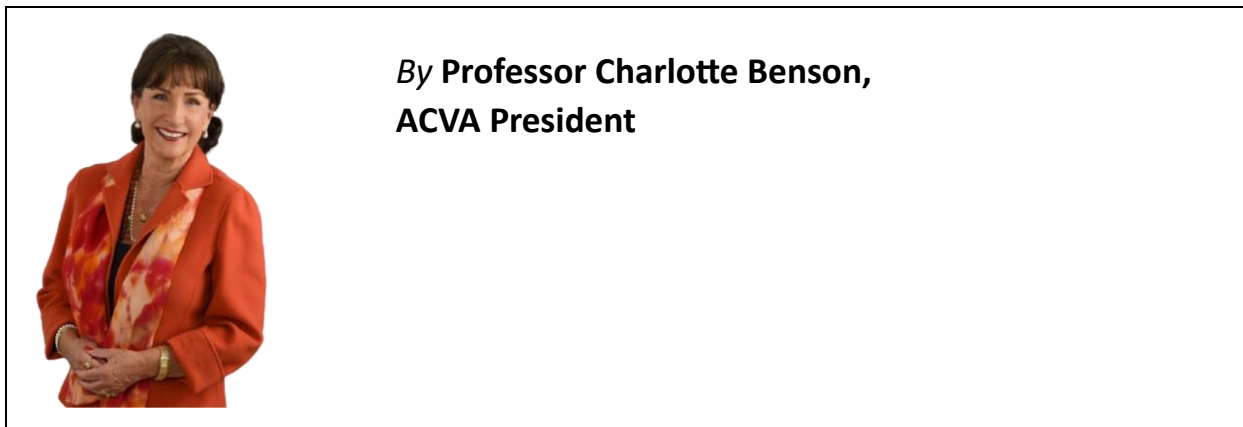


Letter from the President



**By Professor Charlotte Benson,
ACVA President**

Dear friends of ACVA –

Hoping that this note finds you and your families doing well in these interesting times.

I'm feeling grateful that the recent election cycle is over, here in the US. We all have read many well-considered predictions on who would win and why – all perfectly logical and feasible. My personal opinion is that the overriding reason for the outcome is connected to the Pluto return in the chart of the USA. If you're not familiar with the effects of Pluto, you may benefit from doing some research on this powerful little planet, even though it is not referenced explicitly in the ancient *shastras*. "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom."

Meanwhile, ACVA is looking forward to our annual graduation and awards ceremony to be held virtually on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at 9 AM Pacific time, 12 PM Eastern time. The commencement address will be delivered by Marc Boney, who will also be awarded the 2024 ACVA "*Jyotish Navaratna*" award for his excellent contributions to the field of astrology. Mr. K.N. Rao will receive ACVA's "*Jyotish Vibhushan*" award for his lifetime of contributions to *Jyotish*. This auspicious event will be open to the public. Please register [here](#).

Please remember to register for the annual Maharishi Parasara Conference, featuring many ACVA alumni and friends, including Dr. Dennis Harness, Alan Annand, and Professor Charlotte Benson. This year it will be held virtually, beginning on Thursday, November 21 through Sunday, November 24, 2024. REGISTER: (<https://www.parasharaconference.com>) Use Discount Code: 'ACVA108' for a substantial discount for ACVA friends and alumni.

As ever, sending you every best wish for prosperity and peace of mind.

Charlotte Benson (Jyoti Devi)