

THE HERMETIC SYSTEM OF PROGRESSIONS

In Hermetic Astrology the natal chart represents the most powerful influences which impact our character, consciousness, and life experiences. However, from the time of birth forward the planets continue to move forming new aspects by progressed motion. These progressed aspects create temporary astral weather conditions that stimulate us to think, feel, and act in specific ways. These thoughts and feelings work from a subconscious level to attract specific events such as; sunshine or storms with our health, windfalls or losses economically, forming or breaking off relationships, the gain or loss of employment, as well as numerous other types of activities. By calculating progressions we can look forward and determine the timing and quality of events in our lives. Several factors are combined to delineate progressed progressions such as the nature of the planets involved, their conditioning in the natal chart, the house positions occupied in the natal chart and by progression, and the nature of the aspect being formed. By combining the keywords for the planets, houses and aspects we can create descriptions of when and what events will transpire.

In the Hermetic System of Progressions we work with three types of progressed movement. They are:

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 the form, and relative power, harmony, or discord of their natal positions, and any houses they govern by rulership.

MINOR PROGRESSIONS:

Are measured by the movement of the planets during one lunar month (approximately 27 1/4 days). This is 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 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, especially by conjunction or opposition aspect.

TRANSITS:

Transiting aspects are the type of progression in most common use by astrologers. They are measured by the ratio of one year after birth is equal to one year of life. Transits carry the power of one thirty-second of the natal chart. In the hermetic system of astrology their influence is considered fairly insignificant. 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.

INFLUENCE OF PROGRESSED PLANETS

☉ **SUN**: Any progressed aspect of the Sun affects our vitality, our significance, our ability to receive honors and recognition and our relationships with men and those in authority.
NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES: With authority or lack of it, egotism, dictatorial, lack of self-esteem, loss of honor, arrogance, prideful, public embarrassment.
BEST EXPRESSED AS: Confidence, honor, self-esteem, power, leadership, authority in some area of life, pride in accomplishment, respect of self and others.

☾ **MOON**: Any progressed aspect of the Moon affects our mental attitude, our temporary moods, our domestic life, relationships with women, and our everyday affairs.
NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES: With women or the public in general, problems with family, moodiness, fluctuating emotions, passivity and despondency.
BEST EXPRESSED AS: nurturing, sensitivity, care for dependents or those less fortunate, mental/emotional adaptability to ever-changing conditions.

☿ **MERCURY**: Any progressed aspect of Mercury affects our mental interest, our faculty or accuracy of expression, and increases our cerebral activity.
NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES: With mistakes in communication, accountancy, mathematical errors, nervousness, restless, mental agitation or fanaticism.
BEST EXPRESSED AS: perception, intelligence, wit, constructive expression, objectivity, careful attention to detail, clarity of mind.

♀ **VENUS**: Any progressed aspect of Venus affects our love life, our emotions, our social relations, and our artistic appreciation.
NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES: With loss of love, social scandals, laziness, jealousy, excessive sensuality, addictions.
BEST EXPRESSED AS: Affection, joy, graciousness, artistic appreciation, sense of beauty, mirthfulness, love of friends, companionship.

♂ **MARS**: Any progressed aspect of Mars brings strife, haste, passion, initiative and increased expenditure of energy.
NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES: With accidents, injuries, fires, anger, antagonisms, destructive passions, illness and operations.
BEST EXPRESSED AS: Courage, energy, drive, activity, protectiveness, initiative, construction, assertiveness and protectiveness.

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♃ **JUPITER**: Any progressed aspect of Jupiter affects the individual through abundance, wealth, optimism, good fortune and joviality.
NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES: With conceit, over-optimism, excessiveness, extravagance, or an attitude of religious superiority.
BEST EXPRESSED AS: Cheerfulness, generosity, benevolence, good-will, philosophy, nobility, warmth, thanks-giving and prayerfulness.

♄ **SATURN**: Any progressed aspect of Saturn brings, work, weighty responsibilities, conservatism, economy or loss.
NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES: Poverty, illness, death, restrictions, confinements, losses, selfishness, burdens, greed, fear.
BEST EXPRESSED AS: System, planning, foresight, safety, caution, persistence, patience and perseverance.

