

Astrological Delineation with Astrodynes: Class 5 – The Aspects

Aspects

- Aspects are the geometric angles which the planetary energies form with one another as they radiate towards earth.
- Aspects add energy (power) to any chart
- Aspects contribute conditioning energy (harmony or discord)

Aspects – The Composition

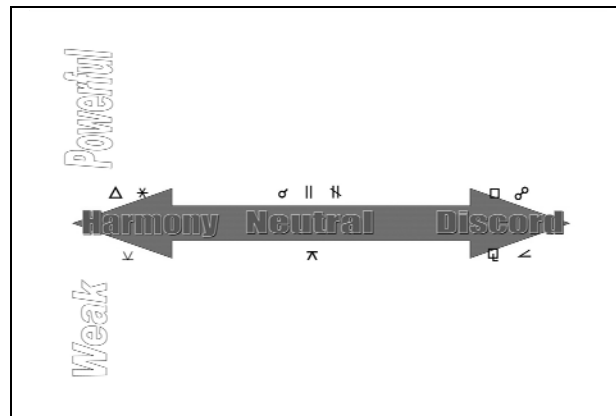
- The aspects add idiosyncrasies and conditioning energy to the chart. They help to determine whether or not it is a dissonant or harmonious composition
- “These astral whirls are not produced by the meeting of the rays of the planets from all angles. They are formed only when the planetary rays meet at definite angles, which have been learned through observation. When the angle at which the astral vibrations from two planets meet is such as to form a definite condition, comparable to a whirlwind, or to a rapids in a river, or to the undertow on an ocean beach, this angle is called an Aspect.”
- C. C. Zain

violent and destructive. When they meet from other angles the result is the formation of energies that tend to bind together and build up the astral organisms that they contact. These energies are such that they may be constructively utilized by the astral forms receiving them. But other energies, formed by astral currents meeting at other angles, exhibit an explosive tendency when contacting astral forms.”

- C. C. Zain

Aspects Power and Conditioning

- Chances are, the most powerful aspect in any chart will be a parallel, conjunction, opposition, square or trine



Thought Cell Compounds – Aspects

- In Hermetic Astrology uses 10 Aspects
- Aspects add energy the potency of the aspects expresses from mild to extremely powerful
- Aspects add harmonious, or discordant conditioning energy
- “In all, then, there are ten aspects, or definite angles at which planetary rays meet to exert a definite influence. The disturbance in the astral streams when they meet from certain angles is, like a cyclone, very

Aspects – Power and Harmony

- The potency of the ten aspects expresses from mild to extremely powerful
- Their conditioning energy can be either harmonious, discordant, or neutral
- In reading the aspect graph of the astrodyne report in the Horoscope© program the upper number represents the astrodyne power of the aspect.
- The lower number represents the relative harmony or discord of the aspect

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Aspect Power

- “Every aspect which a planet makes contributes to its power. It is a universally recognized astrological principle that some aspects give planets more power than others, and that the nearer an aspect is to being perfect the more power is given to the planets involved in the aspect. It is also universally recognized that an aspect no longer contributes to the power of the planets involved when it has reached a certain number of degrees from perfect.”
- Astrodyne Manual – Elbert Benjamine

Applying Aspects

- Applying aspects are formed when the faster moving of the two planets first enters orb of aspect up to the time the aspect becomes exact or perfect
- Applying aspects are considered more powerful than separating aspects

Separating Aspects

- Separating aspects are weaker than applying aspects. They are formed after the faster moving of the two planets has formed a perfect aspect and is leaving orb

Neutral Aspects

- “The other three aspects recognized—when two planets are in the same degree of the zodiac, when two planets are in the same degree of declination, and when two planets are one hundred and fifty degrees apart—do not seem integrative or disintegrative in themselves, but depend for their constructive or destructive attributes upon the tone

and quality of the planetary streams they combine.”

- C. C. Zain

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
- Conjunctions represent some of the most significant areas of activity in a chart

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

Inconjunct ☿

- The Inconjunct is an **EXPANSION** Compound

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- 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 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

Harmonious Aspects

- “When planetary rays meet at an angle of one hundred and twenty degrees, the aspect is called a Trine. And experience shows that when planetary rays converge at a trine, one-half a trine, or one-fourth a trine, each aspect, having an influence peculiar to itself, the influence is distinctly integrative and constructive.”
- C. C. Zain

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 aspect. A trine signifies abilities, favors, and opportunities which come easily and spontaneously
- Under Trine aspects we must cultivate gratitude and exert ourselves in the areas in which we'd like to experience growth

Sextile \ast

- 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 sextile, requires that opportunities be developed as they present themselves

Semi-Sextile \sphericalangle

- 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 semi-sextile require careful cultivation to bring into full expression

Discordant Aspects

- “Experience teaches that astral currents from the planets meeting at a right angle, one-half a right angle, one and one-half a right angle, and twice a right angle, each has a disintegrative, or destructive, influence. A right angle, of course, is ninety degrees, and the aspect formed by planetary rays meeting at a right angle is called a Square.”
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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 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

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 semi-square aspect we must effort to maintain a positive attitude

Sesqui-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 aspect does not contain the force of the square, its action usually

is to break up existing conditions rather suddenly

- Under Sesqui-Square aspects we must maintain our grace and composure

Opposition ♂

- 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

Upcoming Classes

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