

*Chapter 8***Rectifying the Horoscope**

A BIRTH-CHART, according to the views presented in these lessons, is a map of the thought-energies within the astral body of man, and the progressed aspects map the time and nature of the inner-plane weather which adds planetary energies to these thought-energies. Thus natal astrology becomes a means of estimating the various forces within man's finer body at any selected time.

These forces, like any forces of nature, if left to themselves, flow on in their accustomed channels. Thus does electricity flow, and the current of a stream, or the wind through the trees. Thus also does light from the Sun beat upon our earth. Yet all of these forces have been harnessed by man and diverted from their customary channels to perform work of his choosing.

And it has been one of the objects of this series of lessons in natal astrology to indicate not merely how the energies reaching the astral body of man may accurately be estimated as to volume and their natural trend, but also to indicate the methods by which they can be controlled, diverted, and employed to do the kind of work he most desires of them.

But if such estimation of their power is to be accurate, and if the instructions as to the manner in which they can be manipulated to perform a more constructive purpose is to be sound, the birth-chart which forms the basis from which these matters are judged must be accurate.

Unfortunately, many people do not know the hour of their birth. It might be held that Nature should provide a sure and easy way to remedy this negligence upon the part of man. But so far as I have been able to discover no such easy and certain method is at hand by which we can offset the ignorance of those who have failed to realize the importance of accurately timing each birth. And in this Nature seems quite consistent; for it is her custom to exact dear payment for ignorance, no matter how innocent of wrong doing it may be.

I wish there were an easy method by which, when the day of birth alone is known, a birth-chart might be rectified so that the sign, degree and minute rising might be known with certainty. Yet I have experimented with "progressing the house cusps," the "noon-point method," the "sunrise method," the "tidal point method," the "octagonal point method," the "improved Egyptian method," the "pointer method," methods based upon horary charts and methods based upon the person's name, without finding in any one the precision and certainty I desire.

The magazines hold glowing advertisements of those who will rectify a

birth-chart by some easy and sure method. Yet I find that when a birth which is accurately timed is sent to these individuals with only the day given, that the chart returned as the correct one all too often is entirely different than the one erected for the time given by the electric clock in the maternity hospital.

There are those who boast that they never delineate a chart, even when the time of day is given, unless they first rectify it.

In our research department we have found it better always to use the time of day given. The chart thus obtained may be a few degrees in error; but we believe the error introduced by using the approximate time as ascertained by a clock by someone present at the birth, is likely to be much smaller than the error commonly occasioned in trying to make the chart fit some theory. If a birth is accurately timed I consider it a great mistake to juggle it in any way. Theories should be made to fit facts, and the observed time of birth is the fact in this case that all theories should be made to fit.

The best solution of uncertain birth-times in the future is to create a public sentiment that will insure all births being accurately timed and recorded. But in the meantime those who know the day of birth, but not the hour, need not be discouraged. If enough work is done upon a chart, with the collaboration of the person to whom the chart belongs, it is possible to rectify it, that is, to experiment with it until the sign, degree and minute on the Ascendant are precisely ascertained. But the work involved, while the benefit to the individual is worth immeasurably more than the labor expended, often is so great that the professional astrologer can not afford to give it the painstaking care that is required. His time is worth something, and he can not, for the compensation received, afford to spend several days perhaps, experimenting with a single chart.

But the astrological student himself can well afford to experiment with his chart until he is certain it is correct. Instead of a few paltry dollars, which the professional astrologer would receive as pay, it means to him, if he takes the pains to understand his chart, a far more successful life. It may mean all the difference between success and failure. He can not afford not to have his correct birth-chart, whatever the cost to him in time and labor.

The First Step In Rectification

The first step, as a general rule, is to find the rising sign. Quite frequently, as indicated in Chapter 3, Course 10-1, *Delineating the Horoscope*, planets in the first house, the sign in which the planet ruling the cusp of the Ascendant is found, the Sun-sign and the Dominant planet, all have some influence over the personal appearance. Therefore, while occasionally the rising sign marks the person so clearly that there can be no mistake, more frequently the combined impress of these other influences is so strong as to make judgment from the appearance given solely by the rising sign unsatisfactory.

More commonly the personal appearance should be taken as but one of a number of indices pointing to the correct birth-chart. It should be used in combination with these other factors, and to do this the more that is known about the person the better. The type of fortune he has had in each department of life is significant, and when the outstanding events relating to each occurred.

When the fortune which has already been attracted relative to any particular department of life is clear cut in its trend, it signifies that a planet rules the house governing that department of life which by its Key-word and the Key-word of its aspects is characteristic of that fortune.

A house may be ruled by a planet which is not in that house, it is true. But by making inquiry in reference to the events, or conditions, that the life has

experienced in relation to each of the 12 houses, with a trial chart showing the aspects before one, it often quickly becomes apparent just how the planets must fit into the various houses to produce the known effects.

This is very much like piecing together a jig-saw puzzle. And to start with, if no opinion is entertained as to the rising sign, it is well to use a Natural Chart. That is, to use a chart with no-degrees Aries on the Ascendant. This trial chart may then be manipulated, by turning it around gradually, until it reaches a place in reference to the house positions of the planets, and the planetary rulership of the houses, which fits the known facts of the life. And, like a jig-saw puzzle, when the proper relations are established, it is clear that the correct combinations have been obtained.

A Natural Chart is one with Aries on the cusp of the 1st house, with Taurus on the cusp of the 2nd house, with Gemini on the cusp of the 3rd house, and so on; with the planets inserted just as they appear in the ephemeris at Greenwich on the day of birth.

This is the best of all charts to use when the hour of birth is not even approximately known, and there is no incentive for doing the great amount of work necessary to careful rectification. That is, it is better to give judgment from such a chart than to hazard a mere guess at the rising sign.

From such a Natural Chart no attempt should be made to predict the department of life influenced by each planet. It is enough in such cases to know the general significance of the planets in a house as given in Chapter 3, Course 2, *Astrological Signatures* and chapter 7 of this course.

Starting with such a Natural Chart, which can be copied from the ephemeris for the day of birth in a few moments, the eye should follow down the page of the ephemeris and the chief aspects that form between the planets as there shown-the Major Progressed Aspects to the Progressed Planets-and the chief aspects that form between the planets in the ephemeris and the birth-chart planets-the Major Progressed Aspects to birth-chart planets-noted.

Even without setting up any chart, a person of ready wit can give quite a startling demonstration of astrology from a public platform with nothing to aid him but a set of ephemerides.

He asks someone in the audience to give the day and year of his birth. This date he finds in the ephemeris and marks it with his finger.

Then he runs his eye down the column of the ephemeris, or even through several pages of it if the person receiving the reading is elderly, and picks out the more spectacular aspects between the Major Progressed Planets, and from them to the birth-chart planets which he has marked with his finger.

Counting ahead as many years as days have passed in the ephemeris since the birth date to the day when the aspect is formed, he then tells the audience that in such a year the individual had much trouble, that there were obstacles to overcome, that there were disappointment and loss, etc. He informs those present that in another year, which he names, the individual had good fortune, that affectional matters prospered, or that fine opportunities for advancement were present.

The general nature of the planet indicates the conditions accompanying the event, and the Key-word of the aspect, as given in Chapter 6, Course 10-1, *Delineating the Horoscope*, indicates the nature of the fortune or misfortune attracted into the life. Chapters 3, 4 and 5 of this course, give still further information as to what is commonly attracted under each Major Progressed Aspect to each of the ten planets.

A student quick to note aspects and count ahead the number of days that have elapsed when they occur, can thus locate the years in which many

of the chief Major Progressions form temporary stellar aeri-als across the astral body, and do it about as fast as he can talk in giving such a reading from the rostrum.

By picking only the most pronounced Major Progressed Aspects in each case, he can insure that the event he describes in general terms did take place within the designated year. He can not, of course, give detail, or determine the department of life affected by the progressed aspect, as this requires that the house positions of the planets be known. But following such a method he can point out to a large number of persons in an audience during a single evening the most pronounced events of their lives, and designate the years in which they occurred.

Trial and Error

It is because events can thus be described in general terms, and in approximate dates, without house positions, that the student must carefully distinguish between the general influence commonly exerted by a planet, and the department of life affected, in the process of rectification.

The Brotherhood of Light Astrological Reports will be found of much assistance in this trial and error process of rotating the chart until the signs and planets occupy the correct houses. The Birth-chart Constants for the various vocations may furnish valuable hints. Likewise, the Birth-chart Constants and Progressed Constants for the diseases from which the client has suffered, as set forth in Course 16, *Stellar Healing*, may be employed.

Referring to these B. of L. Reports, we find that people marry, separate, or divorce, for instance, only when there is a Major Progressed Aspect to the ruler of the 7th. If legal action is taken, in obtaining a divorce or in other affairs, there is a Major Progressed Aspect at the time to the ruler of the 9th.

