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As I have previously explained, there are three measures by which energy stored up is the astral body by the movements of the planets after birth are released, and we are now ready to consider the second measure, which we term Minor Directions. The release of energy by Major Directions, as we have seen, spreads the energy stored up in a single day's planetary movement proportionally over a year of life.. But by Minor Directions we find that the energy released proportionally during one year of life is stored up within the astral body by the planets acting as Points of Stimulation during one month.

This month during which the planets move forward in the zodiac is measured by two successive transits of the Moon over the same degree of the Zodiac, and the most convenient degree of the zodiac to start measuring from is the degree of the sign occupied by the Moon in the birth-chart. And, even as in working with Major Directions we found it advantageous to adopt the expedient of a Limiting Date, so in working with Minor Directions, to facilitate finding the time of release of the energy shown by a direction., we find is equally advantageous to adopt another expedient called a Lunar Constant.

Thus the Moon's movement through the 360° of the zodiac measures the release of energy during 365 days (1 Year), the Moon's movement through 30 degrees (1 sign) measures the release of energy during approximately 30 days (1 month), and the Moon's movement through 1 degree measures the release of energy during approximately 1 day, of life. Then as the movements of the planets acting as points of stimulation while the Moon moves 1 degree stores up energy that is released in 1 day, and there are 30 degrees in 1 sign, and approximately 30 days in 1 month; the difference between the degree occupied by the Moon in some sign and the day of some month when the energy is released must remain approximately constant. This being true, if we determine the numerical difference between the day of month of birth and the degree of some sign occupied by the Moon at birth, whatever the degree later occupied by the Minor progressed Moon, we know that the day of some month when this energy is released must be just as far from the Moon's degree, numerically considered, as the numerical difference between day of month and Moon degree at birth.

This is more easily illustrated than verbally explained. So let us refer to Example Horoscope I.a. (frontispiece lesson No. 111). The day of birth is Jan. 2, 1920. The Moon in the birth-chart is Gemini 0°. The numerical difference between 0 and 2 is 2. So whatever degree of the zodiac is reached by the Moon's 1 degree's progression being released in 1 day the day of month of release will be 2 removed from the degree occupied by the Moon. That is, the Moon's position in Gemini 0 represents the release Jan, 2; the Moon's position

in Gemini 1 represents the release on Jan. 3; the Moon $\frac{1}{2}$ s position in Gemini 2 represents the release on Jan., 4; the Moon $\frac{1}{2}$ s position in Cancer 0 represents the release on Feb. 2; the Moon $\frac{1}{2}$ s position in Leo 15 represents the release on March 17; and so on. And in calculating directions we are desirous of ascertaining the date on which energy is released; so it becomes necessary to know not only the numerical difference between day of birth and degree of Moon in the birth-chart, but also whether from the degree occupied by the Moon we must add or subtract the numerical difference to find the day of month. So, to signify that from the Moon $\frac{1}{2}$ s degree we must add to find the day of month, we place the word plus before the numerical difference, and to signify that from the Moon $\frac{1}{2}$ s degree we must subtract to find the day of month, we place the word minus before the numerical difference. The numerical difference thus expressed is the Lunar Constant.

In the example chart we have just been considering, plus 2, is the Lunar Constant.

In Example Horoscopes II.a. (frontispiece lesson No. 112) the day of month of birth is Apr. 12, and the Moon in the birth-chart is Aquarius $1^{\circ} \frac{1}{2} 45'$, approximately 2° . The difference between 12 and 2 is 10, and as the day of birth is greater than the degree of the Moon we express the Lunar Constant as, plus 10.

In Example Horoscope IIIa. (frontispiece lesson No. 113) the day of birth is June 28, and the Moon in the birth-chart is Sagittarius 8° . The difference is 20, and the Lunar constant is, plus 20.

In Example Horoscope IV.a. (frontispiece this lesson) the day of birth is May 24, and the Moon is Virgo 5° . The difference is 19, and the Lunar Constant is, plus 19.

