

When and What Events Will Happen

- “The puzzling thing is that there is really a curious coincidence between astrological and psychological facts, so that one can isolate time from the characteristics of an individual, and also, one can deduce characteristics from a certain time.... “

● Carl Jung

Progression

- The act of progressing; forward or onward movement
- *Astrology*. any of a variety of methods of comparing the natal chart to subsequent planetary positions in order to establish an optimum time to accomplish things or to establish the probable time an event occurred or will occur

Progressions are “Astral Weather Conditions”

- In Hermetic Astrology the natal chart is considered to represent the most powerful influences which impact our character, consciousness, and life experiences
- From the time of birth forward the planets continue to move through the chart by what is called “progressed motion”
- These progressed aspects of the planets create temporary astral weather conditions which impinge upon our unconscious mind or soul and stimulate us to think, feel, and act in specific ways
- Our thoughts, feelings, and actions in turn, attract specific trends of events and experiences
- By calculating progressions we can look forward and determine the timing of events in our lives
- Progressions inform us whether or not we might experience sunshine or storms with our health, windfalls or losses economically, make or break-off

relationships, gain or lose employment, as well as numerous other types of activities

How Progressions Work

- “Astrology does not foreshow events which are inevitable. It maps thought-cell activities which influence the thoughts and behavior and exert extra-physical power on the environment in such a way as to make certain events probable.”
- C. C. Zain – *Progressing The Horoscope*

Inner/Outer Plane Interrelationship

- The Inner (Astral) Plane operates at a frequency above the speed of light, it interpenetrates and has a molding effect over the physical
- The Outer (Physical) Plane is in dense slow-moving substance that vibrates at a frequency below the speed of light. Events happen first on the Inner Plane before filtering down to the slower-moving Outer (Physical) Plane

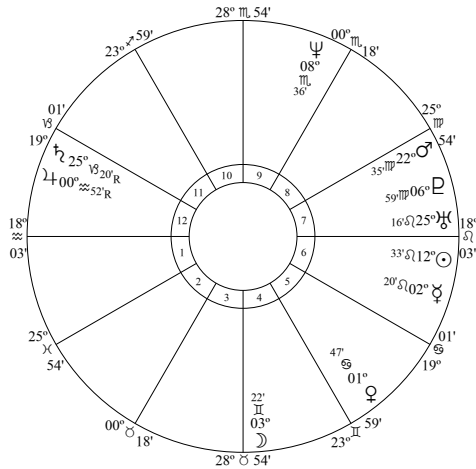
Hermetic Astrology – Keep it Simple

- “We are sometimes asked why we neglect the Moon’s Nodes, the Part of Fortune, and the Fixed Stars in the birth chart. We do so because, up to date, we have not found any condition in a person’s life which could not satisfactorily be explained by the planetary positions without recourse to these other factors. We do not say that these positions have no value; merely that up to the present we have found no need to use them in explaining the conditions and events in people’s lives.”
 - C. C. Zain - *CS X-2 Natal Astrology: Progressing the Horoscope* page 8

Three Types of Progressions

- In the Hermetic System of Progressions we work with three types of progressed movement - they are:

- MAJOR PROGRESSIONS
- MINOR PROGRESSIONS
- TRANSITS



Major Progressions

- Major progressions are determined by the movement and position of the planets each solar day after birth
- One day is roughly equivalent to one year of life
- Each two hours after birth are equal to one month of life
- Each four minutes after birth equal one day of life
- Major progressions carry one-half the power of the natal chart and correspond to the major events and experiences in one's life
- Major progressions carry one-fourth (1/4) the power of the natal chart
- In analyzing major progressions attention is given to"
 - The progressed position of the planets
 - The type of aspect they form
 - The relative power, harmony, or discord of their natal positions
 - The houses they govern by rulership (look to the sign on the cusp of each house)
- Major progressions are placed in the secondary wheel of the chart

