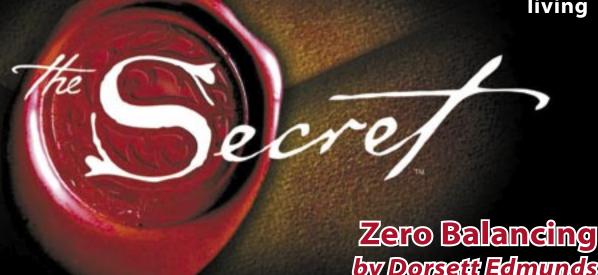


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The Secret's Not a Secret Anymore!

It's about time we all knew the secrets described in *The Secret*. We need to take control of our own lives. We can do it! Reaching the Critical Mass, as described by James Redfield in *The Celestine Prophecy*, still needs to be brought about. Using the information in *The Secret* will help us to accomplish this state of living. We have been told of the possibilities, now is the time to take action! Our combined wills, armed with our spiritual awareness and the knowledge unleashed by *The Secret*, will get us to our harmonic goals. It is the time—we are the Spirits in Rubber Suits who will make the changes, and we will do it. OK, OK, I'll stop preaching. It's just that I can see that we are sooo close. After you read the article, be sure to also watch the movie trailers from *The Secret*, on our website, www.arizonachoices.com.

Mike Dooley is one of my favorite teachers in *The Secret*. He is a great teacher of visualization. Read his interview, and then watch his, Thoughts Become Things! video also on our website. He reminds us that, "thoughts become things... choose the good ones!"

Tucson's own Dorsett Edmunds teaches us Zero Balancing, a mind-body system that reminds us that we are all well at our core. It is a great system taught very well by an expert local practitioner.

Paul Reeder gives us his outlook on our astrological outlook for the next two months. This column he even goes into some detail on a few topics, I'm glad that we have the editorial space for him to do it. What a great resource he is for us in Tucson and for our readers here in Arizona Choices.

As always, we have our advertisers to thank for bringing all of this to you, so please show your support to them by using their services, and by letting them know that you appreciate them, and all that they do for us.

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o how many times have you seen *The Secret* DVD? How many times have you read the book? What, you haven't seen it or read the book? Have you been living in a cave in Tibet? That's no excuse— I know monks in Tibet that are on the internet. Well, it's about time you got to it!

Very briefly,

"The Secret is a book, and a feature length (91 minutes), historic and factually based account of an age old secret, said to be 4,000 years in the making, and known only to a fortunate few, as told by some of the greatest leaders of our time. The Secret reveals this great knowledge to the world – the secret to wealth, health, love, happiness, relationships...The Secret to life itself. The Secret, which includes 25 great authors, philosophers, scientists and teachers of today, continues to impact countless thousands of lives around the world."

So exactly what is *The Secret* about?

"The Secret has existed throughout the history of mankind. It has been discovered, coveted, suppressed, hidden, lost and recovered. It has been hunted down, stolen, and bought for vast sums of money. Now for the first time in history, The Secret is being revealed to the world over in an extraordinary 93 minute film.

A number of exceptional men and women discovered **The Secret**, and went on to become known as the greatest people who ever lived. Among them: Plato, Leonardo, Galileo, Napoleon, Huge, Beethoven, Lincoln, Edison, Einstein and Carnegie, to name but a few.

Fragments of **The Secret** have been found in the oral traditions, in literature, in religions and philosophies throughout the centuries. For the first time, all the pieces of The Secret come together in an incredible revelation, which are life transforming for all who experience it.

Some of today's greatest teachers presented in The Secret impart this special wisdom that has been known by so few. They include some of the world's leaders in the fields of business, economics, medicine, psychology, history, theology and science. Each of these teachers is living proof of **The Secret**, each of them a walking marvel of achievement and success.

Included are: Dr. Denis Waitley, who used various aspects of **The Secret** in training Olympic athletes and Apollo astronauts to reach new heights of human endeavor. Best selling authors and philosophers including Bob Proctor, Michael Bernard Beckwith, Jack Canfield, Lisa Nichols, John Assaraf, James Ray and Dr. Joe Vitale, explain how they have created lives of phenomenal success utilizing The Secret. Doctors in the fields of medicine and quantum physics explain the science behind **The Secret**.

The Secret reveals amazing real life stories and testimonials of regular people who have changed their lives in profound ways. By applying **The Secret** they present instances of eradicating disease, acquiring massive wealth, overcoming obstacles and achieving what many would regard as impossible.

