

The Hermetic System of Progressions – Class 2

- “The celestial bodies are the cause of all that takes place in the sublunar world”
 - Thomas Aquinas

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
- **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, and any houses they govern by rulership (look to the sign on the cusp of each house)**
- *“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
- Major progressions are placed in the secondary wheel of the chart
- **Importance of Event Depends Upon Intensity of Thought-Cell Activity**

- *“In predicting what events will be attracted into the life at a given time, therefore, the first thing to do is to consider the normal composition and activity of the thought-cells within the compartment of the astral body affected. Then consider the volume, type, and harmony or discord of the energy added to the stellar cells within the compartment, and estimate not merely the amount of activity which will result from this new energy supply, but also how the new energy supply modifies or accentuates their normal feeling of harmony or discord.”*

- C. C. Zain - CS X-2 Natal Astrology: Progressing the Horoscope page 16

Predicting Events

- Each progressed aspect attracts its own type of event
- Harmonious and discordant progressed aspects do not annul each other – they attract different events
- **SUN:** Any progressed aspect of the Sun affects the vitality, the significance, and the authority. Major Progressions of the Sun last for approximately two years
- **MOON:** Any progressed aspect of the Moon affects the mental attitude, the domestic life, and the everyday affairs. Major progressions of the Moon last approximately 50 days.
- **MERCURY:** Any progressed aspect of Mercury affects the mental interests, the facility or accuracy of expression, and increases the cerebral activity. Major Progressions of Mercury last for approximately eighteen months
- **VENUS:** Any progressed aspect of Venus affects the emotions, the social relations, and the artistic appreciation.

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Major Progressions of Venus last for approximately eighteen months

- MARS: Any progressed aspect of Mars brings strife, haste, and increased expenditure of energy. Any major progression of Mars lasts three to four years.
- JUPITER: Any progressed aspect of Jupiter affects the individual through abundance, increased optimism, and joviality. Any major progressed aspect of Jupiter lasts eleven to twelve years
- SATURN: Any progressed aspect of Saturn brings work, responsibility, and economy or loss. Major progressions of Saturn last fifteen or more years
- URANUS: Any progressed aspect of Uranus affects through something sudden, through a human agency, and brings change into the life.
- NEPTUNE: Any progressed aspect of Neptune increases the imagination, increases the sensitivity, and attracts schemes.
- PLUTO: Any progressed aspect of Pluto affects through groups, through subtle force, and brings coercion or cooperation.

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

Major Progressions are 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
- The house cusp positions of the natal chart remain constant
- Planets progress forward or backward (if retrograde) into the houses impacting these departments of life
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- We look to the houses activated by progressions to determine what areas of life will be stimulated

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

The Houses

- Progressions involving the First House impact the health, physical body, appearance, personality, temperament, self-image, self-consciousness, personal interests and desires.

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- Progressions involving the Second House influence our income, expenses, possessions, finances, and values
- Progressions involving the Third House impact one's private thoughts, mental interests, attitudes, studies, communications, writing, telephone calls, short trips, siblings, neighbors and neighborhood
- Progressions involving the Fourth House impact the home, father, real-estate, domestic matters, early childhood, conditions at the end of life, beginnings and endings.
- Progressions involving the Fifth House influence romance, love-affairs, sex, pleasures, creativity, entertainment, children, gambling, and speculation.
- Progressions involving the Sixth House stimulate activity in our employment, service, work-place, colleagues, coworkers, employees, tenants, diet, nutrition, food, illness, small pets.
- Progressions involving the Seventh House impact one's relationships, marriage, partnerships, allies, opponents, competitors, the public.
- Progressions involving the Eighth House influence matters of death, the end of things, spirit world, metaphysics, inheritances, legacies, other people's resources, partner's money, credit and debts.
- Progressions involving the Ninth House impact one's religion, philosophy, the higher mind, higher education, publicly expressed opinions, teaching, advertising, publishing, travel, international matters, import/export.
- Progressions involving the Tenth House stimulate one's reputation, status, honor, awards, business, career, bosses, superiors, and the mother.
- Progressions involving the Eleventh House influence Friends, acquaintances, associations, groups, clubs, organizations, hopes and wishes, social objectives, humanitarian goals.

- Progressions involving the Twelfth House impact one's secrets, mysteries, detective work, sorrows, disappointments, hidden enemies, places of confinement, prisons, jails, asylums, monasteries, ashrams, zoos, hospitals, social work, welfare, the occult, unseen psychic forces.

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)

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Homework: Choose a significant progressed aspect from your chart

- The planet forming the aspect in my chart is _____
- The urges ruled by this planet are _____
- When occupying any house this planet attracts _____
- The date this aspect enters orb is _____
- The date this aspect becomes exact is _____
- The date this aspect leaves orb is _____
- The planet receiving the aspect is _____
- This planet is natal/progressed (circle one)
- The urges ruled by this planet are _____
- When occupying any house this planet attracts _____
- The aspect being formed is _____
- The keyword for this aspect is _____
- The conditioning nature of this aspect is harmonious/discordant/neutral (circle one)
- The volume of energy this aspect carries is powerful/average/mild (circle one)

- What are the house positions of both planets by progression _____
- What are some of the matters ruled by these houses _____
- What are the natal house positions of both planets _____
- What are some of the matters ruled by these houses _____
- Looking at my natal chart – what is the astrodyne power of the planet forming the aspect _____
- What is the is the harmodyne or discordyne power of the planet forming the aspect _____
- Do these planets form any aspect to one another in the natal chart? If so, what is the natal aspect _____
- Create a sentence or two describing the nature of this aspect combining the keywords of both planets, the aspect being formed, and the houses involved

Recommended Reading

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

Doris Chase Doane – *Progressions in Action*

Upcoming Classes

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