In Example horoscope No.6. (lesson No.90) the day of birth is Aug. 4, and the Moon in the birth-chart is Aries 14° . The difference is 10, and the Lunar Constant is, minus 10.

In Example Horoscope No. 7. (lesson No. 90) the day of birth is Sept. 7, and The Moon in the birth-chart is Cancer 14° . The difference is 7, and the Lunar Constant is, minus 7.

In Example Horoscope No. 8, (lesson No. 90) the day of birth is June, 4 and the Moon in the birth-chart is Capricorn 11° . The difference is 7, and the Lunar Constant is, minus 7.

In Example Horoscope No. 10. (lesson No. 01) the day of birth is Aug. 1, and the moon in the birth-chart is Pisces 2° . The difference is 1, and the Lunar Constant is, minus 1.

Some of the above cited example charts were erected for Horary Questions, but as the student is already probably familiar with them they will serve better as examples for the present work than a less familiar series of charts.

Now before taking up other considerations there are three important principles in connection with Minor Directions that should be stated. One is that, unlike Major Directions, it is convenient to refer all computations to the birth-day of the given year of life. The chief reason of this is that on the birthday the progressed Moon always occupies the sign and degree it occupied at birth. It should also be noticed in this connection that the progressed Moon always occupies the same degree of the same sign on the same day of any year of life. This accounts, partially, for the fact that some persons have some particular day of the year that is especially lucky or unlucky, for on that day of each year the Moon releases by Minor Directional Aspect the energy of some Radical planet.

Another consideration is that the position of the Moon in the zodiac at the time any direction is complete must be noted, and then from the Moon $\frac{1}{2}$ s position, with the aid of the Lunar

Constant, the time of the energy's release is easily determined.

And lastly, due probably to the circumstances that the astral body is more plastic during the first few months after birth that the Major Progressed Planets store up their energy in it, Minor Progressed Planets when aspecting EACH OTHER apparently do not tend to stimulate mental complexes, and thus fail to have any pronounced effect upon the life. But Minor Progressed Planets forming aspects to Radical Planets, or to Major Progressed planets, do tend to the stimulation mental complexes, and the calculation of the time of the release of such energies is called Minor Directions.

Rule XII. To find the Lunar Constant ascertain the numerical difference between the degree of some sign occupied by the Moon in the birth-chart and the day of some month that birth took place, and express the difference as either plus or minus the number that commencing with the degree of the Moon will result in the day of month of birth.

Rule XIII. To find the time of release of any Minor Direction, first calculate the sign and degree occupied by the Moon when the aspect is complete. Then to find the number of years after birth that the energy of the aspect is released count ahead in the ephemeris as many transits of the Moon over its own position in the birth-chart as have taken place before the aspect is complete, and Moon over its radical place will represent the Minor Progressed position of the Moon on the birthday of that year. Next, the approximate month when the energy of the aspect is released may be determined by counting ahead from the month of birth just as many months as the number of signs the Moon enters to reach the place where it is found when the aspect is complete. Then note the degree of the sign occupied by the Minor Progressed Moon when the aspect is complete, and to the same day of the approximate month, add or subtract, as indicated by the sign preceding it, the Lunar Constant. The result is the day of the month when the Minor Direction releases its energy.

The above rule, on first sight appears complicated, but in reality it is divided into three very simple steps. The whole matter is best illustrated by examples.

