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An advantage, Which I have not hitherto mentioned, in connection with the use of minor directions to predict events, is that they may be used to good advantage even when the house of birth is not even approximately known. And in those birth-charts where the hour of birth is known only approximately an error, occasioned by the use of the wrong time of birth, sufficient to cause a major direction to release energy several months from the time predicted, will usually occasion an error of but a few days in a prediction made from minor directions.

Let us suppose, for instance, that the chart of birth has been erected for a time of day that is twelve hours later than the actual time of birth. The position of the Sun in such a chart will be about 30' too far in the zodiac; the position of Mercury may be a whole degree too far advanced; the position of Venus, say 40'; that of Mars, say 25'; and that of the other superior planets(planets farther from the Sun than the earth) much less. The Moon in such a chart will be 6° or 7° too far in the zodiac, therefore, the lunar constant will indicate a day of the month 6 or 7 days too early. Of course, in predicting the time of an event 6 or 7 days is too great an error, but when the time of birth is uncertain it is much less than the usual error made in predicting the time events by major directions only.

As one of the most useful factors in rectifying the time of birth, or in finding the time of birth when the hour is quite unknown, is minor directions, we will examine the amount of error caused by using the wrong birth-time more closely. For this purpose let us use the example chart of the last lesson(see frontispiece lesson No. 114. Example Horoscope IV.a). The time of birth is stated to have been 4h P.M. Let us assume, then, that the time was given erroneously, and that the actual time of birth was 8h A.M. or 8 hours earlier. The Asc. and M.C. of course, will be very different from that of the chart as erected for 4h P.M., and the planets will occupy very different houses. For sake of reference I will now give the positions of the planets as they occur in the 8h A.M. chart

Sun, Gemini 3°-9'
Moon, Virgo 0°-29'
Mercury, Gemini 1°-44'
Venus, Taurus 22°-14'
Mars, r Libra 21°-36'
Jupiter, Leo 11°-48'
Saturn, Virgo 5°-6'
Uranus, Pisces 5°-4'
Neptune Leo 9°-5'

As the date of month of birth in both charts is May 24, the lunar constant for the 4h P.M. chart is, plus 19, and the lunar constant for the 8h A.M. chart is, plus 24.

Let us now calculate the time of the minor direction Moon conjunction Neptune r. when it occurs for the fourth time in the life in each of these charts and learn how much difference there is between the dates thus calculated for the same release of energy.

The Moon transits its own place in Virgo on June 21. This is its minor progressed position on the first birthday. It transits (passes through) Virgo again on July 18th. This is when the child is two years old. It transits Virgo the third time on Aug. 15, and the fourth time on Sept. 11th. The child is then four years old. The moon then moves forward in the ephemeris to the sign Leo on Oct 6, 1920. As Neptune r. is Leo 9, the moon must reach Leo 9 to make the conjunction with Neptune r.

Then to find the day of month we add the lunar constant to the degree of the moon. The degree occupied by the moon when it is in conjunction Neptune is 9. The lunar constant for the 4 P.M. chart is plus 19, therefore, the date of the month is 9 plus 19, or the 28th. The lunar constant for the 8A.M. chart is plus 24, therefore, the date of the month is 9 plus 24, or 33. This of course is the 3rd. of the following month.

Counting ahead from Virgo, the sign occupied by the moon at birth, we find Leo to be 11 signs removed. Therefore, to find the month when the direction releases its energy we count ahead 11 month from the month of birth. This gives us the April following the birthday. Then to find the year, as the moon has passed through Virgo four times since birth the child would be four years old, giving 1924 as the last birthday. But as the month is the April following the fourth birthday this carries us into the next year, to April 1925. Therefore, the minor direction Moon conjunction Neptune for the 4 P.M. chart takes place Apr. 28, 1925; and the same direction for the 8 A.M. chart takes place May 3, 1925. In this instance, then, an error of 8 hours in timing the birth causes error of 5 days in predicting when the direction releases its energy.

The example just given illustrates the method calculating the minor directions from the moon. In the last lesson (No 114) we calculated the minor directions Sun square Saturn r. when made for the second time in the life for the 4 P.M. chart. It was found that it releases its energy on March 16, 1927.