People lose their children, through death only when there is a Major Progressed Aspect to both the ruler of the 5th and the ruler of the 8th. Mothers die only when there is a Major Progressed Aspect to the ruler of the 10th and another to the ruler of the 8th. Fathers die only when there is a Major Progressed Aspect to the ruler of the 4th and to the ruler of the 8th. Brothers or sisters die only when there is a Major Progressed Aspect to the ruler of the 3rd and to the ruler of the 8th.

People make or lose money only when there is a Major Progressed Aspect to the ruler of the 2nd. They are ill only when there is a Major Progressed Aspect to the ruler of the 6th and a Major Progressed Aspect to the ruler of the 1st. They get employment, or lose it, only when there is a Major Progressed Aspect to the ruler of the 10th and another to the ruler of the 6th.

These Progressed Constants, and others which are given in the B. of L. Astrological Reports, as well as the department of life ruled by the house which an outstanding event chiefly influences, all can be used as indices to the relation of the houses to the signs and planets in the correct birth-chart.

When a chart is obtained through this trial and error method that seems to be close to the correct one, each house in turn should be given due consideration as to the events that have occurred in the department of life signified, to ascertain if the planet in it, or ruling its cusp, indicates such fortune or misfortune. Likewise, the chief Major Progressed Aspects of the planet ruling the house should be calculated to determine if the events attracted at the indicated times are such as should be expected.

Minor Progressions also are of great value to the individual who is attempting to rectify his own chart, or who is attempting to rectify the chart of some person with whom rather closely associated.

One seldom has long to wait until there is some new Minor Progressed Aspect formed of significance enough to attract some well defined Minor Event. Such events are seldom of importance enough to be marked strongly in the memory. But as they occur they are easily observed. And, quite as much as Major Progressions, they tend to attract events that relate to the departments of life ruled by the houses which the aspecting planets rule or occupy. And as they occur so frequently, it is possible to observe enough of them within a year or so, to quite thoroughly check the accuracy of the selected birth-chart.

Thus if the individual is invited to some social event where he has a particularly good time, he may look up the Minor Progressed Aspect coincident with it. If a small debt which he never expected to be paid is collected, let him look up the Minor Progressions on that day and ascertain how they coincide as to house position in the selected chart with such collection. Or if he makes an enemy, takes a little trip, or any other of the numerous Minor Activities that make up the common run of life, let him observe how the Minor Progressions at the time, through their relation to house positions, bear out the chart he has decided upon.

Such a trial and error chart must have approximately some degree of some sign on the 10th house. From a Table of Houses copy the other signs and degrees upon the various house cusps that are given when this sign and degree are on the 10th. Then observe in the Table of Houses what Sidereal Time corresponds to this position of sign and degree on the cusp of the 10th. Turn to the day of birth in the ephemeris and note the Sidereal Time at Noon there given. The difference between the Sidereal Time for noon as given in the ephemeris and the Sidereal Time of birth as determined from the sign and degree and on the cusp of the 10th, gives approximately the LMT Interval from Noon on the day that birth took place.

The student should note that this Interval can not be greater than 12 hours without passing into another day, and this is not permissible; for people usually know the day on which they were born. Consequently, when the difference appears greater than 12 hours, 24 hours should be added to the less Sidereal Time, and the other Sidereal Time should be subtracted from it to find the Interval from Noon.

Thus suppose we have a chart for Nov. 30, 1920, with 00 Taurus 00 on the M.C. The Sidereal Time of birth is 1h 51m 37s. Now if we subtract 1h 51m 37s from 16h 36m 13s, it gives us an Interval of 14h 44m 36s. As the Noon Sidereal Time is 16h 36m 13s and we subtract this Interval to get 1h 51m 37s, it signifies that to get the time of day we must subtract 14h 44m 36s from Noon. But this carries us back into the previous day, or Nov. 29, which as the birth was on Nov. 30 is not permissible.

Instead of doing this, therefore, we add 24h to the 1h 51m 37s, giving us 25h 51m 37s. And from this we subtract the 16h 36m 13s, which gives us 9h 15m 24s. And as to the Sidereal Time at Noon we must add this 9h 15m 24s to get the Sidereal Time of Birth, we know that this Interval is After Noon. The time of birth, consequently, is Nov. 30, 1920, 9:15 p.m. LMT minus or plus the correction of 9.86 seconds per hour for EGMT Interval.

When the student has the chart of birth as closely rectified as possible by the trial and error method, he should next endeavor to ascertain the exact degree and minute on the M.C. In this work he can apply either one or both of two

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methods. One is the Prenatal Epoch Method, and the other is to make use of progressions of, and progressions to, the Ascendant and Mid-heaven.

The method of using Major and Minor Progressed Aspects to and from the Asc. and M.C. is feasible only when there are events in the life that can not adequately be explained by the progressions of the planets.

Progressed aspects to the Asc. and M.C., and from the Asc. and M.C., are quite as effective in forming temporary stellar aeries which pick up energy and attract events into the life as are similar aspects to and from the planets. Consequently, if there have been strong Major Progressed Aspects to or from these Angles in the birth-chart, they should have been marked by characteristic events.

The difficulty encountered in using progressed aspects to or from the Asc. and M.C. as a basis of rectification lies in the fact that more often than might be expected there is at the same time one of these progressed aspects is in force, also a progressed aspect between planets. It is not a simple matter, by any means, to determine under such circumstances just what part in attracting the event was taken by the Asc. or M.C., and what part was taken by the Major Progressed planets.

Yet we may be sure of this, that when the Major Progressed Asc. or the Major Progressed M.C. makes outstanding aspects to the planets, or the Major Progressed planets make outstanding aspects to the Asc. or M.C., events of considerable importance enter the life. If the Asc. is involved, these relate to personal matters; but if the M.C. is part to the aspect the honor and business are affected. If it is discovered, therefore, that no such circumstances were present when these heavy progressed aspects formed in the trial chart, it is quite certain that it is not yet precisely correct.

A good method is first to compare the events of life that have occurred with the Major Progressed Aspects of the planets at the time of each, to discern if each event is thus properly accounted for, and if not whether a progression involving the Asc. or M.C. would better account for it. With this done, take up the Major Progressed Aspects from and to the Asc. and M.C., starting with birth and tabulating each up to the time rectification is attempted.

If the chart is correct as to the exact degree on the Asc. and M.C. the time of each progressed aspect thus tabulated will correspond to a characteristic event in the life. If events do not closely coincide with the time of these progressed aspects, the chart needs further manipulation; and in this case, if it is close to being correct, the amount of movement forward or backward required to make the Asc. and M.C. properly fit with events often is clearly indicated. As a further check, the Minor Progressed Aspects to and from the Asc. and M.C. may be employed.

This trial and error method requires persistent work and careful checking, but if carried out thoroughly gives a chart that may be relied upon more implicitly than one rectified by any other method about which I know.

The Trutine of Hermes

Under normal conditions there seems to be an interchange of positions between the horizon at the moment of a child's conception and the place of the Moon at the moment of birth; and an interchange of positions between the place of the Moon at the moment of a child's conception and the horizon at the moment of a child's birth.

Where sympathetic relations between earth and sky are not interfered with by artificial conditions or untoward events, the degree of the zodiac on

the Ascendant or Descendant at conception becomes the degree of the zodiac occupied by the Moon at birth; and the degree of the zodiac occupied by the Moon at conception becomes the degree of the zodiac on the Ascendant or Descendant at birth.

This law handed down from a remote past as the Truittine of Hermes has been amplified by modern astrologers, who have added other valuable factors. The application of this ancient law in connection with modern factors and a vast amount of detail has given rise to an elaborate theory called the Prenatal Epoch.

The prenatal epoch is of great value in rectifying horoscopes, but in my opinion, which is not shared by all astrologers, is quite valueless in rectification unless the time of birth is ascertained within half an hour of the correct time by some other method.

To apply the method it is necessary to know approximately the sign and degree occupied by the Moon at conception, and to ascertain this it becomes necessary to know approximately the sign and degree on the Ascendant at birth.

The word conception as used in this connection is not coincident with any physical act, but denotes the moment when, through the union of ovum and spermatozoon, the astral body of the child to be born becomes attached to the ovum thus fertilized. In my opinion, which is not shared by all, this attachment is never previous to the physical relations of the parents. The fertilization of the ovum and the attachment of the astral form to it, however, may occur any time during several days after the union of the parents.

With the time of birth approximately known, and the number of days of gestation definitely known, it is a simple matter to calculate the time of conception closely; for the degree occupied by the Moon in the birth-chart represents the degree on the horizon at that time, and the Moon must be in a degree of the zodiac not far removed from the approximately known horizon of the birth-chart.

From the degree and sign on the horizon at conception the time of day at the moment of conception may readily be calculated, and from this time the degree of the Moon at conception may be ascertained, as in any birth-chart. The degree of the Moon at conception, thus found, represents the exact degree on the horizon of the birth-chart.

Unfortunately for the infallibility of this method, in some cases it is very difficult to determine the exact number of days of gestation.