The Secret reveals how to apply this powerful knowledge to your life in every area from health to wealth, to success and relationships.

The Secret is everything you have dreamed of... and is beyond your wildest dreams."

The wonderful person that brought us this great work is Rhonda Byrne.

"Following a succession of traumatic events in her personal and professional life, culminating in the death of her father, Rhonda Byrne discovered The Secret that continues to transform her life. A successful film and television producer in Australia, Rhonda

immediately put into practice what she learned. She used The Secret to make the film The Secret - attracting the resources and the dozens of amazing teachers she needed to have the production be an effortless, joyful odyssey.

It was the Spring of 2004, when a small, old book called The Science of Getting Rich was placed in her hands, and Rhonda's whole life suddenly pulled into spectacular focus. She knew exactly what her mission was to become. She was going to take this knowledge to the world. She was going to make a movie to carry joy to every corner of the Earth. And so the great journey of **The Secret** began.

In just two short months Rhonda studied many great leaders from the past, read hundreds of books, and amassed countless hours of research. She then spent the next two months intensively teaching everything she had learned to the key staff members at her production company Prime Time Productions.

Contrary to what Rhonda previously thought, she discovered that there were people out there alive who were aware of this information. Actually, there were lots of them, and they were some of the world's greatest living scientists, philosophers, and authors. Around the world, different fragments of The Secret were being offered, to anyone that would listen. All that was needed was someone to pull all of the pieces together.

As her company began production, as if by magic, the perfect people to make The Secret began to appear. Suddenly the office was filled with people, all working to complete the most ambitious project any of them had ever worked on. And without fail, each person needed for the team materialized exactly when he or she was needed. Every single person was taught The Secret, and together worked in total joy as they prepared this message for people worldwide.

The day that the Prime Time Production team arrived in the United States to film the living masters of **The Secret**, they only had one interview lined up. But they brought with them an entire crew, and the firm intention that they would film every person they needed for the movie. And in a matter of a few weeks, the team filmed a total of fifty-two 'teachers' of The Secret. Wherever the team went, more and more amazing teachers would emerge - great writers,

leaders, philosophers, doctors, and scientists. These teachers created the foundation for **The Secret**.

Today **The Secret** is the Prime Time benchmark, and the company is committed to producing work that inspires, uplifts, and, most importantly, continues bringing joy to billions. To fulfill this vision, Prime Time Productions now also has offices in the United States, beginning in Chicago and Los Angeles."

On the Contents Page of the book, you can see the wide scope of how The Secret may be employed. It's not just about acquiring things, as some have said:

Contents Foreword Acknowledgments The Secret Revealed The Secret Made Simple How to Use The Secret Powerful Processes The Secret to Money The Secret to Relationships The Secret to Health The Secret to the World The Secret to You The Secret to Life **Biographies**

Here is most of the actual Forward from the book.

"A year ago, my life had collapsed around me. I'd worked myself into exhaustion, my father died suddenly, and my relationships with my work colleagues and loved ones were in turmoil. Little did I know at the time, out of my greatest despair was to come the greatest gift.

I'd been given a glimpse of a Great Secret—The **Secret** to life. The glimpse came in a hundred-yearold book, given to me by my daughter Hayley. I began tracing The Secret back through history. I couldn't believe all the people who knew this. They were the greatest people in history: Plato, Shakespeare, Newton, Hugo, Beethoven, Lincoln, Emerson, Edison, Einstein.

Incredulous, I asked, "Why doesn't everyone know this?" A burning desire to share The Secret with the world consumed me, and I began searching for people alive today who knew The Secret.

One by one they began to emerge. I became a magnet: as I began to search, one great living master after another was drawn to me.

When I discovered one teacher, that one would link to the next, in a perfect chain. If I was on the wrong track, something else would catch my attention, and through the diversion the next great teacher would appear. If I "accidentally" pressed the wrong link on an internet search, I would be led to a vital piece of information. In a few short weeks I had traced **The Secret** back through the centuries, and I had discovered the modern-day practitioners of The Secret.

The vision of taking **The Secret** to the world in a film had become fixed in my mind, and over the following two months my film and television production team learned **The Secret**. It was imperative that every team member knew it, because without its knowledge, what we were about to attempt would be impossible.

We did not have a single teacher secured to film, but we knew The Secret, and so with utter faith I flew from Australia to the United States where the majority of the teachers were based. Seven weeks later The Secret team had filmed fifty-five of the greatest teachers across the United States, with over 120 hours of film. With every step, with every breath, we used The Secret to create The Secret. We literally magnetized everything and everyone to us. Eight months later **The Secret** was released."