Let us now calculate the same minor direction for the 8 A.M. chart, to observe the difference in time of release of energy. The 8 A.M. chart gives the position of Saturn as Virgo $5^{\circ}-5'$. The Sun on Nov. 27, 1920 is Sagittarius $4^{\circ}-58'$. In this case it must move only $7'$ to reach the square of Saturn instead of $8'$, but $1'$ of the Sun's motion by minor direction is equivalent to not over $\frac{1}{2}$ degree's motion of the Moon by minor direction. Consequently in both charts the Moon is in Gemini 27° when the aspect is complete. In the 8 A.M. Chart, however, to 27 we add the lunar constant 24, giving us the date March 21, 1927. This again is a difference of five days in timing the release of energy by minor directions when the time of birth given is 8 hours erroneous.

Mercury in the 4P.M. chart is Gemini $2^{\circ}-9'$. Let us calculate when the minor direction Mars opposition Mercury r. is formed for the first time in life. On Sept. 8 in the ephemeris Mars reaches Sagittarius $2^{\circ}-21'$. The opposition to Mercury r. is formed, however, when Mars is Sagittarius $2^{\circ}-9'$. Mars has therefore gone $12'$ too far. On Sept. 8, daily motion of Mars is $39'$, and the daily motion of the Moon is $14^{\circ}-25'$. Dividing 39 by 14, we find that while the Moon moves 1° Mars moves not quite $3'$. Then while Mars moves the $12'$ too much, dividing 12 by 3, we find that the Moon moves about 4° . The Moon in the ephemeris on Sept. 8 is shown to be Cancer 22° . Then subtracting 4 from this we find that when Mars is

Gemini 2°-9' that the Moon is Cancer 18°. From the days of birth to Sept. 8 the Moon has passed through Virgo three times, consequently the year that the direction releases its energy follows the third birthday. The Moon, however, is ten signs ahead of Virgo, which signifies that the month is ten months after the birthday, and this brings us to March 1924. The day of the month is the degree of the Moon, 18, plus the lunar constant, 19, or March 37, which is really April 7, 1924.

Mercury in the 8 A.M. chart is Gemini 1°-44'. Mars reaches Sagittarius 1°-42' in the ephemeris on Sept 7th. In our previous we calculated that at this time while the Moon moves 1°, Mars moves about 3'. Now Mars must move forward 2' to reach the opposition Mercury r. The Moon in the meantime moves forward about 1°, or from Cancer 7° to Cancer 8°. The Moon in Cancer again indicates, as in the previous example, the month of March 1924. The lunar constant in the 8 A.M. chart, however, is plus 24. Adding the degree of the Moon, 8, to the lunar constant, 24, we get March 32, which is really April 2, 1924. The error then occasioned by using a 4 P.M. chart instead of an 8 A.M. chart in calculating when the direction Mars opposition Mercury r releases its energy in this case is about five days.

Next let us calculate the minor Jupiter square Mercury r. in both the 4P.M. chart and in the 8 A.M. chart. On Sept. 6, in the ephemeris for 1920 Jupiter is Virgo 2°-14'. Jupiter is square Mercury r. when in Virgo 2°-9', therefore Jupiter has moved 5' too far. The daily motion of Jupiter on Sept. 6, that of the Moon is 14°, consequently, while Jupiter moves 1' the Moon will move about 1°, and while Jupiter moves 5' the Moon will move about 5°. The Moon in the ephemeris on Sept. 6, is shown to be Gemini 23. Subtract 5 from 23 and we have Gemini 18 as the place of the Moon when Jupiter is Virgo 2°-0' in square to Mercury. The Moon to reach this position from its place at birth moves over its position in the birth-chart three times, and from the sign occupied by it at birth it must travel forward 9 signs, signifying 9 months after the birth month, or February 1924. The degree of the Moon when the aspect is complete is 18, and the lunar constant is plus 19, giving February 37, or counting February as a month of 30 days, March 7, 1924.

In the 8 A.M. chart Jupiter must reach Virgo 1°-44' to make the square to Mercury r. On Sept. 4, Jupiter is 1°-48' in the ephemeris. This 4' too much and as we have already seen is equivalent to a motion of the Moon of about 4°. The Moon on the 4th. Of Sept. in the ephemeris is Taurus 25°, and as this is 4° too much, when Jupiter is square Mercury r. the Moon is in Taurus 21°. This represents the month of January 1924. The lunar constant of the 8 A.M. chart is 24. 21 plus 24 gives us January 45, or February 15th. Here then when directing a slow moving planet by minor direction to a swift moving planet in the birth-chart we find that an 8 hours error in the birth-chart results in an error of three weeks in the time the direction releases its energy.