The enthusiastic advocates of the method have formulated some very complex Laws of Sex, based upon the supposed value of the quadrants, and the supposed sex value of certain degrees of the zodiac. Unless the chart erected for the epoch-as the true moment of conception commonly is known-by the value of the area occupied by the Moon and Ascendant confirm the sex of the child, the epoch is regarded as fictitious, and an epoch for a different day is sought.

While the Truittine of Hermes certainly seems to formulate a natural law, this "Paramount Law of Sex", as it is called by its advocates, seems to me to be too artificial and theoretical to be relied upon implicitly. Yet it does deserve investigation and critical study, as it is a serious attempt, at least partially successful, to solve one of the most difficult situations met with in the practice of natal astrology.

The Prenatal Epoch

Those who wish to do so can find a full exposition of the various ramifications of the "Paramount Law of Sex," in connection with the Prenatal Epoch in a book of considerable size by E. H. Bailey, bearing the title, *The Prenatal Epoch*.

In my own investigations, and those of our research department, as near as it is possible to decide so uncertain a matter, we have found that without recourse to the "Paramount Law of Sex", when the birth-time is approximately known, the birth-chart may be rectified to the correct degree and minute of the rising sign by the Prenatal Epoch in about seven charts out of ten. About 30% of all charts, apparently, do not yield to the regular method of treatment, because the duration of gestation, due to instrumental deliveries, to artificial environment, or other conditions, does not conform to the regular rule.

There are rules given by Bailey for calculating these variations, but they soon lead into bewildering complexities that make them not entirely satisfactory. Consequently, unless the student has the time and inclination to give a very thorough and detailed study to the Prenatal Epoch, when he finds that rectification by the Prenatal Epoch gives a birth-time beyond the probable error of observation, it is better for him to make the rectification by the other previously mentioned methods.

Whether Moon and Ascendant or Moon and Descendant Should Be Used

In applying the Prenatal Epoch the first essential knowledge is whether the interchange of places occurs between the Moon and Ascendant or between the Moon and Descendant. In determining this, as well as in determining whether the period of gestation is shorter or longer than the average, the other of the three most important birthchart factors, the Sun, must also be considered.

RULE XIX. When in the birth-chart the Moon is Increasing in light, its position is the degree on the Ascendant at the epoch, and the position of the Moon at the epoch is the degree on the Ascendant in the birth-chart.

RULE XX. When in the birth-chart the Moon is Decreasing in light, its position is the degree on the Descendant at the epoch, and the position of the Moon at the epoch is the degree on the Descendant in the birth-chart.

Whether Gestation Is Shorter or Longer Than 273 Days

The average period of gestation is considered to be ten lunar months, or nine calendar months, or 273 days. To know whether the period of gestation was longer or shorter than 273 days the following rules have been formulated:

RULE XXI When in the birth-chart the Moon is Increasing in light and Below the earth, or is Decreasing in light and Above the earth, the period of gestation is more than 273 days.

RULE XXII. When in the birth-chart the Moon is Increasing in light and Above the earth, or is Decreasing in light and Below the earth, the period of gestation is less than 273 days.

How Much Gestation Is Shorter or Longer Than 273 Days

To find the number of days that the period of gestation was more or less than 273 days the following two rules customarily are used:

RULE XXIII. When the period of gestation is shown to be more than the average length, find the number of degrees in the birth-chart between the Moon and the Horizon to which it is approaching by the diurnal rotation of the earth, and divide this number by 13 (the average daily motion of the Moon), which will give the number of days in excess of 273 occupied by gestation.

RULE XXIV. When the period of gestation is shown to be less than the average length, find the number of degrees in the birth-chart between the Moon and the Horizon last crossed by it due to the diurnal motion of the

earth, and divide this number by 13 (the average daily motion of the Moon), which will give the number of days less than 273 occupied by gestation.

Theoretically, counting back in the ephemeris as many days as is indicated by the above rules, the Moon should be found in the same sign and near the exact degree occupied by the Ascendant or Descendant, as determined by the above rules, in the approximate birth-chart.

Unfortunately this is not always actually the case, but is usually near a day in the ephemeris in which the Moon is in such a sign and degree, and in this case that latter day should be used. In applying the Law of Sex there is a variation to the rule given by which a still further 14 days are added to the period of gestation when it is more than 273 days, or 14 additional days are subtracted when the period of gestation is shown to be less than 273 days. Further, there are supposed to be Three Irregular Epochs that because of the Law of Sex require special treatment.

Complexities begin to multiply. I believe, however, that about seven out of every ten birth-charts can be rectified by the Prenatal Epoch when the time of birth is approximately known without reference to any of these elaborate and special considerations which are not held in favor by all astrologers. Let us, therefore, apply the regular Prenatal Rules to two example charts:

Example 1. A child was born in New York City, November 22, 1920, at approximately 5:00 a.m., Local Mean Time. What was the exact degree and minute rising at the true moment of birth?

First we erect a trial chart for the time of birth, inserting only the Sun and Moon (Diagram A on page 112, chapter 7).

As the Moon is Increasing in light-moving toward the opposition with the Sun-the place of the Moon in the birth-chart, 11 Aries 41, is the Ascendant at the epoch (Rule XIX). Also (Rule XXI) the period of gestation is more than 273 days.

From 6 Scorpio to 12 Aries is 156 degrees. Divide this by 13 and it gives 12 days more than 273 as the period of gestation (Rule XXIII).

Counting back 9 calendar months brings us to Feb. 22; and as we desire to find 273 days, or 10 lunar months, we look to see on what date near this day the Moon is in 12 Aries, as at birth. This is Feb. 23, 1920.

Counting 12 days back from Feb. 23 gives us Feb. 11. Here we find the Moon in 17 Scorpio. But as we have reason to believe the birth was timed within half an hour or less of being correct, we drop back another day to Feb. 10, with the Moon in 5 Scorpio 28. This then is one of the many cases in which the rule for finding the length of gestation brings us close to the correct day but does not give us the exact day.

As the Ascendant on this day of conception, or Epoch, was the place of the Moon in the birth-chart, we must find at what time 11 Aries 41 was on the Ascendant on Feb. 10, 1920. The Table of Houses for New York shows that when 11 Aries 41 is on the Ascendant the Sidereal Time is 18h 27m 00s. The Sidereal Time at noon on Feb. 10 was 21h 17m 06s. Subtracting 18h 27m 00s from 21h 17m 06s gives an Interval of 2h 50m 06s before noon. To this add the correction of 9.86s per hour for the plus 2h 06m EGMT Interval (equivalent to subtracting it from the S.T.) and it gives 2h 50m 27s as the minus LMT Interval of the Epoch at New York. This means 9:10 a.m. LMT New York or plus 2h 06m EGMT Interval on Feb. 10, 1920.

The place of the Moon on Feb. 10, at plus EGMT Interval 2h 06m (9:10 a.m. LMT New York) is found to be 6 Scorpio 31. Therefore 6 Scorpio 31 was on the Ascendant at birth.

The Table of Houses for New York shows that when 6 Scorpio 31 is on the

Ascendant the Sidereal Time is 9h 05m 07s. The Sidereal Time at noon on November 22, 1920, is 16h 04m 40s. Subtracting 9h 05m 07s from 16h 04m 40s gives an Interval of 6h 59m 33s before noon. From this subtract the correction of 9.86s per hour for the minus 2h 04m EGMT Interval and it gives minus 6h 59m 12s LMT Interval. Subtracting this from noon gives the LMT time of birth at New York as 5:01 a.m.

Example 2. A child was born in New York City, December 3, 1920, at 3:08 p.m., Local Mean Time. What was the exact degree and minute on the Ascendant at the true moment of birth?

First we erect a trial chart inserting the Sun and Moon only (Diagram B on page 112, chapter 7).

In this chart for the time given the Moon is seen to be Decreasing in light-going toward the conjunction with the Sun. Therefore (Rule XX), the position of the Moon at birth, 25 Virgo 41, was the Descendant at conception. Also (Rule XXII), the period of gestation was less than 273 days.

Applying Rule XXIV, from 26 Virgo to 17 Scorpio is 51 degrees. Divide the 51 by 13 and it gives 4 as the number of days the period of gestation was less than 273 days.

Going back in the ephemeris 9 calendar months and looking for a day close to this time that shows the Moon again in 26 Virgo, we come to March 5, 1920. However, as seen, the period of gestation was 4 days less than this average time, so we come to March 9 as the day of the Epoch.

Next we desire to know the time of day at New York when 25 Virgo 41 was on the Descendant, which is the same as when 25 Pisces 41 is on the Ascendant.

A Table of Houses for New York shows us that when 25 Pisces 41 is on the Ascendant the Sidereal Time is 17h 50m 05s. The Sidereal Time at noon on March 9, 1920, was 23h 07m 29s. Subtracting 17h 50m 05s from 23h 07m 29s gives us an Interval of 5h 17m 24s. From this subtract the correction of 9.86s per hour for the minus 21m EGMT Interval and it gives us 5h 17m 20s as the minus LMT Interval of the Epoch at New York. This means 6:43 a.m. LMT New York or 11 :39 a.m. Greenwich, March 5, 1920.