So what are the secrets of *The Secret*? Here is the book's primary Secret Summaries. There are other Secret Summaries for other chapters in the book.

Secret Summaries

- The Great Secret of Life is the law of attraction.
- The law of attraction says like attracts like, so when you think a thought, you are also attracting like thoughts to you.
- Thoughts are magnetic, and thoughts have a frequency. As you think thoughts, they are sent out into the Universe, and they magnetically attract

- all like things that are on the same frequency. Everything sent out returns to the source—you.
- You are like a human transmission tower, transmitting a frequency with your thoughts. If you want to change anything in your life, change the frequency by changing your thoughts.
- Your current thoughts are creating your future life. What you think about the most or focus on the most will appear as your life.
- Your thoughts become things.

I hope that I've wet your appetite enough so that you will go get the DVD and the book and study them. I have found that having both the DVD and the book is very useful. The book acts as a study guide for the film. You will want both!

By the way, if you just can't wait, you can rent the movie on line at www.thesecret.tv/home.html. Their website has lots of free things to help you to use The Secret in your own life.

Now go to our website, www.arizonachoices.com, and watch all of the trailers from the DVD.

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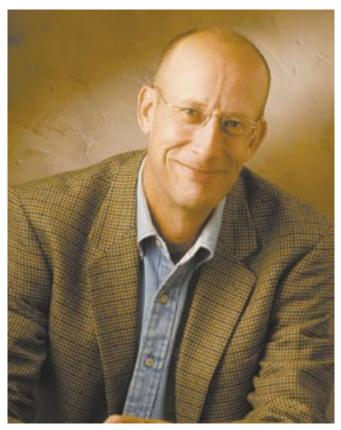
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Mike Dooley Interview

By the Arizona Choices Staff

The following interview is with Mike Dooley, one of the authors who appears in *The Secret*. See Mike Dooley's video on www.arizonachoices.com!



Mike Dooley

ur publisher has been receiving Mike Dooley's free emails, TUT... A Note from the Universe, and he has also been a member of Mike Dooley's Adventurers Club for many months now, and feels a close connection to Mike as a teacher. If you too want to connect with Mike, be sure to read his bio that follows the interview.

Arizona Choices: In The Secret, you say, "Thoughts become things!" Is there a process to reinforce the thoughts that we want to become things, and what do we do to eliminate the thoughts that we do not want to manifest?

Mike Dooley: There is no process. The best way to incorporate this principle into one's life is by first grasping that it is truly a principle, exactly as gravity is. It's not just about positive thinking, it's not a "sometimes" process, it is not merely a way to influence events and circumstances, in my view it's the end all and be all of living in time and space. With this kind of realization, one immediately senses their true power to manifest life-changes, which serves as the best possible motivation for attempting to work with our thoughts. Which also answers the second part of your question, because as we come to learn of our immense power, so too do we realize our immense responsibility to think thoughts that serve us, and to no longer indulge in negative, unproductive thinking.

Arizona Choices: Can one want the wrong things? Mike Dooley: Not really, although we all certainly see people pursuing things that we know won't make them happy. Yet what better way to learn such lessons than by bringing about whatever it is they're focusing on and seeing for themselves? So if nothing else, wisdom will be attained.

Arizona Choices: If what we want to bring into our lives is not a physical thing, but is more amorphous, like good health, how do we visualize it?

Mike Dooley: Intangible manifestations work the same as tangible manifestations: We simple need to define and focus upon the end result we're after. For good health, more friends, harmony, etc., one would imagine their life as if their goals were already achieved, and then physically prepare the way for it.

Arizona Choices: How does the Universe know the best way between one and their dreams?

Mike Dooley: The Universe, for me, is a metaphor for God. All knowing, all wise, all compassionate, all helpful. It always knows the way, or what I call the "hows." During times spent visualizing, we needn't, and shouldn't, mess with the hows. Simple see your life as if your desired dream had already taken place. Clearly define the end result you're after. Like digital satellite navigations systems that are now available over the counter, once you program in your "destination," they take into account every possible way you could get there, finally suggesting the fastest, safest, most harmonious route. This is what the Universe does for us when we have a dream and move with it.

Arizona Choices: How did you use The Secret to bring about TUT and the Adventurers Club?