And in directing Uranus and Neptune to radical or major progressed planets the error may become much greater. This is due to the slow movement of these planets and to the correspondingly great time it takes them to move by minor direction over the same number of minutes that the swifter planets move over in a few hours of time by daily motion. And for the same reason, that an error in timing the birth permits them to move so far in the zodiac, minor directions to the Moon are of value only when the birth time is within an hour of being correct- an hour causing an error of about 6 days in directing the Sun to the Moon; ½ and minor directions to the Asc. and M.C. are of value only when the time of birth is known within two minutes of correct; ½ two minutes causing in a minor direction of the Sun to the Asc. or M.C. an error of about 6 days in the time the direction releases its energy.

It will now be well to give an example of finding a minor direction to a major progressed planet. For this purpose we will use both the 4 P.M. and the 8 A.M. charts with which we have been working. This will enable us to observe the amount of error in timing minor

directions to major progressed positions when the birth time is given incorrectly. The limiting date for the 4 P.M. chart is given as No. 24, 1919. The limiting date for the 8 A.M. chart will be, of course 4 months later, or March 24, , 1920.

The major progressed position of the Sun for Nov. 24, 1924, for the 4P.M. chart is Gemini $7^{\circ}-47'$ $\frac{1}{2}$ this also being the progressed position of the Sun in the 8 A.M. chart for March 24, 1925. The Moon transits Virgo for the fourth time on Sept. 12, 1920, this representing the minor progression on the fourth birthday, or May 24, 1924. On Sept. 30, the Sun in the ephemeris is shown to be Libra 7° . It is therefore close to the minor direction Sun trine Sun r.

At the time that the Sun is Libra 7° , the Moon is in Taurus. Taurus is 8 signs ahead of Virgo, therefore the Moon by minor direction is in Taurus 8 months after the birth month of May, or in January of the following year, in this case January 1925.

Now according to our 4 P.M. chart, the major progressed Sun in January 1925 is about Gemini $7^{\circ}-57'$. On Oct. 1st. in the ephemeris the Sun is Libra 8° , and the Moon is Taurus 21° . When the Sun is Libra $7^{\circ}-57'$ the Moon is in Taurus 2° . The lunar constant for the 4 P.M. chart is, plus 19. January 20, plus 19 give us Sun trine Sun p. by minor direction Feb. 9, 1925.

But according to our 8 A.M. chart the major progressed Sun for January is Gemini $7^{\circ}-37'$. Then as the Sun in the ephemeris on Oct. 1, is Libra 8° , it has gone $23'$ too far. While the Sun moves $23'$ the Moon moves about 6° . The Moon in the ephemeris is Taurus 21, and subtracting 6 from 21 we get Taurus (or January) 15. The lunar constant for the 8 A.M. chart is plus 24. The January 15 plus 24 gives us Sun trine Sun p. by minor direction on Feb. 9, 1925.

Thus it will be seen that due to the circumstances that 2 hours difference in time of birth is equivalent to 1 month by major direction of the Sun, and is equivalent to about 1 day in establishing the lunar constant, and that the Sun by minor direction moves during this 1 day shown by the lunar constant just about as far as the Sun by major direction moves in 1 month all minor directions of the Sun to the major progressed Sun will transpire about the same month and day regardless of whether the birth is timed correctly or not.

Next let us calculate the minor direction Mercury opposition Venus p. The major progressed position of Venus is Taurus $29^{\circ}-24'$ in the 4 P.M. chart on Nov. 24, 1925, and in the 8A.M. chart on March 24, 1926. The Moon transits its place in the birth-chart for the fifth time on Oct. 8, 1920. Mercury in the ephemeris is Scorpio $29^{\circ}-16'$ on Oct. 29, 1920, when the Moon is in Gemini. The Moon, therefore, has moved from its minor progressed position on the birthday when 5 years old 9 signs ahead representing 9 months after the birthday 1925, or February 1926. Mercury has not reached Scorpio $29^{\circ}-24'$ in February. And in the 4P.M. chart Venus will progress by major direction to about Scorpio $29^{\circ}-45'$ by March 1926. The daily motion of Mercury in the ephemeris on Oct. 29, 1920 is $43'$, and the daily motion of the Moon is $14^{\circ}-31'$. The Moon moves 1° then, while Mercury moves about $3'$. From Mercury's position in the ephemeris in Scorpio $29^{\circ}-16'$ to reach Scorpio $29^{\circ}-45'$ it must move $29'$ and in the meantime the Moon moves 10° -Gemini 11° . The position of the Moon is 11, to which we add the lunar constant plus 19, which gives us February 30, or let us say March 1st, 1926 for Mercury opp. Venus p. in the 4 P.M. chart.