Using Example Chart IV.a.(frontispiece) let us calculate during the first year of life when by minor direction the Sun is trine Mars r. Mars in the birthchart is Libra 21°-24'. The Sun on June 12, 1920 is Gemini 21°-11'. The Sun from its position in the ephemeris must move 23' to reach the trine of Mars r. As the daily motion of the Sun on this day is 58', and the daily motion of the Moon a little over 14°, while the Moon moves 1°, the Sun moves 1/14 of 56' or 4'. Then while the Sun is moving 23', the Moon will move almost 6°. The place of the Moon in the ephemeris is Aries 24°-57'. Add to this the 6° the Moon travels and we get approximately Taurus 1°, the degree occupied by the Moon when the Sun reaches Gemini 21°-34'. Counting ahead from Virgo, the sign in which the Moon was at birth, we find that Taurus is 8 signs removed. So, from May we count ahead 8 months, and get the next January as the approximate month of release. Then, as the degree occupied by the Moon is 1, and the Lunar Constant is plus 19, we add to this January 1, 1921, 19 days, giving up Sun trine Mars r. Jan. 20, 1921.

Now, using the same chart, suppose we desire to know just when the minor direction Sun square Saturn r. when made the second time in the life, releases its energy. Saturn in the birth-chart is Virgo 5°-6'. Turning ahead in the ephemeris we find on Nov. 27, 1920 the Sun in Sagittarius 4°-56'. To reach the square of Saturn r. it must move forward 8'. And while the Sun is moving 8' the Moon moves approximately 2°. The Moon in the ephemeris on Nov. 27, 1920 is approximately Gemini 25°. Add to this the 2° the Moon moves and we have Gemini 27° as the place of the Moon when the aspect is complete. Starting with the moon at birth on May 24, and counting each time it passes over its radical place we find that on November 5, 1920 it transits Virgo 5°(its place at birth) for the 6th. time, therefore this

represents its minor progressed place on the birthday at 6 years of age, or 1926. Then counting down the ephemeris, from Virgo to Gemini there are 9 signs, each representing a month; 1/2's progression of the Moon. Adding 9 months to May 1926, gives us Feb. 1927, as the approximate month. To Feb. 27 (Moon is Gemini 27) add the Lunar Constant of 19, and it gives us, Sun square Saturn r. (neglecting the fact that Feb. has but 28 days) Mar. 16, 1927.

In Example Horoscope No. 6.(lesson No.90), erected for Aug. 4, 1920, as previously shown, the Lunar Constant is minus 10. Let us, then, turn to the ephemeris for 1920 and find when the minor progressed aspect Sun square Sun r. , for the first time in the life, releases its energy. The Sun at birth is in Leo 12°-29'. On Nov. 5, 1920, the Sun in the ephemeris is Scorpio 12°-47'. It has passed the square aspect by 18'. The Moon on that day is swift in motion and moves 1' while the Sun moves approximately 4'. Therefore, while the Sun moves 18' the Moon moves about 4°. The Moon on Nov. 5, is approximately Virgo 11°, so, subtracting 4° from this we find at the time the aspect Sun square Sun r. was formed that the Moon was in Virgo 7°. The Moon at birth was Aries 14°, and after Aug. 4(date of birth) the Moon transits Aries 14° the third time on Oct 26 1920, which represents the minor progressed Moon on the birthday when 3years old, or on Aug. 4, 1923. Then counting ahead the signs the Moon must enter to reach Virgo, we find Virgo the 5th. Sign removed. Then the approximate month is 5 months after August, or January of the following year, 1924. As the Moon is in Virgo 7, we subtract 10 days(because the Lunar constant is preceded by the word minus) from Jan. 7, 1924, giving us, Sun square Sun r. Dec. 27, 1923.

In Example Horoscope I (lesson No. 86) the declination of Mercury at birth is given as 22°-44'. This is the same birth-date as Horoscope I.a. which we found above has a Lunar Constant of, plus 2. How suppose we desire to know when, sometime around 12 years of age, the minor direction Sun parallel Mercury r. releases its energy. Looking in the ephemeris we find on Dec. 8, 1920 that the declination of the Sun is 22°- s 43'. It must therefore move 1' to reach the designed position. The Sun moves by declination on this day 7' while the Moon is moving about 12°, therefore , the Sun moves 1' while the Moon moves approximately 2°. And as the position of the Moon in the ephemeris on Dec. 8, is Scorpio 25°, when the Sun reaches the Parallel Mercury r. the Moon will be Scorpio 27°. Now commencing with the Moon in Gemini 0° at birth on Jan.2, 1920. and counting ahead in the ephemeris we find that the Moon again reaches Gemini 0° for the 12th. Time on Nov. 26, 1920. This then represents its progressed position on Jan.2, 1932. Then counting the signs the Moon must enter in going from Gemini to Scorpio we find the number to be 5; so to Jan. 1932 we add 5 months, giving us as the approximate month, June 1932. As the degree of the progressed Moon was found to be 27, and there is a Lunar Constant of plus 2, we add 2 to June 2, 1932, giving us Sun Parallel Mercury r. June 29, 1932.