♅ **URANUS**: Any progressed aspect of Uranus affects us through something sudden, or through a human agency and brings changes or the unexpected into our life.
NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES: with being overly eccentric, disruptiveness, radical attitudes, abrupt changes, non-conformity and high nervous tension.
BEST EXPRESSED AS: Independence, inventiveness, discovery, ingenuity, innovation, intuition, originality.

♆ **NEPTUNE**: Any progressed aspect of Neptune increases our imagination, brings increased sensitivity, and attracts schemes.
NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES: With disappointments, illusions, fantasy thinking, high expectations, hypersensitivity, nebulousness, ambiguity, and vagueness.
BEST EXPRESSED AS: Imagination, sympathy, aesthetic sense, visionary, idealism, utopian thinking, universal brotherhood, psychic sensitiveness.

♇ **PLUTO**: Any progressed aspect of Pluto affects through groups, subtle force, and brings coercion or cooperation.
NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES: With groups, organizations, criminal or manipulative personalities, exploitation, inversion, conspiracies.
BEST EXPRESSED AS: Spirituality, cooperation, collaboration, thoughts toward universal welfare, benefit of group, teamwork, and selflessness.

HOUSE EXPRESSION

1. The physical body, appearance, health, personality, temperament, self-image, self-consciousness, personal interests and desires.
2. Possessions, finances and values
3. Private thoughts, mental interests, attitudes, studies, communications, writing, telephone calls, short trips, siblings, neighbors & neighborhood
4. Home, father, real-estate, domestic matters, early childhood, conditions at the end of life, beginnings & endings.
5. Romance, pleasures, love-affairs, sex, creativity, entertainment, children, gambling & speculation.
6. Work, service, work-place, colleagues, coworkers, employees, tenants, diet, nutrition, food, illness, small pets.
7. Marriage, partnerships, allies, opponents, competitors, the public.
8. Death, the end of things, spirit world, metaphysics, inheritances, legacies, other people's resources, partner's money, credit & debts.
9. Religion, philosophy, the higher mind, higher education, publicly expressed opinions, teaching, advertising, publishing, travel, international matters, and import/export.
10. Reputation, status, honor, awards, business, career, bosses, superiors, mother.
11. Friends, acquaintances, associations, groups, clubs, organizations, hopes & wishes, social objectives, humanitarian goals.
12. 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,

ASPECTS

<u>ASPECT</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>FORMED BY</u>	<u>EXPRESSION</u>	<u>KEYWORD</u>	<u>APPLICATION</u>	<u>NATURE</u>
<u>CONJUNCTION</u> ♂	0°	Two planets in the same sign	Potent Intense Powerful	Prominence	Temperance or Control	Strongly neutral
<u>SEMI-SEXTILE</u> ∨	30°	Two planets 1 sign apart	Adaptable Gentle Pleasant	Growth	Direction	Mildly harmonious
<u>SEMI-SQUARE</u> ∠	45°	Two planets 1 1/2 signs apart	Uncertain Worrisome Annoying	Friction	Positive outlook	Mildly discordant
<u>SEXTILE</u> ✕	60°	Two planets 2 signs apart	Beneficial Creative Inspiration	Opportunity	Development	Moderately harmonious
<u>SQUARE</u> □	90°	Two planets 3 signs apart	Dynamic Difficult Destructive	Obstacle	Constructive adaptation	Strongly discordant
<u>TRINE</u> △	120°	Two planets 4 signs apart	Ease Ability Favorable	Luck	Effort appreciation	Strongly harmonious
<u>SESQUI-SQUARE</u> ◻	135°	Two planets 4 1/2 signs apart	Restless Irritable Discontent	Agitation	Graceful understanding	Mildly discordant
<u>INCONJUNCT</u> ⋈	150°	Two planets 5 signs apart	Independent Convertible Increasing	Expansion	Cultivate strength	Mild neutrality
<u>OPPOSITION</u> ⊙	180°	Two planets 6 signs apart	Polarizing Attraction Repulsion	Separation	Choices to restore equilibrium	Strongly discordant
<u>PARALLEL</u> 	0° (declination)	Two planets in the same degree N. or S. declination	Slow Pervasive Independent	Intensity	Development of qualities	Strongly Neutral

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