In the 8 A.M. chart Venus has progressed by major direction to Taurus $29^{\circ}-24'$ on March 24, 1926. In February 1926, then it will be about Taurus $29^{\circ}-21'$. Mercury must move from Scorpio $29^{\circ}-16'$ to Scorpio $29^{\circ}-21'$, or about $5'$. During this time the Moon will move from Gemini 1° to Gemini 3° . To the degree of the Moon, 3, we add the lunar constant, 24, giving

us for the 8.A.M. chart, Mercury opposition Venus p. by minor direction on Feb. 27, 1926.

The major progressed position of Mars for the 4P.M. chart for Nov. 24, 1925 is shown in the ephemeris as its position May 30th. 1920. it is time Libra $21^{\circ}-15'$. Let us next calculate when Saturn by minor progression comes to the semi-sextile of Mars p.

The Moon passes over its place in the birth-chart for the fifth time on Oct. 8, 1920, representing the birthday in 1925. On Oct. 31, in the ephemeris we find Saturn to be Virgo $21^{\circ}-15'$. It has move $1'$ past the semi-sextile to Mars p. in Libra $21^{\circ}-15'$. While it moves this $1'$ the Moon moves about 2° , and as the Moon in the ephemeris is on Oct. 31 is Cancer 8° the Moon was in Gemini 28° when the aspect was formed. AS Gemini is 9 signs after Virgo, so the month must be 9 months after the birth month, or February 1926. The degrees occupied by the Moon is 28, and to this we add the lunar constant, 19, giving us Feb. 47, or March 17, 1926. Therefore by minor direction Saturn is semi-sextile Mars p. March 17, 1926.

For the sake of comparison let us calculate the same direction for the 8 A.M. chart. In this chart the position of Mars in the ephemeris on May 30, 1920 is the major progressed position for March 24, 1926. Mars is stationery, however, and is also Libra $21^{\circ}-15'$ by major progression in February, when the Moon by minor progression reaches Gemini and the minor aspect Saturn semi-sextile Mars p. is formed. The calculation of this minor direction is precisely the same as for the 4 P.M. chart, except that there is a difference in the lunar constant. The position of the Moon in Gemini 28° must be added to the lunar constant 24, giving February 52, or March 22, as the date in the 8 A.M. chart when by minor direction Saturn is semi-sextile Mars p.

I shall now illustrate an extreme case where the difference in timing a minor direction is unusually great when the wrong time of day for the birth is used. This is due to the major progressing planet moving so swiftly and to the minor progressing planet moving so slowly. In fact, in this case Mercury by major direction moves more swiftly than Neptune by minor progression. If we calculate the major progressed position of Mercury for the 4 P.M. chart for July 19, 1925 we find Mercury in Gemini $13^{\circ}-27'$. The Moon transits its place in the birth-chart the fifth time on Oct. 8th. , 1920, this being the minor progressed position when five years old. On July 19, by minor progression, the Moon is in Scorpio 0° , -- seven degrees less than the position shown in the ephemeris Oct. 13, 1920. And Neptune is as shown in the ephemeris for Oct. 13, 1920, in Leo $13^{\circ}-27'$, in sextile to Mercury p. in Gemini $13^{\circ}-27'$.

Now if we make the same calculations for the 8 A.M. chart we find that Mercury reaches Gemini $13^{\circ}-38'$ by major progression about Dec. 24, 1925. On this date by minor progression the Moon will be in Aries 0° , about five degrees before its position as shown in ephemeris for Oct. 25, 1920. And at the same time Neptune will be Leo $13^{\circ}-38'$, in sextile to Mercury p. in Gemini $13^{\circ}-38'$. direction to a very fast moving major progressed planet, if there is much error in the time of birth given there will be much error in the time of release of such energy minor direction.