Then we calculate the position of the Moon on March 9, 1920, at 11:39 a.m. Greenwich and find it was 13 Scorpio 01. Therefore, in the birth-chart 13 Scorpio 01 was on the Descendant, which gives 13 Taurus 01 on the Ascendant at the true moment of birth.

The Table of Houses for New York shows that when 13 Taurus 01 is on the Ascendant the Sidereal Time is 19h 45m 55s. The Sidereal Time at noon on December 3, 1920, is 16h 48m 02s. Subtracting 16h 48m 02s from 19h 45m 55s gives an interval of 2h 57m 53s after noon. From this subtract the correction of 9.86s per hour for the plus 7h 54m EGMT Interval, and it gives 2h 56m 35s as the plus LMT Interval. This gives the LMT time of birth at New York as 2:57 p.m.

It will be seen from the above two typical examples that rectification by the Prenatal Epoch, except when unusual conditions are present, offers no greater mathematical difficulties than are ordinarily present in the erection of a birth-chart.

Occasionally a birth is encountered which does not yield to the simple rules illustrated above, and then the astrologer's resourcefulness may be taxed to the limit. In these complex cases results are more satisfactory if other methods than the Prenatal Epoch be used to check the accuracy of the birth-chart obtained.

Telling the fortune of his client plays a very small part in the work of a reputable astrologer. Instead, his work largely consists in a careful appraisal of the possibilities open to his client as revealed by a study of his birth-chart and the progressed aspects, and in offering advice and instructions that will enable him to take the utmost advantage of such possibilities.

There may be, and often are, conditions arising from the trend of national events and the activities and fortunes of other people, over which the individual has no control. And if he is informed of the nature of these events, when they will happen, and the bearing they will have upon his life, it will give him a certain advantage. With this knowledge he is able to shape his affairs in advance to conform to these conditions as they present themselves.

Yet the astrologer should be at some pains to impress upon him that most events affecting his life are not inevitable. They are attracted to him only because he has within his astral body thought-cells organized in a definite manner. It lies within his power to change the thought organization of his astral body, and to divert the energy of progressed aspects into channels that will enable only such groups of thought-cells as he chooses to become more than normally active.

The birth-chart should be viewed by the astrologer as mapping the natural tendencies and qualifications with which the individual was born. It is a map of the effect of previous experiences of the soul. It is not a map of unchanging conditions, but merely of the character, and power to attract conditions, as they exist at birth.

Yet even so, it reveals the raw materials, so to speak, with which the life begins. From it the astrologer should be able to discern the avenues of endeavor which will yield the most satisfactory results from effort expended. And he should advise his client and instruct him how to proceed, utilizing the raw materials he has, to make the most of his life.

From the birth-chart the astrologer thus should analyze each department of life, and discern the normal trend of the events attracted as they relate to each of these twelve departments. This information not only should be used, as indicated, to determine the line of effort into which the energies should be directed to make the most progress, but also as a basis for advice which should be given the client on how to remodel the thought-organizations in the discordant departments of life so that they will cease to attract misfortune.

Progressed aspects should not be regarded as implying inevitable events, but as temporary stellar arials stretching across the astral body that pick up, radio fashion, new energy, which if not manipulated by the individual, is added to the thought-cells in his astral body at their terminals.

If the thought-cells, working from the inner plane, are to accomplish much, that is, if they are to attract events of consequence, they must be supplied with energy. Any progressed aspect maps an aerial that supplies additional energy and thus enables the thought-cells of the astral body to do more work. They can attract events of an importance comparable to the amount of energy thus reaching them. Any progressed aspect, therefore, offers possibilities for attracting events that otherwise would not be present.

The problem is, not to prevent the energy picked up by even a discordant temporary stellar aerial from reaching the astral body, but so to divert, manipulate, or control it that the resulting activity of the thought-cells it reaches will be harmonious enough to attract fortunate events instead of disaster.

Even the most discordant temporary energy added to thought-cells in the astral body which, as shown by powerfully fortunate aspects of the planets

mapping them in the birth-chart, are themselves basically fortunate, is not difficult to divert, by the mental attitude or by harmonious Rallying Forces which may be present, into channels that will attract considerable good fortune. The astrologer should thus not be hasty to discourage effort under such conditions; but rather make a careful analysis of how advantage may be taken of the additional energy.

A more difficult problem is when, from the birthchart and progressed aspect, it is clear that the energy if left to itself will attract misfortune. But even in such cases possibilities are open for changing the quality of the new energy through the mental attitude. Just what those possibilities are, and to what extent his client should as completely as possible avoid certain activities and certain kinds of environment, requires keen judgment upon the part of the astrologer.

As the harmony or discord of the thought-cells determines the fortune or misfortune of the event attracted, to the extent the thought-cells in a given department of life are given greater harmony, to that extent are the events attracted more fortunate. Such harmony can be imparted either through the proper application of a Mental Antidote, or through Conversion, in either method the composition of the thought-cells being changed; or through the application of harmonious Rallying Forces, by which process harmonious energies are so completely tuned in on that they reach all temporary stellar aeries mapped by progressed aspects at the time, and thus find their way to the stellar cells governing various departments of life.

It thus becomes the work of the astrologer, among other things, to appraise the possibilities offered by progressed aspects, and to instruct his client how the thought structure of his astral body can be changed, and the new energies mapped by progressed aspects manipulated to the best advantage.

Life presents a series of problems to each individual, and the astrologer should be an expert in assisting people, with his knowledge of astrology and the working of the unconscious mind, to solve these problems in the most advantageous manner. There is a best course of action and a best mental attitude under any condition that may arise; and it is the function of the astrologer to discover these for his client, and to make them plain to him.

When pointing out to his client the trend of developing conditions which make a course of action and mental attitude advisable, he should ever bear in mind the power of suggestion. Instead of instilling the feeling of fear, he should point out the path of constructive endeavor. His outlook should be that something always can be done, even under the most adverse conditions, to make them better than they otherwise would be.

To the extent the astrologer is able to assist people, through his advice, to overcome the limitations otherwise imposed by their birth-charts, to escape the afflictions otherwise attracted by the temporary stellar aeries mapped by progressed aspects, and to attain usefulness, happiness and spirituality, is he justified in considering himself successful in his calling.

Thus will he assist others, as well as himself, to **CONTRIBUTE THEIR UTMOST TO UNIVERSAL WELFARE.**

Appendix

Study Questions**Hermetic System Of Progressions (Serial No. 19)**

1. What gave the Chaldeans unusual precision in predicting?
2. Why is it best to master one system before taking up others?
3. What is lacking when Minor Progressions are neglected?
4. Why do many people tend to exaggerate the power of Transits?
5. How should the value of the three types of progressions be checked?
6. Why should all unnecessary factors be neglected?
7. Why is it possible for certain individuals, no matter what system is followed so long as it presents many factors, to get startlingly precise results?
8. Predicting depends upon ascertaining what in relation to definite groups of thought-cells within the astral body?
9. As velocities increase what happens to time?
10. How long does it require for the occurrences that take place in 24 hours of the very slow Major Progression Time to express in the fast Calendar Time of the external world?
11. How long does it require for the occurrences that take place in 27.3 days (one astrological month) of the moderately slow Minor Progression Time to express in the fast Calendar Time of the external world?
12. How long does it require for the occurrences that take place in 365.25 days (one year) of the fast Transit time to express in the fast Calendar time of the external world?
13. When a progressed planet forms an aspect with a planet in the birthchart, or with another major progressed planet, what does this energy release build across the astral body?
14. What is the effective orb within which the event indicated by a progressed aspect by major, minor or transit progression may be expected to take place?
15. At one degree from perfect, about what proportion of the peak load is picked up by a progressed aspect?
16. On what does the importance of the event indicated by a progression depend?
17. What determines whether the temporary aerial mapped by a progressed aspect will give the energy it picks up a harmonious turn or will load it with discordant static?

18. Upon what within the astral body does the fortune or misfortune of the event attracted depend?
19. Is the energy supplied by a temporary stellar aerial mapped by a progressed aspect commonly of more importance in determining the amount of harmony or discord which a group of thought-cells feels than are the permanent aerials mapped by aspects in the chart of birth?
20. In addition to the birth-chart, what are the three positive influences in an individual's life which measure releases of energy which bring structural changes in his astral body at times which can be predetermined with which an astrologer should concern himself?
21. What is the only difference in the influence exerted by a Major Progressed Aspect, an Independent Minor Progressed Aspect, and an Independent Transit Aspect?
22. Is there any difference in the precise time a progressed aspect is perfect when it is calculated by logarithms than when it is calculated by proportion?
23. What is the Limiting Date?
24. What is the Major Progression Date?
25. State for each of the ten planets, three things affected when it is a chief influence involved in a progressed aspect.