Mike Dooley: Seven years ago I was starting over. Had wound down a family business and had no idea of how I would reinvent myself, but I knew then that the hows are to be left to the Universe. The end results I defined were loose and general: wealth and abundance, friends and laughter, health and harmony, international travel, creative fulfilling work. Once I was clear on this, I then began physically moving, day by day, in their direction. As I like to say, I began knocking on doors and turning over stones. These kind of actions are what put us in a place so that we can be reached by The Universe, so that we can be predisposed to life's so called accidents, coincidences, and serendipities that will lead to stunning life changes.

Arizona Choices: What was your inspiration to start your Daily Note from the Universe program?

Mike Dooley: They evolved from all the doors I knocked on, one idea gradually following another idea. Their manifestation was effortless, and their affect on my life and the lives of my 150,000 readers has been humbling.

Arizona Choices: Do you still read your own Daily Note every day?

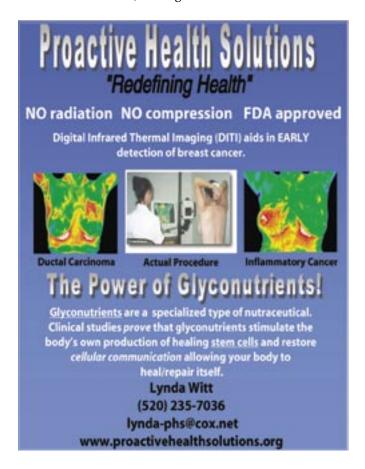
Mike Dooley: Oh yes, but since I know the punch lines in advance I think it's not the same for me as for others.

Arizona Choices: The Secret tells us that we may have anything that we want. How do you feel about this?

Mike Dooley: It's the truth... with one caveat: We can't control other people. They have their own thoughts. Still, however, we can have great relationships with others. We just can't manipulate them with our thoughts.

Arizona Choices: What about doing? Does The Secret really fall short about encouraging people to take action?

Mike Dooley: I don't think so. I don't think anyone would watch The Secret, and then think all they have to do to have the life of their dreams is visualize on the couch all day long! Taking action in the direction of our dreams is critical, and this was clearly implied, and often demonstrated, throughout The Secret.



Arizona Choices: Is there anything that you feel **The Secret** left out?

Mike Dooley: Not for the 92 minutes they had!! An amazing amount of priceless information was packed into those 92 minutes, covering everything from relationships, to health, to finance, and much more. Of course, there are week long workshops now available in the marketplace by a variety of organizations on each of those individual topics, meaning there are a lot of nuances that can later be explored, but as an introductory program, I don't think The Secret could be any better than it is.

Arizona Choices: If you experienced for yourself that there are more universes than there are grains of sand on all the beaches in the world, would it still be important to you to fulfill your desires in this world, in this universe? Why or why not?

Mike Dooley: There are more universes than there are grains of sand, yet for the fact that you and I are here now, says a lot. Once we deal with what's on our plate in this moment, other options become available. Let's walk before we run.

Arizona Choices: Suppose you learned that being able to attract or manifest anything and everything you desire or need turned out to be a lot of trivial nothingness in the larger scope of things, and that for you to advance spiritually and gain real power you would have to give up any desire to attract or manifest anything at all, and that for you to truly grow you would have to give up even the desire to be in control of your own life, including your own body. Would you be able to do that? Why or why not?

Mike Dooley: That sounds like an Eastern religion! Suppose you learned that we are the eyes and the ears of the divine? That all things are possible through the thoughts we choose? That we are powerful beyond measure? That life is part of an eternal dance; a celebration of becoming? That everyone means well, salvation is assured for all, no one is judged except by themselves? That becoming who we most want to be, living the life we most want to live, controlling aspect our experiences, especially our happiness, was not only possible, but our greatest responsibility? If all these things were true, would you want to partake in the adventure called life? In my view, that we are even here at all, means we chose "yes" a long, long, long time ago.

Arizona Choices: When you're not Mike Dooley, or anything else, what are you?

Mike Dooley: For now Mike Dooley has got my hands full!

Arizona Choices: Will you participate in the next Secret project? Do you have any hints as to what that will be about?

Mike Dooley: Only "The Universe" knows... If invited, I would be honored. But I can't worry about the hows of my happiness and the reach of my life's work, even while insisting upon end results that will please me. If I'm not in the next installation, and surely there will be one, there will undoubtedly be other, equally amazing adventures that await.