Now it might seem, on first thought, that the progression of the M.C. and Asc. by minor direction would constitute an entirely different proportional movement from those we have just been considering. But if we conceive of the M.C. and Asc. merely as points where the energy of the Sun is brought to a focus and polarized, it will be seen that, just as we found in major directions, as the Sun moves forward in the zodiac, so these Points of Stimulation follow the source of their energy. They continue to hold, by progression, the relation they held to the Sun at birth. So, in progressing the M.C. or Asc. the M.C. progresses by minor direction just as far in the zodiac as the Sun has progressed, and the Ascendant progresses just as far as it is shown to be in a Table of Houses of the Latitude of birth when the progressed M.C. is placed on the Tenth house of the chart.

Example Horoscope II.a. (see frontispiece lesson No. 112.) is erected for Apr. 12, 1920 and has, as found above, a Lunar Constant of, plus 10. Suppose we desire to know when, for the first time in the life, the minor direction M.C. conjunction Jupiter r. releases its energy. The

M.C. at birth is Sagittarius 4°. Jupiter at birth is Leo 8°-13'. From Sagittarius 4° to Leo 8°-13' in proper zodiacal sequence is 8S- 4°- 13'. The Sun at birth is Aries 22°-11'. As the M.C. progresses the same distance as does the Sun, we add to Aries 22°11', the 8S-4°-13', giving us Sagittarius 24°-24', add the position of the Sun when the progressed M.C. is Leo 8°-13'. Looking in the ephemeris we find on December 18, 1920 the Sun is Sagittarius 26°-18'. To reach Sagittarius 26°-24' it must move 6'. As the Sun here moves about 5' while the Moon moves 1°, during this time the Moon will move from its ephemeris position of Pisces 25°- about 1° to Pisces 26°. Therefore, when the progressed M.C. is Leo 8°-13' the Moon is in Pisces 26°. Now starting at birth with the Moon in Aquarius 2° on Apr. 12, 1920, we find that the Moon has reached Aquarius 2° for the 9th. Time on December 14, 1920, representing the progressed place for Apr. 12, 1929. From this place to reach Pisces, the Moon moves into 1 sign, so the approximate month is 1 month later than Apr. 12, 1929, or May, 1929. The degree occupied by the Moon when the aspect is complete is number 26, and the Lunar Constant is, plus 10. So, adding 10 to May 26, 1929, we have M.C. conjunction Jupiter r. June 6, 1929.