Major Progressions Of Sun And Angles (Serial No. 111)

1. What is the relation between inner-plane weather at the time a person, creature of important event is born and the inner-plane makeup of that which is then born?
2. What does the inner-plane weather mapped by a progressed aspect do to the desires of the thought-cells?
3. What inner-plane power is used by the thought-cells receiving additional energy through progressed aspects to attract events of the kind they desire into the life?
4. What maps the most important inner-plane weather affecting an individual at any given time?
5. Commonly how many terminals has a major progressed aspect?
6. At the time an event occurs or a disease develops each of its major progressed constants is always reinforced by what?
7. At the time an event occurs or a disease develops each of its major progressed constants is always released by what?
8. What is the outside orb limit for any progressed aspect?
9. From the EGMT Interval on the day of birth for which the planets' positions were calculated how is the Limiting Date found?
10. Is the Limiting Date always in the same year as the birth?
11. In finding the Major Progression Date for any calendar year, from what date in the ephemeris is the counting started?
12. In finding the Major Progression Date should the count be for the number of years that have elapsed since birth?
13. How is the Midheaven Constant found?
14. In working major progressions why is it usually easier to use logarithms instead of direct proportion?
15. How is calendar interval converted into equivalent EGMT Interval?
16. On a given ephemeris day what logarithms are added to find how far a planet has moved by major progression?

17. How is the major, minor or transit progressed M.C. on a given date found?
18. How is the major, minor or transit progressed Asc. on a given date found?
19. The logarithm of what is subtracted from the logarithm of the distance the aspect is from perfect to find the logarithm of the EGMT Interval required for the planet to close the aspect?
20. When the EGMT Interval required for the planet to close the aspect is found, how is the calendar date on which the aspect is perfect ascertained?
21. Approximately how far does the Sun move in 6 days by major progression, and how far in a month?
22. What is the first step in finding the calendar date on which a major progressed aspect of the Asc. to a birth-chart planet is perfect?
23. How is the progressed zodiacal motion of progressed M.C. or Asc. found?
24. When the daily motion of the M.C. or Asc. and the planet has been found, how is the calendar date on which the aspect is perfect between them ascertained?
25. In using logarithms to correct the Ascendant for latitude of birth, how is the logarithm of the correction found?

Major Progressions Of The Moon (Serial No. 112)

1. How much power does a progressed planet have in comparison with its birth-chart terminal?
2. Other than this difference in power does a birth-chart planet receiving an aspect have a different influence than when by progression it is involved in the same aspect?
3. Does the inner-plane weather mapped by each planet tend to cause the thought-cells to bring into the life conditions and events characteristic of that planet?
4. What indicates whether the inner-plane weather influenced by a progressed aspect is favorable or unfavorable, and in what way?
5. What indicates the department of life which the inner-plane weather mapped by a progressed aspect will chiefly influence?
6. An individual only gets honors when there is a progressed aspect to what planet?
7. What indicates the temporary mood influenced by a progressed aspect of the Moon?
8. Discordant progressed aspects involving what planet tend most to cause errors?
9. How much good fortune is influenced by Venus inner-plane weather?
10. What two things should be done under any progressed aspect involving Mars?
11. What is the salesmanship planet?
12. What two things should be done under any progressed aspect involving Saturn?
13. What is the instrument through which changes are brought about through the influence of Uranus inner-plane weather?
14. What is promised by Neptune usually should be discounted by about what per cent?

15. Under what inner-plane weather does the individual become most sensitive to the thoughts of those on either plane?
16. About how important are the events attracted by progressed aspects made by the Moon in comparison with similar progressed aspects made by other planets?
17. How is the motion by declination of major, minor or transit progressed M.C. or Asc found?
18. What is the first step in finding the calendar date on which a parallel aspect involving major progressed M.C. or Asc. is perfect?
19. What is the second step in finding the calendar date on which a parallel aspect involving major progressed M.C. or Asc. is perfect?
20. When the daily motion by declination of M.C. or Asc. on the Map. D., and the daily motion of the planet by declination on the Map. D. have been found, what method is then followed?
21. For how far ahead should be calculated all the major progressed aspects made by the Moon?
22. Why in calculating progressed aspects made by the Moon is it advantageous to write on the chart the sign, degree, and minute, and declination of the major progressed M.C. and major progressed Asc. calculated for the two consecutive Map. D.'s between which the progressed Moon Calculations are to be made?
23. Thus written, how is the yearly zodiacal motion and the yearly declination motion of M.C. or Asc. found?
24. On what date is it advantageous to start calculating the major progressed aspects of the Moon covering one year?
25. Why is it easier to calculate the major progressed aspects of the Moon by logarithms than by proportion?

Major Progressions Of The Planets (Serial No. 113)

1. Parallels and conjunctions involving which planets are favorable?
2. Parallels and conjunctions involving which planets are unfavorable?
3. Which aspects between any two planets are favorable?
4. Which aspects between any two planets are unfavorable?
5. Upon what depends whether the thought-cells will use their psychokinetic power to bring favorable events into the life, or unfavorable events?
6. Can the thought-cells of any planetary type express either constructively or destructively?
7. Why under a progressed aspect is it advisable to permit only constructive thoughts characteristic of the planets involved to enter the mind?
8. Is it the inner plane weather mapped by an aspect which determines the fortune or misfortune coincident with it?
9. About how important is the relation to the psychokinetic power of the thought cells is the influence of physical environment?
10. What algebraic sum indicates what will happen under a given progressed aspect?
11. To insure that a more fortunate event than that indicated by a progressed aspect will be attracted, what must the thought-cells mapped by each of its terminals receive?
12. Under an unfavorable progressed aspect between the Sun and a negative planet what type of thoughts should be cultivated?

13. What things should receive special attention under unfavorable progressed aspects involving the Sun?
14. What things should receive special attention under unfavorable progressed aspects involving the Moon?
15. Do good ideas and valuable discoveries often arrive under an unfavorable progressed aspect involving Mercury?
16. Under an unfavorable progressed aspect involving Venus in what manner should slights from others be treated?
17. A progressed aspect involving which planet is always present when an accident takes place?
18. Under unfavorable progressed aspects involving which planet should self-indulgence, extravagance and over-expansion be avoided?
19. What thoughts should be cultivated under an unfavorable progressed aspect involving Saturn?
20. Unusually good progress can be made in astrology and the occult sciences even under an unfavorable progressed aspect involving which planet?
21. Usually good progress can be made in fiction writing, music, or dramatic work even under an unfavorable progressed aspect involving which planet?
22. What things should be avoided under an unfavorable progressed aspect involving Pluto?
23. What is the chief energy picked up under a progressed aspect involving either the M.C. or the Asc.?
24. What thoughts and actions should be cultivated under an unfavorable progressed aspect involving the M.C.?
25. What thoughts and actions should be cultivated under an unfavorable progressed aspect involving the Asc.?

Minor Progressions Of Sun And Angles (Serial No. 114)

1. What are the two distinct influences exerted by minor progressed aspects?
2. How much power, relative to a similar major progressed aspect, has an independent minor progressed aspect?
3. With what progressed aspects do minor events coincide?
4. For a major progressed aspect to gain enough power to attract a major event in what way must it be reinforced?
5. In addition to the minor progressed aspect to one of its terminals, what other progressed aspect in addition to the major progressed aspect must be present at the time the event enters the life?
6. Why on certain occasions is it essential to be able to determine quite precisely when a minor progressed aspect is, and when it is not, within the one degree of effective orb to a birth-chart or a major progressed position?
7. How do minor progressed aspects aid in rectifying charts?
8. How do minor progressed aspects aid in selecting the best time for doing things?
9. Are minor progressed aspects made to other minor progressed planets of any significance?
10. What is the Solar Constant?
11. How is the Solar Constant found?

12. What is the Minor Progression Date?
13. How is the Minor Progression Date found?
14. What is the Minor Ephemeris Date?
15. How is the Minor Ephemeris Date found?
16. How is the Minor Progressed Position of the planets found on a given calendar date?
17. How is the calendar date found on which a minor progressed aspect to a birth-chart or major progressed position is perfect?
18. How is the calendar date found from Minor Progressed M.C.?
19. How is the zodiacal motion of Minor Progressed M.C. or Asc. found?
20. How is the sign on the M.C. found for a given Asc.?
21. How is the calendar date found on which an aspect from minor progressed M.C. or Asc. to a major progressed or birth-chart position is perfect?
22. How is the declination of minor progressed M.C. or Asc. found for a given calendar date?
23. How is the motion by declination of minor progressed M.C. or Asc. found?
24. How is the calendar date found on which a major, minor, or transit progressed planet, progressed M.C. or progressed Asc. reaches a given sign, degree, and minute, of the zodiac, or reaches a given degree and minute of declination?
25. How is the calendar date found on which the minor progressed M.C. or Asc. makes a parallel aspect with a major progressed or birth-chart position?