Mike Dooley's Bio

Mike Dooley's not a "career" teacher or speaker; instead, as a "life adventurer," he's successfully navigated both the corporate and entrepreneurial arenas. After living and working around the world for Price Waterhouse, in 1989 he co-founded Totally Unique Thoughts (TUT) to retail and wholesale its own line of inspirational gifts. From the ground up, TUT grew into a regional chain of stores, was carried by every major US department store, and reached consumers around the globe through distribution centers in Japan, Saudi Arabia and Switzerland, selling over 1,000,000 "Totally Unique T-shirts." In 2000 he transformed TUT into a web-based inspirational and philosophical Adventurers Club (www.tut.com), which now has over 60,000 members from over 169 countries. He's the author of a number of books, including three volumes of Notes from the Universe and the internationally acclaimed audio program, Infinite Possibilities: The Art of Living Your Dreams.

To sign up for the FREE Notes from the Universe visit: www.tut.com/AdventurersOath.htm

To join the Adventurers Club visit: www.tut.com/village/ For more information on Mike and all he's got to offer, visit: www.tut.com/siteindex.shtml

Zero Balancing: A Mind-body Work That **Takes You Home**

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What works reliably is to know the raw silk, hold the uncut wood... Lao Tzu

The words of Lao Tzu 2500 years ago capture the essence of Zero Balancing, a mind/ body work that is relatively new in the world of healing arts, but draws upon ancient principles of nature with often profound effects. Whether receiving a Zero Balancing (aka 'ZB') session or giving one, the feeling of returning to one's center, of feeling whole and at home, is common. When I received my first ZB eighteen years ago from Dr. Fritz Smith, the originator of Zero Balancing, after a recent thyroidectomy, I knew healing at a deeper level had occurred. Even more significant was the experience of wholeness and integration - as if I had been returned to myself. It was one of those indelible moments after which I experienced more integrity and authenticity in my work, my relationships and my life. I decided I had to learn Zero Balancing, 'to know the raw silk, hold the uncut wood' in my own hands.

Origins

Founded by Fritz Smith, an osteopathic medical doctor who studied Rolfing, and acupuncture in the 1970s, zero balancing grew out of his understanding that all beings are a combination of structure and energy. Smith developed a gentle therapeutic system that addresses both the energetic and structural components of the body at the same time, making Zero Balancing distinct from healing systems that focused on either structure or energy. A pioneer in the field of integrative medicine, Smith merged western anatomy with eastern concepts of energy and healing in a system that supported the body's innate ability to balance through informed and skilled touch. Zero balancing works at the level of bone and is based on the premise that we are innately well at our core, and the ability to live from this core well-being is dependent on the harmonious relationship of energy and structure. The term Zero Balancing actually came from a client of Dr. Smith's who reported after a session that she felt 'balanced to zero', indicating a state of inner harmony and peace with no negatives, no plusses.

According to Smith, illness, pain, and discord occur when we become out of step with own vibratory fields contained by our body. The eminent physiologist and researcher in the human energetic system, Dr Valerie Hunt, validated this premise with research that demonstrated changes in a person's electromagnetic field preceded disease. By developing a technique that facilitated the natural alignment of the body's structure and energetic fields, Smith created a bodywork that is prophylactic with respect to disease, and promotes selfhealing and the experience of well being.

The Technique

How do we access energy and structure at the same time, and how do we know that we are doing so? Eastern philosophy tells us about the various levels of energy flows in our body, the deepest being in the densest tissue of our body: bone. When touched at the level of bone, there is a clarity and quieting of the mind which is unmistakable. If we gently touch the sternum of a crying infant, or the shoulder of an excited pet, for 10-20 seconds the response is a clear, and often quieting effect. This is because we are touching both structure and energy at the same time.

Energy flows through bone and across joints where it can be accessed in the structure through touch. Joints that have to do with the transmission of forces rather than locomotion, such as the sacro-iliac joint, tarsal joints, intervertebral, costovertebral, and cranial joints are the body's foundation and semifoundation joints. They provide an easy access to both structure and energy at the same time. Because of the wide broadcast of influence of these joints, the effects of working here are more efficient, lasting, and often profound. By accessing structure and energy together at these key joints, blockages are often dispelled, and a sense of balance and natural reorganization of the whole body takes place. It is as if the wind (or energy) suddenly meets our sails (structure) in just the right way, and the sailboat moves through the water almost effortlessly. Holding the energy and the structure of the body with the right touch supports their natural harmonious and allows the body/mind to feel fully alive and present.