In Example Horoscope III.a. (frontispiece lesson 113.) erected for June 28, 1920, we found above that the Lunar Constant is, plus 20. So, let us suppose that we desire to know when, for the first time in the life, the direction Asc. conjunction Uranus r. releases its energy. Uranus, in the birth-chart is Pisces 5°-32'. So we look in the table of houses for New York to find what degree of what sign is on the M.C. when Pisces 5°-32' is on the Ascendant. Sagittarius 16°-46' is on the M.C. when Pisces 5°-32' is on the Ascendant. The M.C. at birth is Cancer 12°, and to reach Sagittarius 16°-46' the M.C. must progress 5S-4°-46'. And as the Sun progresses just as far as the M.C. , and its position at birth is Cancer 6°-42', we add to this position the 5S-4°-46' giving us Sagittarius 11°-28' as the position of the Sun at the time the aspect is formed. The Sun on Dec. 3, 1920, is Sagittarius 11°-3', therefore, to reach the designated place it must travel 25'. While the Sun moves this 25', the Moon moves about 5°. And to the Moon's position on Dec. 3, 1920, in Virgo 21° we add 5°, giving us Virgo 26° as the position of the Moon at the time the Asc. conjunction Uranus r. takes place. From its position in Sagittarius 8° at birth on June 28, the Moon on Dec. 9, reaches this place the 6th. Time, representing its progressed place on the birthday at 6 years of age. The Moon, however, on Dec. 3, had not yet reached this place, looking 3 signs of it, representing 3 months progression. So, from June 28, 1926 we subtract 3 giving us as the approximate month March 1926. The degree occupied by the Moon is 26, and the Lunar Constant is, plus 20, so we add 20 to March 26, 1926, giving us, Asc. conjunction Uranus r. Apr. 16, 1926.

It will be seen from the above examples that the most difficult of Minor Directions to calculate requires no higher mathematics than common arithmetical proportion (the rules three). And if the different steps, as indicated, are followed in an orderly sequence, no difficulty should be experienced, even by students having an aversion to mathematics.

But having shown how minor directions of the Sun and angles may be calculated, we must next consider what results should be expected from them. And in this consideration there are two different , though closely related, effects to be observed.

In the first place, the planets and angles as they move forward in the zodiac act as points of stimulation which excite thoughts about the department of life ruled by the house through which they are moving and of the nature of the particular progressed planet or angle. This is quite as true, except in a much less degree, of the minor progressed places, as of the major progressed places. And also the minor progressed aspects to the Radical planets or to the Major Progressed planets releases energy in the same manner as the major progressed aspects, except the volume is much less. As a consequence, these lesser releases of energy which stimulate states of consciousness, tend to attract to the person these various events of life which are transitory and of temporary importance only, or at least of no great

consequence. So, at those periods of life when major directions are not close to their maximum releases of energy, the Minor directions may be used as an index to the incidents of life as they transpire from week to week, and at times even from day to day.

Under such circumstances the nature of the unimportant event attracted by a minor direction may be predicted from the same Five considerations which we found adequate for major directions; ½.

1. The urges ruled by the minor progressed planet, the house of the birth-chart which it has progressed, and to a less extent the house it ruled in the birth-chart.
3. The general rulership of the planets making the aspect. .
4. The nature of the aspect. .
5. The possibilities shown by the birth-chart.

But when at the time a minor direction releases its energy there is a major direction rather close to its maximum release of energy, the other effect is observed. For more often than not, the minor direction will then be coincident in point of time with the various events and developments that permit the expression of the condition indicated by the major directions. So in such cases, unless the minor direction is between entirely different planets than either one involved in the major directions, and unless its influence also relates to entirely different departments of life than those of the major directions, the minor direction does not work merely in terms of its own, but adds volume to the energy released by the major direction.

Therefore, usually the precise time when an event indicated by a release of energy by major direction takes place will be found to coincide with the release of energy of a minor direction during the same period. And it will be found that during the period of life that a major direction exercises an influence which can be observed in the nature of events, that practically every strong minor direction to, or strong minor direction from, either of the two planets involved in the major direction, will attract some condition or incident having a more or less direct bearing upon the particular event signified by the major direction.

Events of importance in life usually do not transpire without some preliminary incidents leading up to them. Neither do they usually transpire without various incidents following as an aftermath. And it is the function of minor directions to indicate the time of these various incidents leading up to, and trailing after, important events. Also, they indicate the precise time when the important event itself transpires.