Minor Progressions Of Moon And Planets (Serial No. 115)

1. Does the harmony or discord of a minor progressed aspect to a major progressed terminal have an appreciable effect upon the harmony or discord of the event then attracted?
2. Is it easy to determine how favorable or unfavorable the event will be which is brought to pass by a major progressed aspect?
3. A fair estimate of what may be had by the reinforced peaks of power of a major progressed aspect?
4. To what extent must the harmony or discord of the two planets at birth be considered when estimating how favorable or unfavorable the events will be, attracted by a major progressed aspect involving these two planets?
5. Why does a single major progressed aspect sometimes bring loss in one department of life, and gain in another?
6. Under what conditions is it possible for a progressed trine to bring misfortune into the life?
7. Under what conditions is it possible for a progressed square to bring good fortune into the life?
8. What calculations indicate the benefit or detriment to be expected from each department of life influenced by a progressed aspect?
9. What thing of advantage does an individual have under his command while he is under a favorable progressed aspect involving the Sun?
10. In what way can this be used as a favorable Rallying Force?
11. Only under what conditions do energies from the planets become Rallying Forces?

12. Why can progressed aspects made by the Moon so frequently be used as favorable Rallying Forces?
13. Favorable progressions involving Mercury give facility for what?
14. What attitude toward others is best under a favorable progressed aspect involving Venus?
15. Even under a favorable progressed aspect involving Mars is it always possible to avoid antagonism.
16. What is the one thing, and one thing only, needed under a favorable progressed aspect involving Mars?
17. Under a favorable progressed aspect Jupiter no effort should be spared to do what?
18. Under favorable progressed aspects involving what planet may purchases be made to best advantage?
19. Even under a favorable progressed aspect involving Saturn what thoughts need cultivation?
20. Are the attachments formed even under a favorable progressed aspect involving Uranus usually lasting?
21. What is one of the best of all progressed aspects to aid true spiritual progress?
22. Even under a favorable progressed aspect involving Pluto should an individual for a moment surrender control of himself?
23. What should be done under a favorable progressed aspect involving the M.C.?
24. What should be done under a favorable progressed aspect involving the Asc.?
25. How may minor progressed aspects be calculated with a precision of less than half an hour of calendar time?

Transits, Revolutions, And Cycles (Serial No. 116)

1. Does a major event ever take place except when a characteristic major progressed aspect is reinforced by a minor progressed aspect, and released by a transit progressed aspect to one of the terminals of the major progressed aspect?
2. What are the two distinct influences exerted by transit aspects?
3. In comparison to major progressed aspects how much power have transit progressed aspects?
4. Why do those who ignore major progressed aspects, on an average miss one-half the significant transit aspects?
5. How does knowledge of the significant function of transit progressed aspects assist in rectifying birth-charts?
6. Do transit aspects of M.C. and Asc. to birth-chart and major progressed positions exert the trigger effect?
7. Do parallel aspects of planets, M.C. and Asc. have the trigger effect?
8. Only to what positions do transit aspects have value?
9. Through what people do the astrological discords affecting nations and the world commonly operate?
10. Illustrate how a progressed aspect that would have little influence under ordinary conditions may have a drastic influence under different environmental conditions?
11. Because a major progressed aspect has been within the one degree of effective orb for years without attracting an event, does this signify it

- will not eventually bring about an event characteristic of it?
12. In giving a reading, why is it so necessary to consider the power of suggestion?
 13. How is the transit progressed position of a planet found for any time of day on any calendar day?
 14. How is the calendar date and time of day determined when a progressed transit aspect is perfect?
 15. How is the transit progressed M.C. found on a given date?
 16. How is the transit progressed Asc. found on a given date?
 17. How is the calendar date ascertained from the transit progressed M.C.?
 18. How is the zodiacal motion of transit progressed M.C. or Asc. found?
 19. How is the calendar date on which a transit progressed aspect is perfect to a birth-chart or major progressed position found?
 20. How is the declination of transit progressed M.C. or Asc. found for a given date?
 21. How is the motion by declination of transit progressed M.C. or Asc. found?
 22. How is the time of day an aspect in the sky is perfect, or a planet reaches a given sign, degree and minute of longitude, or a given degree and minute of declination ascertained?
 23. Have solar revolutions been found reliable in predicting what will happen during the following year?
 24. Have lunar revolutions been found reliable in predicting what will happen during the following month?
 25. Have diurnal revolutions been found reliable in predicting what will happen during the following day?

Rectifying The Horoscope (Serial No. 117)

1. In what manner are the planetary energies added to the finer body of man subject to the same control as other forces in nature?
2. Of even greater importance, therefore, than estimating the volume and natural trend of astrological forces, as revealed astrologically, is what knowledge?
3. Why is it so important to have the correct birth-chart of an individual?
4. Is there any easy and certain method to determine the correct birthchart when the hour of birth has not been noted?
5. Why is too much rectifying of birth-charts, when the time of birth has been noted, bad practice?
6. What is the best solution of uncertain birth-times in the future?
7. Why do professional astrologers often fail to ascertain the correct time of birth when no approximate hour has been given?
8. Why can the individual, better than the professional astrologer, afford to do sufficient work to rectify his chart beyond doubt?
9. What is the first step in rectification?
10. Why should the personal appearance be taken as only one indication of the correct rising sign?
11. What is the principle involved in revolving the chart until the houses fit the known events?
12. What is meant by a Natural Chart?
13. Why, from a Natural Chart, or any other chart in which the house positions are not known, should no attempt be made to predict the department of life affected by a progressed aspect?

14. How, without erecting a chart, can a person of ready wit give a startling demonstration of astrology from a public platform?
15. In the trial and error work of determining the correct house positions for a chart, when hour of birth is unknown, how can astrological research be used to advantage?
16. How can Minor Progressions be used by a person who is endeavoring to rectify his own chart?
17. When a chart is ascertained which is believed to be correct, how is the hour of day of birth ascertained?
18. What is the Trutine of Hermes?
19. How does the Prenatal Epoch method differ from the Trutine of Hermes?
20. When the hour of birth is approximately known, what percentage of charts can be rectified to the exact degree and minute on the Asc. by the Prenatal Epoch?
21. What should the student do when he finds that rectification of some particular chart by the Prenatal Epoch gives a birth-time beyond the probable error of observation?
22. Instead of telling the fortune of the client, what constitutes the chief work of a reputable astrologer?
23. Why should the astrologer impress upon his client that the events which may affect his client's life are not inevitable?
24. In talking to his client why should the astrologer take into consideration the power of his thoughts and the power of suggestion?
25. By what standard should the astrologer measure the success of his calling?

General Questions

1. Give the origin of the thought-cells within the astral body mapped by the second house of the birth-chart.
2. What is the effective orb during which a progressed aspect has influence?
3. What reinforces each major constant when an event occurs or a disease develops?
4. Through what process can the same type of energy be added to the astral body that can be added by any planetary position?
5. How is a permanent stellar aerial mapped in the birth-chart, and what two kinds of energy does it pick up and add to the thought-cells within the astral body?
6. Explain through what process Rallying Forces are able to reach stellar aeriels and thus compartments in the astral body which are not directly connected with the stellar aerial which picks them up.
7. What in the astral body determines the importance of the event attracted?
8. What in the astral body determines the fortune or misfortune of the event attracted?
9. At the time an event of importance occurs or a disease develops, each of its major progressed constants is always released by the trigger effect of what?
10. In what way should progressed aspects be viewed?
11. By what standard should the astrologer measure the success of his calling?

12. When the Moon is Increasing in Light, its position in the birth-chart corresponds to what position in the chart for the moment of conception?

Chart Questions

13. Give the name of, and the keyword of, the constellations picturing the Individuality decanate, the Mentality decanate, and the Personality decanate.
14. What is the Midheaven Constant?
15. What is the Solar Constant?
16. On what DATE does major progressed Sun sextile natal Venus and what should be done about it?
17. On what DATE does major progressed Mercury trine major progressed Neptune and what should be done about it?
18. On what DATE does major progressed Ascendant square natal Saturn and what should be done about it?
19. On what DATE for the first time does major progressed Moon oppose natal Mars and what should be done about it?
20. On what DATE for the first time does major progressed Moon make a conjunction to natal Venus and what should be done about it?
21. On what DATE, for the first time in life, does minor Progressed Sun make a conjunction with natal Mars?
22. On what DATE, for the first time in life, does minor progressed Ascendant make a conjunction with natal Sun?
23. On what DATE, for the first time in life, does the minor progressed Mercury make a conjunction with natal Saturn?

Appendix

History of The Brotherhood of Light

To trace the origin of The Religion of the Stars, recourse must be made to tradition. Pseudo occultists and charlatans are only too ready to appropriate a name and use it to deceive the unwary. Hence a name and boasted lineage mean nothing in such matters. When genuine they rest upon secret tradition. And such documentary evidence as can be submitted for the genuine may easily be imitated by the spurious.

The only safe criterion of the genuineness of any esoteric teaching is the amount and accuracy of the information contained therein. The Brotherhood of Light lessons are now accessible to all. We welcome investigation with a view to proving their value. The lineage here given is not to claim infallibility or to prove authority, but to disclaim any originality in the ideas set forth beyond their method of presentation. Upon the prima facie evidence these lessons contain as expositors of THE RELIGION OF THE STARS, The Church of Light is well content to rest all its claims.

