

Progressing the Horoscope

THE MOST PRACTICAL and interesting phase of the absolute science of astrology is the progressed horoscope. Here is shown in general terms each year's experiences of the individual in this physical life. No student can say what anyone will do under these aspects; he only sees the indications, for as is often said, "the stars incline, but do not compel."

In the progressed chart can be found the time when a long-standing illness will pass and the person may again take an active part in the world's affairs. Here may be noted the success of the struggling inventor, and there where another may turn from cant and bubbles to seeking realities. More and more does this science fill one with wonder and amazement in its exact denotations. However, one can state most emphatically that only the student who takes up the study of astrology with some degree of veneration will make any great advancement, because it is a spiritual science and as such cannot be desecrated with impunity.

Before progressing a chart for a future year, always rectify it by dates of events which may be given. As the degree of the rising sign changes every four minutes, unless the minute of birth is first determined it can make a difference of a year or more in predicting an important event. For instance, suppose in a chart the progressed Mars was approaching a square of the radical Ascendant, indicating an accident (natal horoscope denoting accidents). Suppose Mars was moving less than forty minutes a year; if the natal horoscope was half an hour incorrect, the student would miss this primary direction by some years.

When asking an instructor how to rectify horo-

scopes, the writer was assured it is an art in itself. It is, truly. But the only way to learn is to get at it, no matter how blundering one may at first be, for by those blunders one can work out a fine system and gain excellent training in learning how to judge future events.

To find the minute of birth, the student should first cast the natal horoscope for the time given, then progress it to the time of any of the data given as guides to rectification. Taking the configuration, he looks for indications of the nature of the event he is endeavoring to prove. Suppose it is a date of marriage. We first look to the primary directions. Here we may note if the progressed Midheaven is within about a degree of conjunction with the radical Venus, or if a similar configuration prevails. For the secondary directions, we might look at the progressed Moon, perhaps near an exact trine to its radical position. If we turned to an ephemeris for that year, we might see the ruling planet transiting some benefic on that date. Such testimonies would prove the time as given right; perhaps within a few minutes. Correcting the natal time to make this direction exact, the student may progress the chart to the dates of other given events and strike an average for the true time of birth.

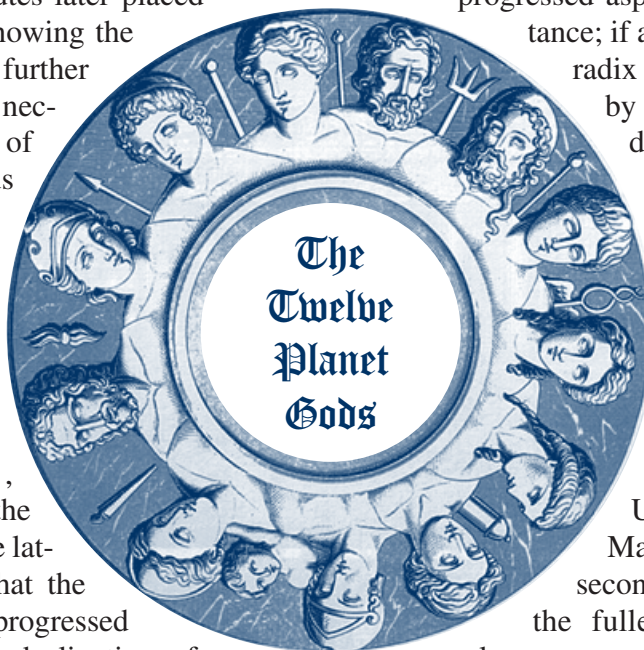
All marriages are not denoted by a progressed M.C. conjunction radical Venus, or trine radical Moon; or the progressed Sun conjunction radical Venus. As there are many ways of expressing any action, so does astrology diversely indicate similar events, but it shows or describes the event exactly as pertaining to each individual.

Astrology makes one think, and if the student, having the right attitude, is in earnest, he will advance as rapidly as he can assimilate the knowl-

edge. Knowing many little points will greatly facilitate the work of rectification. For instance, when the writer was recently rectifying a chart, the time given showed the person to have the last decan of Capricorn rising. This described his personality very well, except that he is slightly deaf. Sagittarius was on the cusp of the Twelfth House and Mercury was in the Eleventh House, being in square to Mars. Referring to page 67 of *The Message of the Stars*, one reads that if Mercury be in the Twelfth House and afflicted, deafness is denoted. Recasting the horoscope for fifteen minutes later placed Mercury in the Twelfth, showing the above affliction. Only one further slight change in time was necessary to prove the minute of birth. Thus are numerous aids given the student.