I have now given examples of minor directions from all the planets except Uranus, so let us next, to complete the series the series of examples, calculate the minor direction Uranus opposition Moon r. when it occurs in the 4 P.M. chart for the first time. The Moon in the birth-chart is Virgo $4^{\circ}-58'$. Uranus in the ephemeris reaches Pisces $4^{\circ}-50'$ on July 23, 1920. At this time the Moon is in Scorpio 8° . As the Moon has passed over its radical place in the birth-chart two times to reach this place the year is two years after birth, or 1922. As Scorpio is two signs in advance of the sign the Moon is in at birth, the month is two months after the birth-month, or July. To the degree of the Moon, 8, we add the lunar constant plus

19, which gives us 27 as the day of the month. Therefore, by minor direction Uranus opposition Moon r. July 27, 1922.

It has been my desire to confine all examples of astrological calculations, in all astrological courses of study, to the date which may be found in the astronomical ephemeris for a single year. This enables the student to follow the work and to practice the examples independently without the expense of purchasing numerous ephemerides. And for this purpose, merely because the first course requiring an ephemeris was issued after the 1920 ephemeris had become available, I chose the year 1920 for all example work. However, it is not expedient to illustrate from life, in such a manner that its full import will be seen, the method in which minor directions unlock the influences portended by major directions without availing ourselves of a birth-chart of some person of decided experience who has lived long enough and has attracted events of consequence enough to be well known to all. Therefore, I will use the chart for this purpose of a person who was born some years ago; but will give the various data and the planetary positions so that while desirable, it is not absolutely essential that the student have either the ephemeris for the person's year of birth, or the ephemeris for the year in which the minor progressed planets are shown.

As I write this the most important of recent events has been the death of president Warren G. Harding, and the succession to the presidency of the U.S. of former vice-president Calvin Coolidge. The event, happening with such suddenness and without warning, and apparently so fortuitous and beyond control of the parties most concerned, affords us the opportunity of observing how, under such circumstances, directions influence to bring about an abrupt changes in its trend.

We are fortunate in having the birth-data of Mr. Coolidge directly from his father. This data, with his birth-chart is given on the frontispiece. The inside chart is the birth-chart. The planets in the next outer ring show their major progressed positions on Aug. 3, 1923 when Mr. Coolidge was sworn into office as president of the United States of America. The planets in the outer ring are their minor progressed positions for August 3, 1923.

The limiting date of this chart is June 6, 1872, and the major progressed positions of the planets for June 6, 1923 are shown by their positions in the ephemeris on Aug. 24, 1872. Their major progressed positions, as shown on the frontispiece for Aug. 3, 1923, is obtained by dividing the daily motion of the planets on Aug. 24, 1872 by not quite $6\frac{1}{2}$ as from June 6 to Aug. 3 is not quite $\frac{1}{6}$ of a year; and adding this to the positions shown in the ephemeris for that day.

The lunar constant for this chart is, minus 26. The minor progressed positions for the birthday when 51 years old are found by counting ahead in the ephemeris 51 transits of the Moon over its place in the birth-chart. This brings us in the ephemeris to Apr. 27, 1876. The minor progressed positions for Aug. 3, 1923 then will be shown when the Moon is in Cancer $29\frac{1}{2}$ for on July 4 the minor progressed Moon is Gemini 30° , and the Moon by minor direction progresses about 1° per day. On Apr. 29, 1876 in the ephemeris Moon is Cancer 20° . It, therefore, must move forward 9° to reach Cancer 29° , and in the meantime the other planets will move forward a proportional amount. The daily motion of the Moon here is 14° , so to reach Cancer 29° it must move $\frac{9}{14}$ of its daily motion. The other planets also will each move $\frac{9}{14}$ of their daily motion. The minor progressed positions for the planets given in the outer circle on the frontispiece are obtained by adding $\frac{9}{14}$ of their daily motions to their positions as given in the ephemeris on April 29, 1876.

A glance at the chart on the frontispiece will lead to the conviction that Mr. Coolidge has reached the period in his life, when more than at any other period, the planetary rays release their energies simultaneously in a most pronounced, unusual and exceedingly strenuous

manner. There are no less than four exceedingly potent major directions each releasing energies along its own channels and thus through the trends of thought and feeling stirred up in the subliminal mind tending to attract events of corresponding harmony or discord.