According to tradition, in the year 2,440 B.C., a group separated from the theocracy of Egypt, and through subsequent times, as a secret order, the name of which translated into English means The Brotherhood of Light, has been perpetuated, and has exerted a beneficial influence upon western civilization.

During only one period of Egyptian history did the teachings of The Religion of the Stars have a great influence on Egyptian civilization. This was during the reign of Akhenaten. This king was influenced by The Brotherhood of Light and broke completely with the corrupt priesthood of Amen. He moved to his City of the Horizon and spread stellar art and wisdom throughout Egypt. He died before the establishing of a new civilization could be completed; so the priests of Amen did the best they could to destroy his city and philosophy.

With the ascension of the Greek civilization, the influence of The Brotherhood of Light is seen in the astrology and mythology of Greece. Many of the Greek Mysteries take their basic rites from the ancient Egyptians.

The Greek philosophers, Thales, Pythagoras, Plato, Euxodus, and a score of others famed for learning that might be mentioned, received initiation directly at the hands of the Egyptian members of the fraternity.

At a later date this venerable order gave the impetus to learning in Alexandria, which made the city so justly famous. One of The Brotherhood of Light, the noble Hypatia, who, after the decline of the colleges in that city,

was the last to withstand the onslaughts of superstitious ignorance, and died endeavoring to spread the light of ancient wisdom.

It was The Brotherhood of Light that preserved the taper of learning from complete extinction during the dark ages, and that was responsible for kindling with it the fires of science and philosophy in Europe, even in the face of ruthless persecution.

The Brotherhood of Light not only has persisted as such on the innerplanes, but the line of succession has been kept alive, although at times it became exceedingly thin, also on the physical plane.

Much of our written history is lost in the mist of time. The thread of modern day existence on the physical plane picks up with the following.

M. Theon, for years, was the head of The Brotherhood of Light in Europe. The teachings came to America and were published in two books translated and edited by Emma Harding Britten, *Art Magic* and *Ghost Land*. The original edition of *Art Magic* bears this legend at the bottom of the title page, "Published by the author, at New York, America, 1876."

T.H. Burgoyne was the son of a physician in Scotland. He roamed the moors during his boyhood and became conversant with the birds and flowers. He was an amateur naturalist. He was also a natural seer. Through his seership he contacted The Brotherhood of Light on the innerplane, and later contacted M. Theon in person. Still later he came to America, where he taught and wrote on occult subjects. We find articles on the tarot, written by him, for instance, during 1887 and 1888, in *The Platonist*, published by Thomas M. Johnson at Osceola, Missouri. This was more than a dozen years before Genevieve Stebbins translated the work of P. Christian.

Captain Norman Astley, an officer in the British Army, had traveled extensively. In the performance of his duties he had lived in India and there had pursued occult studies. He also resided a short time in Australia. Later he returned to England to meet M. Theon, having previously contacted The Brotherhood of Light in his travels.

Astley was also a surveyor. Retired from the British Army he surveyed, among other places, what is now Carmel, California. It was such a beautiful region that when he married Genevieve Stebbins, a member of The Brotherhood of Light and a Delsarte teacher in New York, they decided to build their home in Carmel. That was in the 1860's.

As T.H. Burgoyne was a member of the same organization, it was natural he should pay them a visit. Captain and Mrs. Astley, who had contacted a number of earnest students suggested to Burgoyne that he write the basic Brotherhood of Light teachings as a series of lessons. This he agreed to do provided the students would enable him to live while he did this work. The Astleys made contact with students he knew and 12 were found who were willing to donate \$5 per month to this purpose.

Burgoyne lived in the home of the Astleys while he wrote *Light of Egypt*, Volume I. He wrote and issued as a manuscript lesson, which the 12 students were permitted to copy, one chapter each month. He had a white pony which would come at his whistle and follow him as if it were a dog. Each morning the weather was clement, he and his pony would leave the Astley domicile and go to a certain wild spot on Point Lobos to commune with the Monterey pines, to listen to the birds, to caress the flowers, and to hear the noisy surf boil into a little rocky cove above which in spring wild asters grew in profusion. Overlooking the charging and retreating waters, always sitting at the same spot, he wrote the whole of *Light of Egypt*, Volume I.

For reasons set forth in the preface to *Light of Egypt, Volume I*, it was later decided to publish these private lessons in book form. That this might be done it became necessary to finance the venture, and to have some kind of an organization which would resist the attacks it was anticipated would be made by those opposed to the purpose of the book.

Dr. Henry Wagner and Mrs. Belle M. Wagner (both with Jupiter in the tenth house of their birthcharts) agreed to finance the venture, and did so to the extent of \$100,000. And a branch of The Brotherhood of Light called the Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor, was formed for the express purpose of seeing to it that the *Light of Egypt* and its teachings should receive wide distribution.

The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor was governed in all its affairs by a council of three members consisting of a scribe, or secretary, an astrologer and a seer. Burgoyne was the original secretary. He passed to the next plane in March 1894, while residing in Humboldt County, California. Belle Wagner, Sun in Pisces, Aquarius rising and the Moon in the first house in Aquarius, was elected to take his place on the council. Minnie Higgins, Sun in Gemini, was the astrologer. Mrs. Anderson, Sun in Sagittarius, Moon in Cancer, Libra rising, was the seer. Meetings to decide issues were held on the second floor of Mrs. Anderson's large home in Denver, Colorado.

The bylaws of The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor made it impossible for any person under 21 years of age to join; made it impossible for a married person to join unless the spouse also joined, and made membership possible only after the individual's record had been thoroughly investigated.

Early in 1909 Minnie Higgins passed to the next plane, and in the spring of that year Elbert Benjamin was called to Denver and elected to take her place on the Council as the astrologer. At this meeting on the second floor of Mrs. Anderson's home, the other two members of the Council did their utmost, as the official minutes of the meeting show, to convince Elbert Benjamin that he should undertake the job of preparing a complete system of education that would enable a wide public to become conversant with The Religion of the Stars. But it was not until April of the following year that he consented to do this work.

Meanwhile he had contacted personally and through correspondence not only members of the Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor, but members of The Brotherhood of Light who had remained aloof from the organization with headquarters at Denver. But it was chiefly by his becoming more closely associated with The Brotherhood of Light on the innerplane that he overcame his reluctance to take over so imposing a task.

In 1913 the three members of the Council of The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor, after due deliberation, voted unanimously to close The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor, and since then no members have been accepted.

During the period, 1914 to 1934 that The Brotherhood of Light lessons were being written, there was never any spirit other than that of helpfulness shown toward this work by any member of The Brotherhood of Light or by any person who had been a member of The Brotherhood of Luxor. And, in particular, Captain and Mrs. Astley were helpful. Elbert Benjamin visited them in their home on various occasions, and some of the extensive and encouraging correspondence he received from them helped him in this work.

In 1918 classes were first opened to the public. In order to carry out its objective of reestablishing The Religion of the Stars on earth, The Brotherhood of Light was incorporated as The Church of Light, on November 2, 1932,

9:55 a.m. PST at Los Angeles. The three founders of The Church of Light were Elbert Benjamine (C.C. Zain), who served as President until his demise November 18, 1951; Elizabeth Benjamine, who served as Secretary Treasurer until her passing in 1942; and Fred Skinner, who served as Vice President until his demise in 1940. From the 1920's through the 1940's much astrological research was carried on which has become standard reference for many astrologers.

Much of the history of The Church of Light in years between 1915 and 1951 involve the history of Mr. Benjamine's efforts. His mission on earth being completed through the writing, rewriting and printing of The Brotherhood of Light lessons, he felt that his physical form was worn beyond repair and that he could better serve the cause of Universal Welfare by leaving that body behind and moving to the next phase of his work in God's Great Plan.

In accordance with Mr. Benjamine's instructions, there was no public funeral, and his body was cremated. Because of his desire to be free from thoughts and emotions of grief so he might make a speedy adjustment in his new life, the announcement of his passing was withheld until the Response Day dinner in Los Angeles on December 18, 1951.

He left a priceless heritage in The Brotherhood of Light lessons, which must be preserved and passed on unchanged to succeeding generations.

The Light of Egypt is a consortium of advanced students and Hermiticians who seek to carry on the high traditions of the Brotherhood of Light by contributing our utmost to Universal Welfare without thought of personal gain or recompense.

It continues to work toward fulfilling these purpose by meeting the needs of a new world order with its progressive philosophy of soul development. As always there is a determination that each individual should have the opportunity to Contribute his or her Utmost to Universal Welfare to the end that all people may live with freedom from fear; freedom from want; freedom of speech; freedom of religion, and to be enlightened to the extent they wish by the soul uplifting teachings of The Religion of the Stars.

Appendix

Declaration of Principles

We are a Religious altruistic association. We consider all humanity as equal in the higher sense, and utilize our resources for the purpose of assisting each individual to fulfill their part in the Divine Plan. Our Hermetic Philosophy indicates that each soul is responsible for its spiritual progress; and our lessons provide the best information possible for the attainment of true spirituality and happiness on the physical plane and on each higher plane of progress.

