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- *“An individual is not born until the inner-plane weather as mapped by astrological positions is closely similar to the organization of the thought-cells within his unconscious mind. Thus his birth chart is a very accurate map of his character at the time of his birth.”*
  - Astrodyne Manual –
  - Elbert Benjamine

## **Astrodynes**

- *Astro* means star and *Dyna* means power. Astrodynes, a means of determining the relative amount of power, harmony, and discord in any chart are the result of independent research conducted by Church of Light students around the world during the 1930's and 40's.
- The results were sent to C of L headquarters in Los Angeles where they were analyzed by Elbert Benjamine (aka C. C. Zain) and W. M. A. Drake and in 1946 they were compiled into the system we know today.
- Astrodynes have also been alternately called Stellar Dynamics and Cosmodynes
- It can take 8 – 12 hours of accumulative math to calculate astrodynes by hand
- In 1971, Horace A. Howe of Astro Numeric Service developed the first computer program to calculate astrodynes thus making them more accessible to astrologers
- Since 1997 The Church of Light has offered the Horoscope ® Program designed by President Paul Brewer
- In addition to astrodynes this program also calculates Hermetic Progressions
- Astrodynes calculate the power, harmony, and discord for the planets, signs, houses, and aspects in a chart
- They are ordered from the most powerful to the weakest
- *“Testing this technique on charts of natives with whom you are well acquainted will reveal how using cosmodynes helps the astrologer to delve into the causes and inner motives of events. Further than that, inquiries into the apparent mysteries of actions and states of mind become more unbiased – more individualized and objective.”*
  - How to Read Cosmodynes – Doris Chase Doane
- Astrodyne power = the volume of energy expressing by any particular planet, sign, house, or aspect
- Greater volume = greater expression
- The order of the planets by power can reveal our personal hierarchy of needs
- *“The relative power of a planet indicates the relative power of the thought-cells of that planetary type in the unconscious mind, and thus the relative power of the natural aptitudes characteristic of the planet. The more powerful the natural aptitudes the easier it is to develop them into ability of their particular planetary type. But in addition to influencing the thoughts and behavior the thought-cells possess psychokinetic power by which they bring into the life*

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*conditions and events of the kind they desire. Therefore, the more powerful a planet is in the birth chart, the more power the thought-cells it maps have to bring into the life conditions and events of its type.”*

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  - Elbert Benjamine

## **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

## **The Law of Affinity**

- Specific trends in thinking and feeling attracts like events

## **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 “psychoplasm” forming thought cells and thought cell compounds in our consciousness
- Operating in a 4<sup>th</sup> dimensional realm our thought cells impact our dominant trends of thinking, feeling, and acting thus attracting events and experiences of a specific nature

## **Astrodyne Power**

- “The actual events which thought-cells can bring into the life depend upon two things: the psychokinetic power of the thought-cells, and the resistance offered by the physical environment to the kind of events the thought-cells try to bring to pass.”
  - Astrodyne Manual –
    - Elbert Benjamine
- “The important thing that must be realized by the user of astrodynes who would use them proficiently is that astrodyne power is an indicator of the strength of the desires in the individual. If there is one thing that working with astrodynes should contribute to the consciousness of the astrologer, it is to show the patterns of energy working within the individual and the fact that each individual is a composite of various energy centers in a relative state of strength.”
  - Delineation with Astrodynes –
    - Ken Stone
- In an astrodyne report, the column marked “power” indicates the strength of the planet, sign, or house as measured by astrodynes
- The middle column marked “%” indicates the total percentage of power assigned to each planet, sign, or house
- “In terms of the native’s capture, storage and release of energy, the most prominent and heavily aspected planet is the planetary chart ruler. The things that it indicates powerfully influence the motivation and reactions of the native in an extremely wide scope.

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*The planet with the most power maps the strongest motivating urge in the mental makeup of the native.”*

- How to Read Cosmodynes –
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- In an astrological chart conditioning is determined by:
- The innate nature of the planet
- Essential Dignities
- Aspects
- Astrodynes are the best method for analyzing the conditioning energy in a chart

## **Power vs. Harmony**

- “Power is the amount of desire energy which is pushing an individual to act. Harmony is the quality of the reaction to the actions shown by the power.”
  - *Delineation with Astrodynes* –
    - Ken Stone
- “The more harmony a planet has, the more fortunate are the thoughts and behavior the thought-cells it maps influence, and the more fortunate are the events which the thought-cells it maps use their psychokinetic power to bring into the life.”
  - Astrodyne Manual –
    - Elbert Benjamine

## **The Best Planet**

- “*When the native tunes in on things marked by the signature of the best planet, he or she unconsciously generates and experiences pleasant sensations. .... The native enhances his or her ability to attract a harmonious environment and more agreeable*