The most powerful of these major directions is M.C. opposition Saturn r. The M.C. p. is Cancer 19°-0', and Saturn r. is Capricorn 18°-22'. All directions to Saturn tend to attract labor and responsibility. Also, directions to Saturn more often are delayed than occur before the aspect is completed. The M.C. rules not only the station in life but also employers and superiors. The opposition aspect indicates a separation complex; in this case a Safety-Station-Separation complex. Mr. Coolidge was separated by death; a typical form of Saturn separation; from his superior and from the vice-presidency of the U.S.

It will be noted in this case; just as I mentioned in the last lesson which was in the hands of students months before the event under consideration took place; that the harmonious major direction of the Moon to the more potent planets in the direction did not prevent the event happening, but marks the month of its occurrence. The Moon by major direction is trine Saturn r. and sextile M.C. p. As this aspect of the Moon to Saturn is the result of a Safety-Domestic luck complex we need not be surprised to find Mr. Coolidge through no particular effort of his own gaining some benefit from the otherwise great loss. The Moon has progressed into the 9th house, which necessitated him taking a journey (from Vermont to Ohio and Washington); it rules the 10th. house in the birth-chart, hence his elevation; and as the aspect is to Saturn it brings great responsibilities.

But the time of month, the week, when the event takes place must be determined by minor directions. And we find that the Asc. has progressed on Aug. 3, 1923 to Cancer 18° in direct opposition to Saturn r. This points out the week of the event in a marked manner, for the strongest influence in the event is from the planet Saturn.

Further, we find by minor progression that Mercury, ruler of Mr. Coolidge's personality, has arrived at the trine of Saturn r and conjunction Moon p.

The exact day of the event must nearly always be learned from the minor progressed aspects of the Moon. And were Saturn the only influence powerfully connected with the event, we should look to some aspect of the Moon by minor direction either to Saturn or to the progressed Moon, or even to the radical Moon. The Moon on Aug. 3, by minor progression, has reached the semi-sextile of its place in the birth-chart; but it is also within 1° of being conjunction with Uranus r., and as we shall see later Uranus also is much involved in the event. I am inclined to think that the semi-sextile of the Moon to its radical place would hardly have been sufficient to point the day, as in this case it does, were it not for the fact that it is within 1° of the conjunction with Uranus also.

The major direction of next power in Mr. Coolidge's chart at this time is Mars conjunction Uranus p. This aspect; indicating that an Aggressive-Individualistic-Prominence-Complex has been under process of stimulation through release of energy in the astral body; is 15' past completion. Uranus is the planet of sudden happenings, and no other combinations of planets has the power to attract tragedy abruptly that Mars and Uranus do when in aspect. This conjunction takes place in the house of friends, and I assume the former president and vice-president were friends. Mars in the birth-chart is co-ruler of the 10th., and consequently its aspects also affect the station in life, and superiors. The conjunction of planets always tends to lend prominence to the things ruled, therefore, Mr. Coolidge's official position (ruled by the 10th) and his friends (both the former president and office-seeking acquaintances) are given sudden prominence in his life.

As this aspect is of less power than that to Saturn, we expect the major direction of the

Moon indicating the month of the event to be an aspect to Saturn, so we must look to the minor directions to Mars and Uranus to point out the month as well as the week and the day of the event. Neptune by minor progression on Aug. 3, 1923 is Taurus 3°-0', in square to both Uranus p and Mars p. This square aspect, an obstacle aspect, is from the 9th. house, indicating certain disagreeable conditions in the nature of obstacle in connection with the journey which it was necessary to make to attend Mr. Harding's funeral.

The minor progressed Moon was Cancer 29°, semi-sextile to its radical place, but by Aug. 4th. it had reached the conjunction of Uranus r, and by August 7th. it was conjunction Mars p. and Uranus p., and on August 8th. conjunction Jupiter r. These minor prominence aspects in the house of friends brought him prominently into association with friends, and the Moon ruling the house of station in the birth-chart, each had an influence upon the arrangements it was necessary for him to make regarding attending the funeral of Mr. Harding and the taking up of his duties as president of the United States.