These various incidents leading up to and following an event are shown by minor directions in which one of the planets involved in the major direction releases its energy. And within the Period that a major direction is pronouncedly affecting conditions it is safe to predict every time a minor direction of any power is formed to or from one of the planets forming the major direction, that some incident will be attracted having a bearing on the main events. Before the release of energy by the major direction becomes too voluminous; ½ while from being complete; ½ each minor direction will work out in its own terms. That is, if the minor direction is a Luck aspect, it will attract a lucky incident; if the minor direction is an Opportunity aspect, it will attract some incident lending opportunity; if the minor direction is an Obstacle aspect, it will bring some small obstacle, etc. But near to the time of the major direction's; ½ maximum release of energy all minor directions to or from either of the planets involved in the major direction tend to be obscured in nature by the major direction, and, unable to cancel or annul the major direction, their added volume of energy tends, regardless of the harmony or inharmony of the minor direction, to but intensify the major

direction and attract the principal event.

For example, in the chart on the frontispiece of this lesson the major direction Sun square Moon r. releases its maximum energy about Dec. 18, 1921. The child is then less than two years old, and the Sun and Moon being general signifiers of health and vitality, the chief effect of this major direction would be to cause illness. In fact, this is the commencement of a train of adverse directions affecting the health, for the Sun after reaching the square to the Moon r. , then immediately passes to the square of Saturn and the square of Uranus, by major directions. The effect of such a train of directions is very severe ; for the person is weakened by the first adverse directions before the next commences, and has no interval of recuperation between them. So, in the case of a person old enough to exercise directed thinking, the approach of such a train of adverse directions becomes a time when he should do his utmost to avoid the things signified by the adverse planets and cultivate such mental states as will annul their influence. In the chart under consideration such a train of directions from the Sun in the Eight house would probably prove fatal.

But the point I here desire to bring out is that the minor direction Sun trine Mars r., as we found , releases its energy Jan. 20, 1921., some eleven months before the major direction Sun square Moon r. So, owing to the length of time between the minor direction and the major direction, the minor direction, being a harmonious aspect, would indicate an incident leading up the main event, but of a harmonious nature. There would be a period of increased vitality and unusual energy during the month of January 1921.

And from this time on during the next two years and a half that the train of major directions affecting the health releases its energy every minor direction of any consequence to or from the Sun and Moon, and to and from Saturn and Uranus also when the Sun came close to their square, would have decided influence upon the health of the child.

Yet had the minor direction Sun trine Mars r. released its energy any time during, let us say, November or December 1921, or January 1922, it would have been unwise to have predicted improvement in health at the time of its release. The added amount of energy released by the Sun being included in both a major and a minor direction at the same time would have caused a climax in the influence of the major direction, in which probably the harmonious influence of the minor direction, which was certainly present, would be un discernable in the observed result. In other words, if the child were to die under the influence of the major direction Sun square Moon r., the minor direction Sun trine Mars r. occurring in any of the months mentioned would determine the month and week of death, and if the Moon during this week made some strong minor direction; ½a square, or trine or sextile; ½to either the Sun p. or the Moon r., this direction would indicate the precise day of death.

It may, on first thought, seem paradoxical that a harmonious influence should in any way add its influence to bring to a climax some discordant event stimulated by an inharmonious influence. But when we grasp the relation of the astral body to the points of stimulation afforded by the progressed planets the paradox disappears. For the progressed planets merely add energy of a particular quality to that already organized within the astral body. And if a person is so saturated with a particular kind of energy at a given time that intense trains of thought have been set up, both in the subliminal and the objective consciousness, regarding a certain department of life, a weaker volume of energy exciting thoughts about the same department of life, even though of opposite quality in so far as harmony or inharmony is concerned, does not tend to repel the event. It may ameliorate the nature of the event in proportion to its harmony or inharmony, but the very fact that additional thought elements are present concerning the event tends the more powerfully to attract the event, because events are attracted by the volume of energy focused upon particular departments of

life , and of course, are harmonious or inharmonious as the preponderating energy which attracts them harmonious or discordant.