If you can balance something to neutral by holding it in its own space, without judgment or comparison, it will naturally move to its highest

possible potential.

So what is the right touch? How do we tack our sails into the wind just right, paying attention to the current as well, and allowing a positive shift to happen?

In Zero Balancing, or 'ZB,' we do this in two ways. First. we touch at interface with high regard... that is without judgment and with keen attention to the boundary between client and practitioner, to the place where my fingers end, and my client's structure and energy begin. We work at this 'interface' throughout the session. There is no exchange of energy either way, no blending, no streaming, no channeling. It is not necessary. We simply use our hands to help the client's energy-the resources of his or her core well being—actually be more available.

Secondly, we create fulcrums with our hands at key places described above, according to a general protocol. A fulcrum is a balance point, a point around which one can reorient, or reorganize oneself. Fulcrums introduce a clearer stronger force field into the body which helps dissipate or override weaker fields that are not serving the client. In ZB these fulcrums are created gently with our hands or fingers in ways that are determined by the anatomy of the area being addressed. Energy follows form, or structure. The fulcrum is held for a few seconds - without judgment or intention - until there is a non-verbal sign of a shift - maybe from the breath, or the eyes, or the tissue itself. This work requires our full and mindful attention each moment to the client.

Zero Balancing can stand alone as body/mind therapy, or it can complement many other therapies, be they structural or energetic in emphasis. All practitioners are required to have a license to touch before certifying in Zero Balancing, a process that requires a period of study and practice, working with a mentor, and usually takes one to two years to complete.

Each session takes about 30-40 minutes and the client is fully clothed, while the practitioner evaluates, and offers fulcrums as needed. By supporting the natural balance and healing process of the body and focusing on aligning our structural and energetic anatomy, ZB has become a valuable tool for relieving the symptoms of stress, musculo-skeletal tension, for reducing physical and emotional pain, facilitating transitions in one's life, and overall enhancing wellness and self-actualization. Essentially, by holding our clients in high

regard at the level of bone, where the deep currents of well energy flow, one's true and good nature is experienced and restored. "What works reliably is to know the raw silk, hold the uncut wood."

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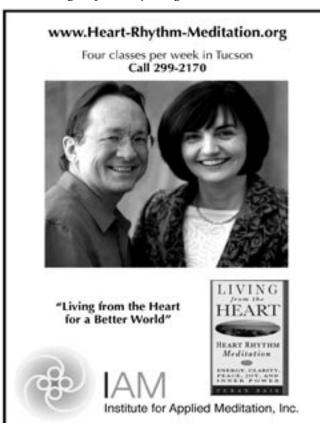
Three Great Reasons for Optimism about Our Future

by George Catlin, Ph.D.

e are in a difficult transition right now from one age to the next. The forces of light and progress are making an unprecedented impact on civilization while the tendencies toward fear and separation are making a last ditch stand against what is ultimately inevitable. Thus we see the great movement toward real spiritual progress breaking down outworn religious structures and bringing a new demand for honesty and justice in the political arena. At the same time those who cling to the old ways are doing whatever they can to advance their actual desire for a world dominated by a few rich and powerful people at the expense of the freedom of the rest of humanity.

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- 2) The heart of humanity is sound, open and loving. We may see ourselves as not fully dedicated to the kinds of changes the world so desperately needs, but that is because no one has ever really presented the possibility of real change. The Teachers will do just this, and they have no doubt that the vast majority of humanity will say "yes" to a world in which all are free to enjoy the bounty of this planet, where all are free to truly love one another and build a society where no one has to do without the bear necessities of life. This is our future and we will create it.
- 3) No one can imagine the power and love of creation itself, but that power, which we might call the will of God, is now directed solely toward the re-creation of our global society. This unlimited force is at the disposal of all who seek to positively transform our world. Of course we have free will and can always choose where to direct our energies, but as we give ourselves to the betterment of life for all people, the love and power of creation itself will express in us.

All this is true. How do I know it? Thirty years of experience with the teachings and the Teachers. Don't you know it too?

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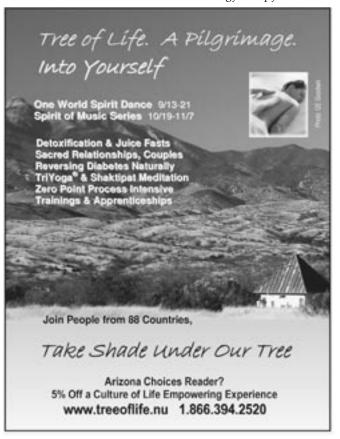
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The Cosmic Clock

For August and September '07

by Paul Reeder

This issue we are taking a different approach. Rather than try to decide which transits are included and which are left out due to space considerations, we will only cover the most important mutual aspect transits, and use the remaining space to cover some general principles.