The major direction third in power just at this time in the life of Mr. Coolidge is Asc. sextile Jupiter p. This indicates that the release of energy within his astral body has been such as to stimulate a Religious-Personal-Opportunity-Complex. The Ascendant has reached by major Progression Libra 16°-0' having passed the sextile to Jupiter p. by 14'. Jupiter has progressed into the house of sorrows, so that its chief influence is in the 12th., and is in the house of friends at birth, indicating that its next strongest influence is over friends. The Ascendant, of course, rules the personality. Through sorrow then, as well as through influential friendship, a great opportunity has been presented to Mr. Coolidge. That he became president, to be sure, was thrust upon him, but whether this honor shall be a blessing to him or otherwise depends upon how he uses his presidency as an opportunity to accomplish something worth while for his country.

Now turning to the minor directions which might be expected to point out the time when this great opportunity would be attracted, we look to aspects either to Jupiter or to the Ascendant. And we find that Jupiter by minor direction is within 1°-3' of trine to Uranus r., and that Uranus by minor direction is within 8' of the perfect conjunction with Jupiter p. The luck aspect of Jupiter to Uranus influences relatives and short journeys and friends. The prominence aspect by minor direction between Jupiter and Uranus indicates a prominence complex which influences the life through sorrows, and quite suddenly as shown by Uranus being one of the factors.

The fourth major direction influencing the events under consideration is the conjunction of Mercury and Venus in the 1st. house. This Intellectual-Social-Prominence aspect, indicating the stimulation of a mental complex of similar name, lacks but 29' of being a perfect aspect at the time Mr. Coolidge became president. Primarily it attracts a fortunate prominence to him personally. Next, Ascendant, and as Venus rules the house of friends, it attracts prominence in the matter of station and honor through friends. It would also signify a favorable change regarding the personal affairs and business.

To find the time when this aspect might be expected to externalize we must look to some aspect either to Venus or to Mercury, or from Venus or Mercury. Mars by minor progression is in the 10th. House, the house ruling honor and station, in square to both Venus p and Mercury p. This indicates some trivial obstacles regarding the elevation to the new position; for instance, it was questioned whether the swearing into office of Mr. Coolidge, which was performed by his father, a Justice of the Peace, on Aug. 3rd. 1923, at 2h-47m A.M. at Plymouth Vt. Was legal or not. Also Venus by minor progression is in the 10th. house, and has reached the sextile aspect to Neptune r., this again having quite as much significance regarding the journey as regarding the opportunity the presidency affords.

It would require several lessons to trace both the major and the minor directions at the time of important events in the life of our president. His constantly being before the public and his rapid and steady rise in public office are shown by all the planets except one being in public houses (see lesson No. 47.). The Moon in the 10th. (observe chart of Lloyd George lesson No. 110.) always attracts publicity. But as Mars is also in the 10th. In conjunction with the Moon there will be times when this publicity is of an adverse nature; ½ as was the case while Mr. Coolidge was governor of Massachusetts and the police of Boston declared a strike.

Mr. Coolidge began the practice of law in 1897 when Mars by major direction (Mars is co-ruler of business) was opposition Saturn and the Sun was Parallel the general ruler of professions, Jupiter.

In 1899 while the major progressed Moon was passing through the house of station (the 10th.) and making aspects, he has elected councilman.

In 1900 and 1901 under the major direction Sun parallel Venus p. and Sun conjunction Jupiter r. he was city solicitor.

In 1904 under major direction Sun semi-sextile Sun r. he was clerk of courts and became chairman of the Republican city convention.

He was married Oct. 4, 1905 under major direction Sun semi-square Moon and Moon conjunction Mercury (the Moon having just left sextile Venus and applying sextile Sun r.). The Moon is ruler of women in general.

In 1907 and 1908, under major direction Mercury sextile Sun r. he became Member of the general courts.

In 1910 and 1911 under the major direction Venus trine Neptune he was mayor of Northampton.

In 1912 and 1913 under the major direction Venus sextile Moon r. he was state senator.

In 1914 and 1915 under major direction Mercury trine Saturn he was president Of the state senate.

He was governor of Massachusetts two terms, from 1916 to 1920, Mars by major direction making the semi-sextile to Moon r. and later he had so much trouble coming to the conjunction of Uranus r.

He became vice-president of the United States under the major direction opportunity aspect, Sun sextile Moon r.

He became president of the United States on Aug. 3, 1923, under aspects which we have just fully discussed.

This is not the place to comment in detail upon the president of the U.S. but I should mention that his chart indicated a man of most ability.