Minor Progressions

- Minor progressions are measured by the movement of the planets during one lunar month (approximately 27 ¼ days) after birth
- This means one complete passage of the Moon through the twelve signs of the zodiac after birth is equivalent to one year of life
- The movement of the Moon through each sign of the zodiac after birth equals one month of life
- The movement of the Moon through one degree of the zodiac equals one day of life
- Minor progressions carry one-eighth (1/8) the power of the natal chart and correspond to the minor events in one's life
- Special consideration is given when minors reinforce planets engaged in major progressions
- When using minors we primarily track conjunction and opposition aspects
- Minor Progressions are placed in the tertiary wheel of the chart

Transit Progressions

- Transiting aspects are the type of progressions commonly used by most astrologers
- They are measured by the ratio of one year after birth is equal to one year of life
- The complex mathematical formulas required for calculating Major and Minor Progressions has daunted amateur astrologers for centuries
- Transits are easy to calculate – one can merely look at the ephemeris for the current date
- In the Hermetic system of astrology the influence of transits is considered fairly insignificant
- Transits carry the power of one thirty-second (1/32) of the natal chart
- **Exceptions to this rule** are the transits of the slower moving planets through

angular houses, and those planets forming conjunction or opposition aspects to natal or major progressed planets

- Transits are placed in the quaternary or outermost wheel of the chart
- “There is no difference in the influence exerted by Major Progressed aspects, Minor Progressed aspects and Transit aspects, other than in the volume of energy supplied the stellar cells as indicated by the importance and magnitude of the event attracted
- The events which many astrologers believe to be caused by transiting planets are in reality stimulated by major progressed aspects which are more powerful and enduring influences. Under such circumstances the transit, which merely triggers the Major Progression (which fails to work when no such Major Progressed aspect is present) is credited with responsibility for attracting the event.”
- C. C. Zain – Progressing The Horoscope



The Power of Progressions

- The Major Progression is the keg of dynamite
- The Minor Progression is the fuse
- The Transit is the match

Zain on Progressions

- “My predecessor, from whom I received the tradition, used the system for twenty years before his passage to the higher plane. In 1902, after trying out all the methods in common usage, I adopted it, and found it most

satisfactory in an extensive astrological practice which continued up to May, 1915. At that time, having discontinued private astrological practice, I commenced teaching it in the astrological classes held in Los Angeles; and in October, 1917, as the Hermetic System of Directions, it was published, and since that date has been in constant use in all B. of L. (now C. of L.) classes, wherever held, and has been tested and adopted by a vast number of astrologers throughout the world.”

- C. C. Zain – Progressing The Horoscope

Our Soul is Built of “Thought Cells”

- Just as the body is comprised of protoplasm forming cells and organs - the soul or unconscious mind is comprised of “psycho-plasm” forming thought cells and thought cell compounds in our consciousness
- Operating in a 4th dimensional realm our thought cells impact our dominant trends of thinking, feeling, and acting thus attracting events and experiences of a specific nature

Temporary Stellar Aerials

- Progressed planets are “Temporary Stellar Aerials” which attract events/experiences during their period of activity
- In the Hermetic System, progressions are allowed a 1^o orb of aspect
- Progressions have specific dates when they enter orb of aspect, become perfect, and leave
- Applying aspects are considered to have greater power to attract events than separating aspects
- Progressions can stimulate four or more regions of the chart
- The natal house position of both planets
- The house position of both planets by progression

- The houses each planet co-rules, determined by the sign on the cusp of the house

Attracting Painful or Pleasurable Experiences

- ♀ Venus adds ¼ harmony
- ♃ Jupiter adds ½ harmony
- ♂ Mars adds ¼ discord
- ♄ Saturn adds ½ discord
- The nature of the progressed aspect contributes in part to type of events attracted
- Neutral: ⋈ || † ♂
- Harmonious: ♃ ✱ △
- Discordant: ♄ ☐ ☐ ♂
- The relative conditioning energy of a planet in the natal chart contributes to its ability to attract pleasurable or painful experiences by progression

The Law of Affinity

- Like attracts like
- You are what you think

Influence of the Planets by Progression

☉ Sun Progressions

- Power Urges
- Any progressed aspect of the Sun affects our vital life force, our sense of significance, relationships with authority figures, relationships with the male sex in general, father figures, opportunities for awards, honors and recognition