Retrograde Motion

Retrograde motion is a good place to begin. After the last issue, I received a few calls, several e-mails, and had countless face to face encounters with questions about retrograde motion, where a planet appears to move backwards against the heavenly backdrop of stars.

Of course, planets in their real motion never go backwards. However, there are two ways planets appear to move backwards, the way of Venus and Mercury, planets that are closer to the Sun than is the Earth, and the way of the planets from Mars outwards, the planets that are further from the Sun than is the Earth.

From here on Earth, we witness Mercury and Venus go all the way around the Sun and the Zodiac every year - Venus twice and Mercury three times. While Mercury and Venus are on the far side of the Sun as seen from Earth, their orbital motion is in the same direction relative to the zodiac as is the Sun's motion. That is direct motion. When they come around to the near side of the Sun, their forward motion is now moving backwards relative to the zodiac of signs. This is retrograde motion for the inner planets. Mercury goes retrograde 3 times each year. Venus, in contrast, due to the rhythms of Earth and Venus, only goes retrograde every other year, about every 18 months give or take.

The outer planets go retrograde for different reasons. Whenever the Earth moving forward faster relative to the Sun, is on the same side of the sun as are the outer planets, then those outer planets are in retrograde motion. This is similar to passing a car on the highway. Both cars are moving forward. However, out of the corner of your eye, the slower car seems to be going backwards against the background scenery.

The outer planets, with the exception of Mars, spend almost half of each year retrograde. Retrograde motion itself is not such a big change. Rather it is the timing and location of the stations, the times and places in the sky where the outer planets change direction, that are significant.

When a planet goes retrograde, that change of motion brings its archetype and the things in our life it "rules", measures, or represents, to the foreground of our awareness. This is especially so for Mercury and Venus. Whether that is a good thing or not depends on how we are handling those affairs, and how open and flexible we can be when the energy flows change. It is pure superstition to simply declare that retrogrades are bad. Not to mention, its wrong.

There is a shift in energy flows and we must adjust to this shift to make the best of these times, but retrograde is often exaggerated beyond its real significance by folks who just love the drama of it all. The real shift can be felt in balance (proportion of yin and yang) and sequence (order of use - look before leap or leap before look?) of yin and yang flows. Meaning, in direct motion nature favors externalizing self-expressive flows - yang, outward bound, self expressive energies. In retrograde motion, nature favors internalizing and receptive flows. In retrograde motion nature slows down a bit. Forward progress is often a byproduct, the result of internal effort, or tying up loose ends from the past, revisiting and resolving attachments that, left in place, would inhibit, limit, or spoil forward progress.

If we consistently have difficulties with retrograde motions, this may be a clue that one lacks the skills needed to handle the internal world. Perhaps it is just too busy, the internal world, filled with unresolved emotions. Maybe we are simply addicted to the stimulation of the external world and neglect our inner life. It is our responsibility to learn to use retrograde motion with

Last month, on the 27th, Venus went retrograde at 2° Virgo 57'. On September 8th Venus will go direct at 16° Leo 35'. Her total retrograde motion will have been just over 16°. For this period, about 6 weeks, the concerns of Venus come into prominence. Agriculture, trade, and money among Her first concerns, luxury, sharing comforts and pleasures, friendship, love and intimacy, the arts, negotiation and conflict resolution, certain aspects of healing, especially women's mysteries and counseling help round out the picture of Venus' rulerships. Retrogrades can bring things from the past into the present for further action and resolution. Sometimes our forward progress in life is blocked by habits or other pattern behaviors that are connected to a particular episode in our past or string of episodes. During a retrograde period, by going back in time, so to speak, and resolving our past, we make future efforts for progress more fruitful than they otherwise could be. We need retrogrades. We need retrogrades very much.

Every year, Venus pulled along by the Sun's motion, makes a complete circuit of our chart, spending an av-

erage one month in each sign and house. Every other year, Venus slows down considerably, then turns retrograde. Most years, in less then a month, Venus passes through the 16° + space of the sky where she retrogrades this year. This year She spends more than 3 and a half months, from June 23rd, until October 11th, within that 16° + part of your chart. The last time anything similar occurred was 8 years ago, when Venus went retrograde in about the same place in the sky as this year. Whatever house that is in your chart will be emphasized along the affairs of Venus.