*events, and steps up efficiency in the art of living and enjoying life.”*

- How to Read Cosmodynes –
  - Doris Chase Doane
- “*The more discord the planet has, the more unfortunate are the thoughts and behavior the thought-cells it maps influence, and the more unfortunate are the events which the thought-cells it maps use their psychokinetic power to bring into the life.*”
  - Astrodyne Manual –
    - Elbert Benjamine

## **The Worst Planet**

- “Environmental associations which stimulate the native to feel discontented and to react negatively are signified by the worst planet. He could try to avoid these situations. But life must go on and there are certain discords in it which none of us like. As the worst planet is more often than not the strongest planet, the native’s life may be dominated by these energies”
  - How to Read Cosmodynes –
    - Doris Chase Doane
- The right column marked “Harmony” indicates the conditioning energy (harmony or discord) that planet, sign, or house expresses

## **House Power**

- The houses listed at the top of the power and percentage columns contain the greatest amount of energy
- The most powerful houses indicate the area of life where

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we will most naturally focus our energies and efforts

- These are loci where our consciousness is continuously directed

## **The Best House**

- The best or most harmonious house is the one which in the harmony column has the largest positive number
- This house represents the regions and environments through which the individual more readily attracts joy, pleasure and ease

## **The Worst House**

- The worst house is the house which in the column marked harmony has the largest negative number
- This department represents environments and activities where the individual will most naturally attract frustrations, obstacles and difficulties

## **Sign Power**

- The signs listed at the top of the power and percentage columns express the greatest amount of energy.
- The signs color the way in which the planets that fall in them express much like the ways that adverbs and adjectives add color to a sentence
- The most powerful signs indicate activities and interests to which we are most naturally attracted
- These are powerful indicators of our strongest temperamental expressions

## **The Best Sign**

- The best or most harmonious sign is the one which in the harmony column has the largest positive number
- This sign represents environments and avenues of self-expression through which the individual experiences greater flow, aliveness, pleasure and luck
- Environmental associations, colors, talismanic gems etc. can be chosen to help stimulate this pleasure center in the soul

## **The Worst Sign**

- The worst sign is the sign which in the column marked harmony has the largest negative number
- This sign represents environments and temperamental traits where the individual will most naturally experience difficulties and frustrations
- One should study the negative qualities of this sign and take every precaution to transform their expression
- The colors, gems and environments ruled by this sign should be avoided

## **Aspects – Compounds in Consciousness**

- In Hermetic Astrology there are 10 Aspects
- Aspects represent the various thoughts cells represented by the planets entering into compounds which express from mild to extremely powerful
- Their conditioning energy can be harmonious, discordant, or neutral.

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- The upper line in each aspect box represents the relative strength of the aspect
- The lower line represents the conditioning energy (harmony or discord)
- The most powerful aspect is the one with the largest top number
- It is not uncommon for that aspect to be a parallel, conjunction, or opposition
- The most powerful aspect represents one of our greatest personal abilities and most dynamic area of consciousness
- The best or most harmonious aspect is the one with the largest positive lower number
- It is not uncommon for that aspect to be a trine
- The most harmonious aspect represents an area of consciousness that one should continuously cultivate into fuller expression
- The worst or most discordant aspect is the one with the largest negative lower number
- It is not uncommon for that aspect to be a opposition or square
- The worst or most discordant aspect represents an area of consciousness where we must express continued vigilance and exercise greater control

## Homework

### ASTRODYNE WORKSHEET POWER & HARMONY

#### PLANETS

Write down your most powerful planet;  
(if the Asc. or MC. is most powerful  
drop down to your first planet)

Planet: \_\_\_\_\_

Astrodyne value; \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage; \_\_\_\_\_

The urges governed by this planet are:

\_\_\_\_\_

They express powerfully in my  
personality as; \_\_\_\_\_

Write down your most harmonious  
planet; \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of harmony; \_\_\_\_\_

Some ways in which I have experienced  
harmony through this planet are;

\_\_\_\_\_

Write down your most discordant  
planet; \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of discord; \_\_\_\_\_

Some conflicts I may have experienced  
through this planet are;

#### SIGNS

Write down your most powerful sign;

\_\_\_\_\_

Astrodyne value; \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage; \_\_\_\_\_

The keyword for the thought series this  
sign rules is;

\_\_\_\_\_

My most powerful expressions of this  
sign are;

\_\_\_\_\_

Write down your most harmonious  
sign; \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of harmony; \_\_\_\_\_

Some ways in which I have experienced  
harmony through this sign are;

\_\_\_\_\_

Write down your most discordant sign;

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of discord; \_\_\_\_\_

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Some conflicts I may have experienced through this sign are;

