very best wishes. Thank Heavens we are still here and able to read these lines.

The college has been perfectly busy in the last quarter, with our many new, and continuing students/learners. Both ladies and gentlemen - many from remote foreign sectors - who are so bright and ask the most fascinating questions - are in classes right now. It's delightful to observe. Sincere congratulations to our recent Jyotisha Ratna graduates, and to our Jyothisha Prabhakara graduate! You have distinguished yourselves

during the exams, and have earned your impressive diplomas. Your tutors, and ACVA's distinguished faculty, are proud to have contributed to your Jyotish education.

Jupiter transiting in Pisces is a wonderful opportunity to encourage prosperity associated with Jyotish education. It is to be hoped that there will be more compassion and coherence, somehow, in spite of recent very obvious, difficult violent moments in American and the world.

Please let's pray for peace and wisdom, and to express effective speech.

I remind myself every day, that even my individual thoughts, of whatever quality, influence the outcome, if ever so subtly. Yours will do the same - so please choose positive thoughts. Jupiter in Pisces is special in this regard because this area of the zodiac may provoke a general response towards higher thinking, and compassion for the human condition. This theme runs from late April 2022 until April of 2023. During this transit of Jupiter in dignity, in Pisces, wonderful Hamsa Mahapurusha yogas are created four times per day for an entire year! Jupiter is also very close to Neptune for the first time since May 2009. That combination is notoriously complex, since the conjunction takes place in Pisces, where Neptune is powerful, too. Since Neptune is a planet of the Spirit world, or Divine world - I suggest that we strengthen our individual connections with The Divine - however you define the divine, in order to evolve. Evolution is a Jupiter principle.

Congratulations to Dr. Sisira Amarasinghe, ACVA Corporate Strategist, who was unanimously appointed to serve as Vice President. Thank you, Dr. Sisira, for taking on this extra responsibility.

And **Dr. Lynn Bootes** was also appointed unanimously to a Board position, as Dean of Students, in addition to her office as Registrar. We are grateful for your service, Dr. Lynn.

Juliana Swanson has joined the Board of ACVA, as Provost. We are delighted to be working with her on the Team. Juliana has been an ACVA Instructor, and ACVA supporter for decades. Juliana-jj publishes excellent material on Jyotish, regularly, on her own site, Astral Harmony. And now in The Comet!

It takes a lot of resources and time to run the college, and we are thriving through your support. ACVA's healthy Endowment Fund enables the college to continue to offer partial scholarships to students, so thank you to our donors.

More big news: ACVA is now offering a 20% **discount on our Examination fees**, to our colleagues! If you are a credentialed graduate of a recognized school of Jyotish, please contact Registrar@acvaonline.com for other details. Adding the title of either "**Jyotisha Ratna**" or "**Jyotisha Prabhakara**" to your name and previous certifications, will significantly improve your professional standing in the world of Jyotish scholarship.

Conference News: ACVA has spent the last quarter collaborating and supporting other Vedic Sciences organizations. Our Vice President, Dr. Amarasinghe was a dynamic speaker at the recent National Association for Ayurvedic Medicine Conference, **NAMA**, in Tucson. And **Arsha Vidya Gurukulam** recently held their annual Jyotish Kumbh, live in Pennsylvania, and online. We hope that you were able to take advantage of the Jyotish Kumbh conference discount offered to friends of ACVA. I was honored to present two lectures at their conference this month. People are so hungry to this sacred knowledge.

Many of you know that **ACVA's President Emeritus, Dr. Dennis Harness**, has been producing annual international conferences for an entire Saturn cycle now. Initially, these were ACVA sponsored conferences for the first twenty years or so. Most recently the SVAC was held in Sedona, in November 2021. Now Dr. Harness has decided to pass the torch to **Ksanati**

Nakshatra who will produce a virtual conference, The **Maharishi Parasara Conference**, November 17 – 21, 2022. The new website for the conference will be available by the end of June. Simply search for the title above for information, and to register for the early-bird rates. I've been invited to be on their faculty, so I hope to see you there, virtually of course. In the late 2023, The Maharishi Parasara Conference will be held, in person, in Asheville, N.C. It will be nice to be back together in person again!

Komilla Sutton, ACVA Instructor Emerita, and perennial friend of ACVA, will be leading a Temple Tour, in India, in 2023. We'll provide more information as it becomes available.

And finally, in collaboration with the International Society for Astrological Research, **ISAR**, I will be presenting on "The Wisdom of the Bhavas" at their conference in the Denver area in August. info@isaraastrology.com. There is always something new to learn with our sister sciences and organizations, studying the shastras, in the Ocean of Jyotish!

July 9, ACVA is offering an online seminar titled: **"Use of the Outer Planets in Contemporary Jyotish"**. I will be presenting this somewhat controversial material, which I believe is essential for thorough assessment of charts of contemporary clients. We'll also be commenting on the particulars of these modern planets' effect on participants charts. It should be quite lively, interesting, and informative!

Here's the registration link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cabPTwE-ToSZkzn0IQG4Ww

I hope that you enjoy reading the thoughtful articles by ACVA's **Curriculum Director, Julene Louis**; by **ACVA Provost Juliana Swanson**, and by **Dean of Students, Dr. Lynn Bootes**. We are so blessed!

Until next quarter, stay well, be good to yourselves, and to everyone around you - and please think your most positive and productive thoughts.

Fondly, Charlotte Benson (Jyoti Devi)

ACVA President.