There cannot be Two Orders of Truth in the Universe. Therefore, we deny that there is any antagonism between true Science and true Religion. We accept but one book as infallible in interpreting the Will of Deity. That is the Book of Nature. We worship but one Religion, which is also a Science: Nature's laws.

Students are under no obligation to accept our teachings. We encourage them to investigate all existing religious and occult organizations, and our course on *Evolution of Religion* gives details on how our philosophy relates to many of the religions of the world today.

We teach that the family and the marriage relationship are the most powerful aid in building the spiritual body. It is through the sacrifices of the parents for the children that they give up selfishness and then transfer that love to higher planes of work. Our course, *Ancient Masonry*, gives more detail about this process, as well as the course on Spiritual Alchemy and the one on *Occultism Applied to Daily Life*.

Our view of the reason for existence upon the earth is discussed in the book, *Astrological Signatures*, and the book *Organic Alchemy*. We know from tradition and scientific experiments that the soul and personality survive the transition called death and live on higher planes of existence. This is outlined in the book *The Next Life*. We also have lessons on healing and alchemy (psychology) both from the spiritual and physical plane.

Our philosophy is grounded in two basic studies: The Golden Key of Astrology and the Silver Key of the Sacred Tarot. Only with a thorough knowledge of these two keys may the sanctuary of Nature's Temple be opened. Astrology is the science of finding and utilizing the natural potentialities as indicated by the planetary chart of birth. It becomes a religion when it shows the individual how these natural tendencies can be utilized for the benefit of all humanity and furtherance of the purposes of Deity. This is why we are called The Religion of the Stars.

The *Sacred Tarot* is the pictorial form of the spiritual ideas of our world as viewed by the spiritual giants of the past and checked by subsequent illuminated ones as to accuracy. Initiates of all ages have added their contributions. It is the esoteric presentation of the Hermetic Philosophy, and provides each Neophyte with many sources of meditations and inspiration. Our courses on *The Sacred Tarot* and *Spiritual Astrology* give much insight on these two foundations of Knowledge.

The Religion of the Stars is dedicated to the unfoldment of the Universal Plan for this Aquarian Age. A Nine Point Plan provides the framework for this work. The Nine Point Plan is:

That everyone should have:

Freedom from Want
Freedom of Expression
Freedom from Fear
Freedom of Religion

That to obtain these in proper measure, people must have the freedom to become familiar with:

Facts of Astrology
Facts of Induced Emotion
Facts of Extrasensory Perception
Facts of Directed Thinking

And, that instead of working to take all that he can for himself, each must learn to find pleasure in

Contributing His or Her Utmost to Universal Welfare

The Brotherhood of Light teachings are presented in 21 courses covering 21 Branches of Occult Science. The courses have study questions in the back of each book for every lesson. If you request them, you will receive a final exam for each course. Upon passing the final exam, the Award Manuscript will be sent to you. These give information on the safest method of developing higher states of consciousness and other information of value to the neophyte.

Appendix

Home Study Program

About The Home Study Program...

The Brotherhood of Light lessons offer the safest and most reliable information concerning occult studies found anywhere! Many are interested in investigating the occult sciences but cannot find a suitable teacher or are unable to find a practical approach to such matters. To meet this challenge the Home Study Program was designed.

Much information about the outerplane environment can be had in public schools and universities. Of equal importance is knowledge of the innerplane. Since this information is not yet available in our public institutions, The Brotherhood of Light lessons are published.

With the dawning Aquarian Age, our planet is undergoing a new dispensation of knowledge. Manifestations of this knowledge are evident in the scientific and technological growth experienced since 1881. So that development may be along the most constructive channels, it is important that we work to align personal and community intention to the Will of Deity. It is the role of religion to facilitate this alignment.

The Religion of the Stars teaches that the most reliable evidence of God's intention is obtained by observing Nature. To do this requires not only effort, but the process of trial and error. Sometimes standing on the shoulders of those who precede us can be helpful. May we suggest that you will find The Brotherhood of Light lessons to be a reliable guide, as well as some of the most uplifting material you will ever encounter.

Who can enroll in the Home Study Program...

Anyone can study the 21 Courses by reading the material contained therein, and may submit examinations for correction. Upon receiving a passing grade, members will receive the "NotSold Manuscripts." They contain information which we believe to be safest and most reliable methods for psychic unfoldment.

While the reason for each person's study is highly personal, there can also be an organization goal. That is, to become a Hermetician. A Hermetician is a person who has passed final exams on all 21 Courses and thereby demonstrated physical knowledge of all branches of the Hermetic Sciences (Astrology, Alchemy and Magic). As a Hermetician one is eligible to participate more fully in the religious and educational aspects of the organization.

How does the program work...

Recognizing that each person begins his/her course of study with a particular area of interest we have structured the program so you may pass courses in any order you wish. We strongly encourage you to undertake the passing of examinations in sequence from Course 1 to 21.

You can request that we send you an a Course 1 (Laws of Occultism) examination.

After receiving a passing score (exams are open book) we will send you the "Not Sold Manuscript." This process is repeated until you reach the Hermetician level by passing exams for all 21 courses.

Appendix

Other Brotherhood of Light Courses

Other Brotherhood of Light Courses in the Astrology Branch

Course 2, Astrological Signatures

For those only vaguely acquainted with Astrology, this course provides a genuinely complete starting point. For those thoroughly conversant in the effects of the stars and planets, this course explains the connection Astrology has always had throughout the millennia with the Religion of the Stars. The religion's Hermetic Traditions concerning where the soul had its origin, through what processes it reached the earth and why human incarnation was necessary are related. Of special interest is the explanation of the purpose of joy and sorrow. Also included is a description of the aspect of the Religion of the Stars evident in the Mysteries of Ancient Egypt—from a translation by Genevieve Stebbins of Iamblichus's description of the ancient initiation ceremony.

Course 7, Spiritual Astrology

The ancient Wise Ones, when they had discovered some great and vital spiritual truth, looked about to find some material object which would explain, in terms of universal symbolism, this truth to generations to come, of whatever land and of whatever subsequent time. Doctrines of the Religion of the Stars thus formulated were pictured in the sky as the 48 ancient constellations. Each of these constellations is a spiritual text and by their means every story in the Bible or any other Sacred Book may correctly be interpreted.

Course 8, Horary Astrology

This course is most often chosen by beginning students of Astrology for its technical Lesson, "How to Erect a Horoscope," as well as for its clearly organized, easy-to-understand system for judging any given horoscope. More advanced students quite frequently refer to this volume for details concerning the delineation of a horary chart. For students of the Religion of the Stars and/or Hermetic Astrology, the Lesson, "Doctrine of Horary Astrology," is of special importance, with its explanation of just how and why this branch of occult science can solve a problem relating to events past, present and future. Also included for beginning students are C.C. Zain's chart erection shortcuts, for which he designed the Church of Light #2 chart pad to further facilitate this process.

Course 10-1, Delineating the Horoscope

As the Lessons on Astrology emphasize: much is to be gained by diligent application of the rules when delineating—and much is lost by not doing so. Here, then, is the Hermetic System of Natal Astrology, step by step, along with the unsurpassed “Outline of a Complete Astrological Reading.” When this process is followed, one can hardly avoid providing an effective and helpful delineation. Of interest to the beginning student or the advanced are the explanations of the 36 decanates, illustrated with examples of renowned persons having Sun, Moon or Ascendant in that decanate.

Course 13, Mundane Astrology

The sign occupied by each of the planets in our solar system, and the aspects they form from time to time, have an influence over the trend of world events. Where these events will chiefly take place, however, must be determined from specific natal charts and progressions. When these natal charts are unavailable, though, astrological influences can be determined through the Cycle charts of the nations, cities, groups, etc., in question. This course is not only one of the few technical manuals available on the erection of Cycle charts and delineation, but, by way of numerous examples, provides a fascinating and enlightening account of the effect of planetary cycles in the 1800's and early 1900's on the United States and the world.

Course 15, Weather Predicting

A complete treatment of the subject and the only text available entirely devoted to astrological influences on the weather. The inner-plane weather mapped by astrological positions has an influence on all earthly things and enterprises and physical weather is no exception. Weather predicting according to the Hermetic System here set forth is exclusively astrological. The attention is directed to the manner in which the inner-plane weather tends to change the physical weather from its normal trend during the season at any place selected. This is particularly useful information for those involved in agriculture, aviation, travel or planning a social event. It is an aspect of the science that should surely not be neglected by anyone seeking a complete, working knowledge of Astrology.

Course 16, Stellar Healing

This course entails what is probably the most effective method of spiritual healing: treatment according to birthchart indications. Natal and progressed constants have been determined through years of extensive research for 160 of the more prevalent diseases; these are included along with the appropriate stellar treatment for each. For ease of reference, the latter six Lessons are devoted to an alphabetical arrangement of the diseases, from abdominal troubles through yellow fever. A most important inclusion is the method in Lesson 197 for calculating astrodynes, harmodynies and discordynies, the unsurpassed mathematical formula for the measurement of astrological power developed by Elbert Benjamine and W.M.A. Drake in 1946.

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