This same principle which I am trying to explain operates also in the major directions of the Moon as affecting other more powerful major directions that release energy at the same time. When a person is under such a powerful train of adverse major directions from the Sun that death is indicated, and during the illness the Moon by major direction makes the trine or sextile to the Sun, it requires very fine discrimination to predict whether there will be a rally at that time or death. When a patient is very ill it requires discrimination to know whether a bowl of broth will help him or kill him. The broth is very good for one not so weakened, but if the patient is ill enough, a bowl of broth will cause death. And the Moon trine Sun is a good direction, but if the patient is ill enough the energy released by this direction can not be assimilated. Food, under ordinary circumstances, is nourishing when either hot or cold. But if a person is cold enough, cold food will chill him further; and if a person is hot enough, hot food will do him no good. And so also it seems with the energy released by minor directions. If the major direction is powerfully releasing energy of a certain harmony or inharmony, energy from the same planets released by minor direction conduce to bring the major direction to a climax. And the student who will take pains to calculate the major directions for the time of death of a large number of persons will find, as I have stated, that during other severe adverse major directions, the Moon forming the sextile or trine to the Sun by Major direction, occasionally coincides with the time of death.

We may look upon this interrelation between different directions to the same planet much as if each were the water from a different stream, all finally converging into one channel. If the main stream is muddy water, the other streams emptying into it will but partly clear it; or if the main stream is clear, the smaller streams will only cloud it to a small degree; yet the added volume of water may enable the stream to overflow its banks .

For instance; a young man of my acquaintance had the major direction Sun trine Uranus r. on the 1st. of March, and the Major direction Moon opposition Uranus r. May 1st., and the minor direction Mars square Uranus r. May 10, and the Moon conjunction Uranus r. on May 5th., of the same year. Uranus being in the Tenth house at birth and ruler of the Third house, he took a journey that was of lasting benefit where business was concerned. The change, while very much to his advantage, caused separation from previous business, and from home and neighbors. On the journey there were some inconveniences and obstacles, such as were indicated by the minor direction Mars square Uranus. But the journey was started on May 5th., and while there were lesser discordant events such as were shown by the directions of loss strength, he has never regretted making the change. The change was made when the volume of energy, both inharmonious and harmonious, received by the planet indicating it was greatest.

And this is the manner in which directions usually externalize. For if within several months before or several months after there is a major direction between any of the other planets, a major direction of the Moon occurs to either of the planets involved in the main direction, the chief event signified by the main direction will occur within a month of the time the direction of the Moon releases its maximum energy. And if, within a month of the time the Major direction of the Moon releases its maximum energy, there is a strong minor direction to one of the same planets involved in the major direction, the chief event will take place within a week of the time that the strong minor direction releases its energy. And, during the period of a week before and a week after the strong minor direction releases its energy, the day the chief event will transpire will be found to be that day on which the Moon, or other swift-moving planet, or both, form strong aspects to one of the planets of the major direction. If there is no major direction of the Moon to one of the planets involved in the chief major direction within several months before or several months after its maximum

release of energy, the time the main event will transpire is indicated by the minor directions alone during those months.

Now I trust I have not created an impression that a harmonious minor direction sometimes tends to attract inharmonious conditions, or that an inharmonious minor direction sometimes tends to attract harmonious conditions.

For I believe that each aspect by minor direction tends to work out in terms of its own harmony or inharmony. But an incident, such as minor directions attract, that is harmonious in itself may but be one incident in another event that is either harmonious or discordant of much greater importance.

As I have already mentioned, the important occurrences of life are seldom isolated events. They are preceded by a number of incidents that gradually lead up to them. The president of a country, or its premier, is not elected to that position without having first distinguished himself in other ways. Neither does the man in the street lose his present employment, or lose it, without a chain of minor events first occurring that all have a bearing on it. And is one of the most interesting and advantageous studies I know about, to take some important event in life and trace it back to its inception, noting each incident that furthers it. In such studies it will be found that the same planets that indicate the event when they form a major direction, are also these involved in the minor directions and the major directions from the Moon that coincide with the various incidents leading up to it. And only by such study of the lives of those so well known that the incidents as well as the main events may be obtained can the student attain proficiency in the proper blending of Transits, Major Directions and Minor Directions. But with practice he will be able to predict in all its details, not only the nature and time of an occurrence, but also the evolution of the event.