Mr. Harding had a more peaceful chart, however, for Mars in the M.C. tends to attract critical circumstances, such as the police strike already mentioned, which took place while Mr. Coolidge was governor.

Without in any way intending to disparage our president, for we need just in choosing the head of a government or other enterprise it is often better to choose a lucky man than one of more ability. Mr. Harding has Jupiter in the M.C. (see frontispiece lesson No. 116.) and it is significant that during his presidency and while other nations were poverty stricken U.S. was unusually successful in business and quite prosperous.

When Woodrow Wilson was elected president astrologers almost unanimously predicted great difficulties for the U.S. during his administration, not because of any lack of ability on the part of Mr. Wilson, but because in his birth-chart Saturn is close to the M.C. in opposition to the Sun. During his administration the U.S. incurred its tremendous war debt.

I mention these points here because they are so widely applicable. The head of a country or of a business is attracted to his position at a time when his chart largely indicates the conditions of the business during his administration. Signor Mussolini, in whose birth-chart the Moon is in conjunction with and between Mars and Saturn, will hardly bring calm to Italy, and if the time of his birth was given correctly by the newspapers he has these three planets, although well aspected, in the 7th house. If this be the case it will be, indeed, most difficult for Italy to avoid war during his dictatorship.

But now returning to the subject of directions, they should not be considered as mapping inevitable events, but as showing the releases of energy that tend to influence the person toward specific events through stimulating subliminal trains of thought and emotion. The events are not inevitable. Even in the case of Mr. Coolidge, and he organized different states of consciousness, it is quite probable he would have attained the presidency without the loss of his friend Mr. Harding. Of course, unaware of astrology, the event seems beyond human control, but had the parties concerned been aware of the approaching crisis and how to direct their thoughts and energies the event would not have happened as it did.

The most valuable part of an astrologer's work, as it seems to me, is not merely to predict approaching events, but to discern the mental and emotional conditions that are tending to attract the event, and if the event is objectionable to instruct his client concerning just the line of action and the line of thought that will effectually counteract it and prevent it from coming to pass.

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Examination Questions

1. Why is it that minor directions may be used especial advantage when the time of day of birth is unknown?
2. Why may minor directions be used to great advantage in rectifying the time of birth when the latter is unknown?
3. Two hours error in timing the birth is equivalent to about how many days of life in the release of energy by major directions?

4. Two hours error in timing the birth is equivalent to about how many days in establishing the lunar constant?
5. Why will all minor directions from the Sun to the major progressed Sun release energy at the date calculated whether the time of day of birth is known or not?
6. What is the number of days error in the calculated time of release of energy by minor directions occasioned by using a time of birth eight hours from the true time of birth?
7. What result may be expected when the time of birth is unknown from calculating minor directions from a very slow moving planet to a very swift moving major progressed planet?
8. How can we find the minor progressed positions of the planets for the 51st. birthday?
9. Having found the minor progressed positions of the planets for the last birthday how can we find their minor progressed positions for any date during the year following this birthday?
10. When there is a potent major direction between the M.C, and Saturn what kind of a major direction of the Moon do we look for to indicate the month when the event will take place?
11. When there is a potent major direction between the M.C. and Saturn what kind of a minor direction do we look for to indicate the week when the event will take place?
12. When there is a potent major direction between the M.C. and Saturn what kind of a minor direction do we look for to indicate the day of the month when the event will take place?
13. Are the major directions that indicate marriage always harmonious?
14. Does it always tend toward prosperity to place a man of unusual ability at the head of an enterprise?
15. What may be expected for a nation during the administration of a man who has exceptionally harmonious planets ruling the 10th. House in his birth-chart?
16. What may be expected for a nation during the administration of a man who has exceptionally inharmonious planets ruling the 10th house of his birth-chart?
17. What may be expected of a nation during the administration of a man who has exceptionally inharmonious planets in the 7th. House of his birth-chart?
18. Should directions be regarded as mapping inevitable events?
19. What is the most valuable part of an astrologer's work?
20. Why are predictions from directions so frequently completely fulfilled?
21. When there is a strong major direction from Mars to Uranus what major direction of the Moon should be looked for to indicate the month when the event will take place?

22. When there is a strong major direction from Mars to Uranus what minor direction do we look for to indicate the week when the event will take place?