☾ Moon Progressions

- Domestic Urges
- Any progressed aspect of the Moon affects our moods, emotional states, our mental attitude, home, family and domestic life, our everyday affairs, relationships with the female sex in general, mother figures

☿ Mercury Progressions

- Intellectual Urges

- Any progressed aspect of Mercury affects our studies, mental interests, increases our writing and intellectual activity accuracy in calculations and memory, and attracts opportunities for communication and self-expression

♀ Venus Progressions

- Social Urges
- Any progressed aspect of Venus attracts friendship and socializing, affection or romantic opportunities, gratuities, gifts, pleasure, experiences with creativity, beauty and the arts

♂ Mars Progressions

- Aggressive Urges
- Progression involving Mars express through courage, passion, strife, antagonism, and effort, accidents, injuries, fevers

♃ Jupiter Progressions

- Religious Urges
- Jupiter progressions attract abundance, opportunities, optimism, generosity, good-will, and luck

♄ Saturn Progressions

- Safety Urges
- Progressions involving Saturn attract lack of resources, restrictions, losses, confinements, sorrow, responsibilities

♅ Uranus Progressions

- Individualistic Urges
- Uranus progressions bring sudden change, eccentric behavior, fads, novelty, inventions and discoveries

♆ Neptune Progressions

- Utopian Urges
- Progressions of Neptune involve imagination, visionary ideals, intuition, illusions, fantasy thinking, and, psychic sensitivity

♇ Pluto Progressions

- Universal Welfare Urges
- Progressions involving Pluto attract experiences with compulsion, conformity, obsessions, group influences

Progressed Aspects

- Hermetic Astrology works with ten distinct aspects
- Aspects are the angles at which planetary forces join as they radiate towards earth
- Aspects add energy (power) to any chart
- Aspects contribute conditioning energy (harmony or discord)
- The potency of the ten aspects expresses from mild to extremely powerful
- Their conditioning energy can be either harmonious, discordant, or neutral

Conjunction ⋈

- The Conjunction is a **PROMINENCE** Compound
- The Conjunction, one of the most powerful aspects in astrology, is formed when two planets are in the same degree of the zodiac. The energies radiated by planets in conjunction move along the same path, reinforcing one another's character
- The conjunction is a neutral aspect. Jupiter and Venus add harmony. Saturn and Mars add discord
- Progressed conjunctions represent some of the most significant areas of activity in a chart

Semi-Sextile ♁

- The Semi-Sextile is a **GROWTH** Compound
- The Semi-Sextile is created when two planets are 30 degrees or one sign apart in zodiacal longitude
- This is a weak, yet harmonious aspect which expresses as a mildly benefic

cooperation affecting the matters represented by the two planets

- The positive influences signified by a progressed semi-sextile require careful cultivation to bring into full expression

Semi-Square ♁

- The Semi-Square is a **FRICTION** Compound
- The Semi-Square is formed when two planets are 45 degrees, or one and a half signs apart
- This is a mildly discordant aspect which manifests as uncertainty and vacillation. Rather than cataclysmic disruptions, a progressed semi-square causes anxiety, hesitation, worry, criticism and many recurring abrasions. The discord it attracts is usually due to the cumulative effect of the little discords in the environment
- Under a progressed semi-square aspect we must effort to maintain a positive attitude

Sextile ✨

- The Sextile is an **OPPORTUNITY** Compound
- The Sextile is formed when two planets are 60 degrees or two signs apart
- This aspect is quite harmonious. Its energy manifests as opportunities in matters represented by the two planets. It does not necessarily represent good things without exerting some effort
- The good signified by the progressed sextile, requires that opportunities be developed as they present themselves

Square ☐

- The Square is an **OBSTACLE** Compound
- **The Square** is formed when two planets are 90 degrees or three signs apart
- This is a very discordant aspect. A progressed square brings acute conflict and violent antagonisms that cause radical changes

- The square aspect requires determination and carefully directing the planetary energies into their most constructive avenue of expression

Trine Δ

- The Trine is a **LUCK** Compound
- The Trine is formed when two planets are 120 degrees or four signs apart in zodiacal longitude
- This is the most favorable progressed aspect. A trine signifies abilities, favors, and opportunities which come easily and spontaneously
- Under progressed Trines we must cultivate gratitude and exert ourselves in the areas in which we'd like to experience growth