It should never be lost sight of, however, that minor directions are not the cause of the incidents of life. They merely indicate the periods when the planets acting as points of stimulation on the astral body release such energy as is signified by their aspects. This energy excites thought of a certain nature concerning the departments of life signified by their house position. Therefore, it is not necessary to permit the incident indicated by a minor direction to be attracted; for by volitionally cultivating thoughts about the signified departments of life that are natural mental antidotes to those stimulated by the planets the latter will be canceled and annulled and the incident will fail to transpire.

For instance, we found in example chart on the frontispiece the minor direction Sun square Saturn r. March 16, 1927. The Sun has progressed into the Second house, and Saturn is in the Eleventh house. Therefore during the period of release of this minor direction; ½ about two weeks before and two weeks after March 16; ½ if this child should cultivate a feeling of joy in everything of a social nature, and only think of friends in the pleasant most was as contributing to social incidents, the disagreeable incident signified by the obstacle-complex would be avoided.

In concluding this, the first of two lessons devoted to Minor Directions, there are two points especially I wish to emphasize.

One is that the minor directions afford the best we have of the proper time within any limited period to refrain from action or to push matters to climax. For even when the major directions are adverse, if it is a matter that must come to a climax, the result will be more favorable if brought to an issue while there are harmonious minor directions. A harmonious minor direction may bring a major direction to a focus, but the attending conditions will be ameliorated by the minor direction from what they otherwise had been.

The other point is that whenever thoughts and feeling arise in the objective mind that are of the nature either of adverse major directions or of adverse minor directions, they should be recognized as agents of the adverse directions and should immediately and persistently be replaced by their natural mental antidotes. For it is within man's power to be the ruler of his own destiny.

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Examination Questions

1. What is a Lunar Constant?
2. How far does the Moon progress by minor directions in one day?
3. What is signified by the word plus or the word minus preceding a Lunar Constant.
4. Why in calculating minor directions is it more convenient to refer all computations to the birthday?
5. Why in all minor directions must the position in the zodiac of the progressed Moon be determined?
6. Do the minor progressed planets when aspecting each other have any pronounced influence on the life?
7. How may the number of years that have elapsed since birth before the energy of a minor direction is released be determined?
8. How may the approximate month that a minor direction releases its energy be determined?
9. Having determined the approximate month and the degree of the zodiac occupied by the Moon how may the day of the month when a minor direction releases its energies be determined?
10. How is the progression of the M.C. by minor direction determined.
11. How is the progression of the Asc. by Minor direction determined?
12. Under what circumstances may minor direction be used as an index to the nature of the incidents of life?
13. When there are no strong directions operating at the same time, from what considerations may the incidents indicated by minor directions be predicted?
14. When some major direction is close to its maximum release of energy?

15. How is the precise time an event indicated by a major direction transpires usually to be determined?
16. During the period a minor direction releases energy what relation to the main event have the incidents indicated by minor directions to or from either of the aspecting planets
17. When an adverse major direction is near its maximum release of energy will a luck aspect by a minor direction to either planet attract a fortunate event?
18. When an adverse major direction is distant from its maximum release will a luck aspect by minor direction to either planet attract a fortunate event?
19. When there is a strong harmonious major direction near its maximum release what may be expected from an adverse major direction from the Moon?
20. If there were a strong adverse major direction, and at the same time the Moon by major direction formed a favorable direction, would it be advisable for the person to enter a business venture such as signified by the adverse planets?
21. What is the best index we have of the proper time within a limited period to refrain from action or to push matters to a climax?
22. When there is a major direction of the Moon to either planet involved in a major direction, within a few months of its maximum release, how may the month the event will transpire be predicted?
23. From what factors is it often possible to predict not only the month and week, but also the exact day, when an event will transpire?