



# Introduction to Vedic Astrology

19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
(four consecutive Sundays from 2-6pm)



*Dear student of astrology,*

*Western and Vedic astrology are close cousins as far as systems of astrology go. In the course of the many millenia during which astrology has evolved, the two systems have periodically cross-pollinated and mutually enriched each other. One significant difference between western and Vedic astrology (known as Jyotish in India) is the fact that the latter has been fostered and developed in a more sympathetic cultural environment, since astrology is an integral part of Indian culture and has never suffered the ostracism and controversy that astrology in the west has had to endure, and barely survived. This is one reason why western astrology and astrologers can learn from Jyotish, and why Jyotish can help westerners reconnect with the spirit of their own all-but-lost traditions.*

*Anyone with a background in western astrology will find much that is familiar in Jyotish, and this makes Jyotish accessible to the astrologically minded westerner. And yet, when it comes to the specifics, the actual outcomes of applying the system in a particular context, Vedic astrology will often place the emphasis in brand new places that will surprise, and even more often enlighten, students of western astrology.*

*I am very grateful for the light Jyotish has shed for me on how astrology works, and I would be honored and grateful to introduce you to it's treasures.*

### **Among the topics covered:**

- Comparing Jyotish and western astrology; cultural, historical and technical factors
- Converting a western chart to Jyotish format - Sidereal vs. Tropical Zodiac, the Ayanamsha, methods of House Division and diagram styles
- Meanings and associations of primary factors - Planets, Signs & Houses in Jyotish, the Lunar Nodes in Jyotish
- Basic interpretation- planetary strength and status, Planets in Signs, Houses and Jyotish approach to Aspects
- The Nakshatra's (Lunar Mansions) of Jyotish- uses of Nakshatras in natal chart interpretation, synastry, electional and horary astrology
- The "Yogas" of Jyotish- spotting special planetary combinations
- The Jyotish approach to life-cycles: calculating Vimshottari Dasha planetary periods using the Moon's Nakshatra position, the years Planets "mature", Transits, Solar Return charts
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- Basic rectification for uncertain Ascendants
- Fine tuning interpretation - the "Moon Ascendant", "Sun Ascendant", Navamsha chart, other sub-charts and Shad Bala, etc.
- Jyotish and Ayurveda: determining constitutional type from the natal chart
- Remedial measures: gemstones and metals, mantras, yantras and yagyas, herbs, yoga etc.
- The Synastry of Jyotish- relationship Karma, Kuja Dosha, the four cornerstones of relationship (Sun, Moon, Ascendant & Venus), traditional use of Nakshatras in compatibility analysis
- Vedic astrology software: Junior Jyotish and Jagannatha Hora lite (free but perfectly functional software)

***The fee for the entire 4-week course is  
only R1500***

- *The venue: somewhere in Cape Town.*
- *The each lesson will begin at 2:00pm and end at 6:00pm*

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