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## HOUSES

Write down your most powerful house;

House: \_\_\_\_\_

Astrodyne value; \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage; \_\_\_\_\_

Some of my areas of greatest interest ruled by this house are;

\_\_\_\_\_

Write down your most harmonious house; \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of harmony; \_\_\_\_\_

I can take advantage of the luck this house brings me by;

\_\_\_\_\_

Write down your most discordant house; \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of discord; \_\_\_\_\_

The conflicts I may experience through this house are;

\_\_\_\_\_

## ASPECTS

Write down your most powerful aspect;

Astrodyne value; \_\_\_\_\_

The urges ruled by the planets in aspect are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

The keyword for the aspect is:

\_\_\_\_\_

Some ways in which this aspect expresses in my life are;

Write down your most harmonious Aspect: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of harmony; \_\_\_\_\_

The urges ruled by the planets in aspect are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

The keyword for the aspect is:

\_\_\_\_\_

Some ways in which I have experienced this aspect bringing me luck are;

\_\_\_\_\_

Write down your most discordant aspect; \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of discord; \_\_\_\_\_

The urges ruled by the planets in aspect are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

The keyword for the aspect is: \_\_\_\_\_

The conflicts I may experience through this aspect are;

\_\_\_\_\_

## Recommended Reading

- *How To Read Cosmodynes* – Doris Chase Doane
- *Delineation with Astrodynes* – Ken Stone
- *Astrodyne Manual* - Elbert Benjamine

Take exam for last week's class on the aspects: <http://www.proprofs.com/quiz-school/story.php?title=beginning-hermetic-astrology-part-5-aspects>



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## PLANETS

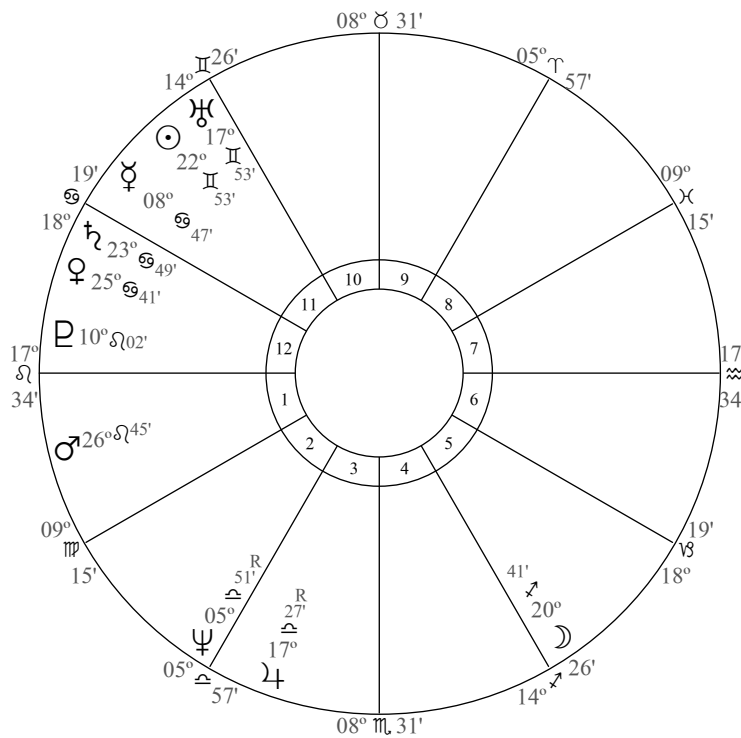
	Power	%	Harmony
☉	82.08	15.3	-4.96
☽	80.47	15.0	-5.97
♃	28.75	5.4	-1.12
♀	43.24	8.1	12.12
♂	33.30	6.2	3.70
♃	30.60	5.7	44.16
♄	17.43	3.2	2.52
♆	73.85	13.8	13.04
♁	18.92	3.5	-6.99
♁	38.08	7.1	-5.43
MC	43.27	8.1	-10.53
ASC	47.10	8.8	22.19
	537.08	100.0	62.74

## HOUSES

	Power	%	Harmony
1	121.44	15.5	23.41
2	33.29	4.2	-7.55
3	52.22	6.7	50.22
4	17.85	2.3	-0.43
5	95.77	12.2	16.11
6	8.71	1.1	1.26
7	22.82	2.9	3.89
8	12.38	1.6	9.29
9	16.65	2.1	1.85
10	64.89	8.3	-4.47
11	199.05	25.4	6.40
12	138.98	17.7	6.23

## SIGNS

	Power	%	Harmony
♈	16.65	2.1	1.85
♉	64.89	8.3	-4.47
♊	170.30	21.7	7.52
♋	129.65	16.5	10.54
♌	159.52	20.3	17.98
♍	14.38	1.8	-0.56
♎	71.14	9.1	43.23
♏	17.85	2.3	-0.43
♐	95.77	12.2	16.11
♑	8.71	1.1	1.26
♒	22.82	2.9	3.89
♓	12.38	1.6	9.29