Sesqui-Square \square

- The Sesqui-Square is an **AGITATION** Compound
- The Sesqui-Square aspect is formed when two planets are 135 degrees or three and one half signs apart
- This is a moderately discordant aspect, equal in strength to the semi-square
- This progressed aspect does not contain the force of the square, its action usually is to break up existing conditions rather suddenly
- Under progressed Sesqui-Square aspects we must maintain our grace and composure

Inconjunct π

- The Inconjunct is an **EXPANSION** Compound
- The Inconjunct is formed when two planets are 150 degrees or five signs apart in the zodiac
- Like the conjunction and parallel it is a neutral aspect expressing with harmony when Jupiter or Venus are involved and expressing with discord when Saturn or Mars are involved. Its energy manifests in much the same manner as the Conjunction and Parallel, except that it

has less force. Its strength is the same as the semi-sextile

- This progressed aspect tends to bring the things denoted by the two planets into some prominence while at the same time forcing them apart rather than together

Opposition \circ

- The Opposition is a **SEPARATION** Compound
- **The Opposition** is formed when two planets are 180 degrees or six signs apart
- This is usually considered the most discordant aspect - though acting in a less cataclysmic manner than the square. The energies of the two planets in opposition meet each other head-on, much like a "tug-of-war. The result is a constant antagonism between the activities ruled by the two planets. This constant struggle for supremacy between the two planets does not act abruptly, nor in acute crises like the square aspect, but develops slowly and unrelentingly
- Choice must be made between one of the two opposing factors, and this choice often involves the necessity of losing one of them

Parallel \parallel

- The Parallel is an **INTENSITY** Compound
- The Parallel is the aspect formed when two planets occupy the same degree of Declination, either both North or both South, or when one is North and the other is South of the celestial equator. This is the only aspect considered in the Hermetic System of Astrology which is not calculated by degrees in the zodiac
- The influence of a parallel is not so precise nor so well defined as a conjunction. The parallel signifies qualities and conditions that develop slowly and that give gradual force to the things signified by the two planets

Duration of Major Progressions

- Major progressions of the Moon last approximately 50 days
- Major Progressions of the Sun last for approximately two years
- Major Progressions of Mercury and Venus last for approximately eighteen months
- Major Progressions of Mars can last for three to four years
- Major Progressions of Jupiter last for approximately eleven years
- Major progressions of Saturn last fifteen or more years

Interpretation Guidelines

- Whether or not a progressed aspect attracts fortunate or unfortunate events is determined less by the nature of the aspect by progression and more by the conditioning of the planet in the natal chart
- The more powerful of the two planets in the natal chart tends to be the stellar aerial that receives the greater stimulus
- One can have an aspect and not attract an event
- A major progression can attract an event with no other reinforcement
- Major Moon progressions, Minors, and transits can help narrow the timing of events by adding thought-cell activity
- Interpreting progressions is an “art”
- You must take into consideration the education and training of the individual, and the mental habit-systems he or she has cultivated
- Focus only on the characteristics of the planets involved and the houses involved
- Eliminate concepts that are improbable due to birth chart predispositions
- You must consider the age of the individual and what events may be likely or unlikely based on the natural chronology of life events

- Note whether or not the environment in which the individual lives can allow the event to find full expression
- The astrologer must offer alternative expressions for any aspect
- The astrological counselor must offer suggestions as to how to best work with each aspect (the process of Alchemy)

Upcoming Classes

- April 22 – Major Progressions
- April 29 – Minor Progressions
- May 6 – Transit Progressions
- May 13 – The Alchemy of Progressions

Recommended Reading

C.C. Zain - *Natal Astrology Part 2: Progressing the Horoscope*

Doris Chase Doane – *Progressions in Action*

Class Participation

I intend this course to include more hands-on participation rather than pure lecture. To facilitate this we will be working with both the charts of notable personalities for whom we have accurate birth data, as well as the charts of class participants. Even those students who are participating over the internet will have the opportunity to ask questions about their charts, providing I have their birth data in advance of the class. I will also need your permission to share your birth data with the other participants. Send to: christopher@light.org