Having rectified the horoscope, one proceeds to progress it to the present year, figuring each planetary position: its declination, and the declination of the M.C., Ascendant, and cusp of the Sixth House. Regarding the latter, it may be observed that the parallel declination of the progressed Sixth House to the same declination of radical Mars or Saturn may be the only configuration showing a serious illness. The writer recalls a progressed chart of a man who was ill for two months. The only aspect was the progressed Sixth House in exact parallel with radical Mars, the lunar direction relating more to his business; besides, a secondary direction alone would not indicate a long sickness.

Having placed the planets in the chart for the progressed birthday, on the reverse side of the sheet place the twelve months, beginning with the adjusted calculation date, and opposite to it the monthly longitude of the Moon; as: Aug 17, Moon 8:37 Virgo. Below this, Sept. 17, Moon 9:42, etc. Place all lunar aspects in the month of their culmination, writing after them their exact longitude, as: Pg. Moon trine Rd. Uranus (8:52). One will thus be able to see at a glance. what part of the month a lunar direction culminates. Next calculate and place



on the sheet all primary directions in force. First note any aspects of the progressed Sun to the position of natal or progressed planets, the M.C. and Asc. Next figure the mutual directions; then note important transits, and if any New Moon forms an exact configuration.

After the tabulation, the student takes up the general reading of the year's events of the person. It may be mentioned that only that which may be shown in the radix will affect the native by progressed position. If a planet is not a significator its progressed aspects will have small importance; if a malefic is an afflictor in the radix it will be in like significance by transit, by lunar and primary direction. Likewise if a planet be in benefic ray it will bring its sunshine.

First then, the primary directions are studied carefully, heeding any counterbalancing aspects. Next take up the secondary directions, including the position of Neptune, Uranus, Saturn, Jupiter and Mars transiting the radix. The secondary directions usually give the fuller reading, but they most always assume the nature of the important primary; although there may occur both desirable and undesirable experiences at the same time.

The advanced chart is read in connection with the natal one, excepting aspects pertaining to the former alone. In determining an event indicated, the significator is studied. It will have somewhat dissimilar meaning in different horoscopes. Its position by House, Sign and Rulership must be given thoughtful attention. For instance, suppose in a man's chart Mars, ruler of the Second House, is in the Eighth house, there being no planet in the Second House; then aspects to the radical Mars would largely relate to the man's finances. Suppose Mars, ruler of the Third House, were in the Eighth House, no planet in the Third House; then an aspect of the Moon transiting the Third House trine radical Mars would likely indicate a short trip. Suppose Mars to be in the Sixth House; then malefic aspects

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thereto might denote some fever or inflammatory disease, temporary or otherwise, according to primary or secondary direction. In one figure a long period of intestinal illness was shown by the progressed Ascendant (Virgo) coming into opposition with radical Saturn, the latter being ruler of the House of sickness.

While textbooks on this science are very helpful, the student must gradually learn to think out these problems for himself. Astrology is like that excellent game of golf, in which it is impossible to reach perfection. Likewise, there does not seem to be any limit to the knowledge one may obtain from the study of astrology.

Regarding the time of an event: The influence of primary indications last from a month to over a year, according to the aspect under consideration and the relative significance of the planets in the radix. Thus several secondary directions may bring out a number of desirable conditions under a benefic primary.

To ascertain the date of some special event note that it may occur on the date of the lunar culmination, or several days before or after this date; however, it is usually shown by an agreeing transit or New Moon which is in exact aspect, thus pointing even to the part of the day the event may happen.

While holding that everyone should study this science, one realizes from looking at some horoscopes that it would be extremely difficult for many people to reach proficiency. However, if only one member of a family would take up its study in earnest, innumerable benefits would be shown them, especially if that member is a parent. The latter can see a child's various needs—physical, mental, spiritual—and give appropriate guidance. For instance, the father would not try to coerce his son to enter the same profession or business as himself, but would glean from the son's horoscope what his real talents are, what weaknesses he needs to overcome, and the general nature of his work in this world.

The older student can be of great assistance to his friends. By personal demonstration he can dispel their superstitions and broaden their view of life, showing the hand of divine purpose, seemingly hidden, but ever working to create marvelous order, system, and harmony. □

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