Transit Highlights

This 2 month period is a good period for mixing general theory real timing as there are relatively few major mutual aspects occurring. Early in August, on the 6th, Jupiter turns direct, ending its retrograde motion since the first week of April. Jupiter's expansive and hopeful energies will be more apparent from August 6th on. For most of us this will be a good omen.

With Venus in retrograde and Mars still direct, they will square one another the next day on August 7th. Passions run high! This transit is fabulous as long as individual interests and shared interests are in balance and harmony. Such yummy fertile creative energies to share in work and play. However, let any individual's self-interest fall out of balance and harmony with shared interests and this can become a stormy day!!!

August 15th, 16th and 17th are an interesting few days as both Mercury, in direct motion, and Venus, in retrograde motion, are conjunct the Sun and each other between 23° and 25° Leo. Mercury will be in the superior conjunction while Venus is in the inferior conjunction. A planet making an inferior conjunction has more energy, is moving faster, than the same planet making a superior conjunction.

August 24th - 28th Mercury moving from 11° to 18° Virgo completes a grand cross by adding its energy to a T-square with Mars in Gemini, opposing Jupiter in Sagittarius which in turn squares Uranus in Pisces. Moving from exactly opposite Jupiter on August 23rd to exactly square Uranus on September 3rd, Mars marks the period of greatest tension. These days and the sequence of events that transpire this last week in August are a precursor, a set-up, for the Sun's upcoming passage through these same degrees and solar eclipse at 18° Virgo on September 11th, but I am getting ahead of myself.

A lunar eclipse full moon blesses us on August 28th at 3:36 AM MST. Taken as a whole the lunar eclipse comes with few difficult aspects and is likely to represent an opportunity gain benefits from past efforts and to avoid or minimize difficulties to come (by negotiation) in Sep-

In September, the pace of events picks up speed and momentum. Saturn leaves Leo, where He has been since July of 2005, and enters Virgo, where He will do His work for the next 2+ years. This will be a bit of a relief for those with lots of fixed planets in their charts and an introduction to the next 2+ years of 'self-improvement' to those with lots of mutable planets.

On September 3rd, while Mars finishes with Uranus, the Sun begins its square to Jupiter beginning the solar follow through to what Mercury and Mars started a couple of weeks ago. Between now and September 11th the energies are volitile. If communications and negotiations over the past few weeks have been productive, this could be the starting point for new inventive solutions that could revolutionize our world in both wonderful and terrible ways. If those talks have not been productive, then this will be a dangerous time. Even Mother Nature may participate with Earthquakes, Tsunamis if at sea, or big storms - hurricanes, typhoons, and tornadoes - would be appropriate releases for excess energies, energies that cannot be channeled into creative expression.

Pluto, which has been retrograde since the end of March goes direct on September 7th and so, re-emerges from the inner world to the outer world of action. This is so significant as this station to direct is lined up to the Galactic Center (a position related to the collective psyche) pretty closely, and Pluto's forward motion from here will cross this point for the final time in this orbit (245 years) this fall.

September 8th Venus returns to direct motion, and although it will take until October 11th for Her to make up all her lost ground, we will sense an immediate surfacing for sunlight and clear air after a long time submerged in the past and its emotional wake.

Our semi-annual solar eclipse comes September 11 just before sunrise in Tucson. 9/11 being what it is aside, this solar eclipse involves Sun square Mars, opposite Uranus, square Jupiter and Pluto widely, but very tight square their midpoint. In short this eclipse sets into motion an entirely new set of circumstances, a new project if you will, that will run 6 months in the short view, and echo with transits for another year or so to follow. Things are likely to get nasty on the world stage, but what else is new?

Never mind that if you can and keep up the quiet revolution in your own backyard. Sun completes this phase of challenging aspects September 19th by squaring Pluto, and Mars does the same thing on the 21st by opposing Pluto. Finally on the 23rd comes the Autumnal Equinox and the Sun's passage into Libra. Can we find some peace and harmony now?

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Dancing on the Path

A listing of news items, tidbits and events of interest to our readers. Submissions welcome by email to: info@arizonachoices.com

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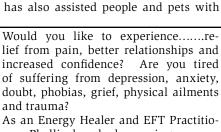
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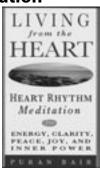
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