	☉	☽	♃	♀	♂	♃	♄	♆	♁	♁	MC	ASC
☉		10.80 -10.80		0.20 0.25	3.14 2.35	4.57 6.85	2.08 1.04	8.00 0.00		2.85 -2.85	4.37 -4.37	1.68 1.68
☽	11.09 0.00				3.93 2.95	3.77 5.65		10.21 -10.21		0.64 -0.64	2.17 -2.17	6.89 6.89
♃					2.03 -2.53					7.06 -7.06	1.74 1.74	6.74 6.74
♀	7.52 1.88	9.43 2.36			1.93 1.93		6.12 -1.53					
♂							0.06 0.01					2.32 -0.70
♃								7.56 11.34				6.88 10.32
♄	8.96 0.00	10.87 0.00		8.90 2.22								6.68 6.68
♆										1.80 1.80	0.32 0.00	1.73 -1.73
♁	5.18 0.00	3.27 0.00						0.88 0.00			8.48 -8.48	4.47 0.00
MC				5.24 -1.31								0.95 -0.95
ASC												



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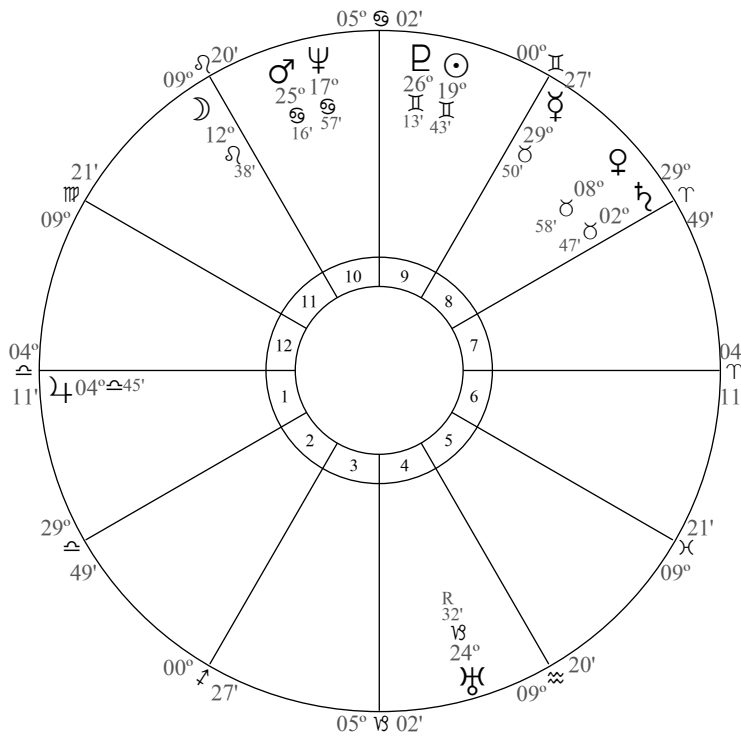
	Power	%	Harmony
☉	29.50	5.8	-3.81
☽	49.11	9.6	-10.24
☿	34.31	6.7	16.93
♀	25.61	5.0	-1.18
♂	54.54	10.7	-23.68
♃	43.67	8.5	7.75
♅	28.50	5.6	-9.71
♁	63.69	12.4	-18.15
♃	50.49	9.9	-6.96
♁	33.89	6.6	-6.13
MC	53.28	10.4	-7.79
ASC	<u>45.24</u>	<u>8.8</u>	<u>-0.25</u>
	511.82	100.0	-63.23

## HOUSES

	Power	%	Harmony
1	101.71	13.3	6.91
2	23.86	3.1	-4.32
3	21.83	2.9	3.87
4	77.94	10.2	-23.00
5	23.05	3.0	-6.96
6	23.54	3.1	0.20
7	27.27	3.6	-11.84
8	122.10	15.9	-6.10
9	80.54	10.5	-1.47
10	182.86	23.9	-43.56
11	63.86	8.3	-12.15
12	17.16	2.2	8.46

## SIGNS

	Power	%	Harmony
♈	54.54	7.1	-23.68
♉	94.83	12.4	5.75
♊	80.54	10.5	-1.47
♋	182.86	23.9	-43.56
♌	63.86	8.3	-12.15
♍	17.16	2.2	8.46
♎	114.52	15.0	6.32
♏	11.05	1.4	-3.73
♐	21.83	2.9	3.87
♑	77.94	10.2	-23.00
♒	23.05	3.0	-6.96
♓	23.54	3.1	0.20



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