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The time has now arrived for the fulfillment of my promise, made in the last paragraph of lesson No. 19, *The Hermetic System of Directing*, to give both details and examples of the system. That lesson was issued in October 1917. Since then I have continued to teach astrological classes regularly in Los Angeles. These classes have been attended by some of the most proficient astrologers in America. And at each of these classes it is my practice to place upon the blackboard for analysis and delineation, the chart of some person whose life and characteristics are well known, but whose identity is not revealed to any member of the class until after the class has given an opinion as to all the salient points relating to the character, ability and the fortune in the different departments of life.

The same methods is continued in teaching Predicting the Time of Events. The Directions as calculated are placed on the blackboard by the side of the birth-chart. Then the class is asked to state the event that actually transpired at that time in the person's life. No student is permitted to know what actually did take place in the life until after all have had opportunity to pass an opinion upon the matter. Then they are told what event in the life did coincide with the time indicated by the Direction. They are thus given an opportunity to gauge their own proficiency, not alone in delineating a chart of birth for a person whose identity is unknown, but also in predicting the time and nature of the various events of life.

In this manner, holding regular classes year after year, we are able to judge what can actually be accomplished with the Hermetic System. Also, as students of other system from time to time attend our classes we are able to compare our work with what can be done with other systems. And my regret at this time is, that with five additional years of teaching and research since first issuing *The Hermetic System of Directing*, I can add almost nothing that will widen the scope or lend greater precision to the System as then briefly outlined in lesson No. 19.

The best that I can do even with access to the latest theories and discoveries of other astrologers, is to explain the Hermetic System in what I hope to be so clear a manner, and in such detail, that any student who has learned to erect a birth-chart will have no difficulty in calculating any of the Directions. In fact, it is more difficult to learn to erect a birth-chart than it is to learn to calculate any of the Directions by the Hermetic System.

As the first element of that clearness which I hope to attain, let us thoroughly understand what constitutes a Direction.

To do this we must recognize that every planet in the birth-chart maps a center of energy of

a specific kind in the astral form of the person. These centers of energy within the astral body have been organized by the experiences of the soul prior to human birth. They constitute regions in the astral body where the person all through life receives and again radiates vibratory frequencies from the planets in the heavens. They are points of access and egress for the astral energies radiated by the planets, each center transmitting freely the rates of vibration from the planet which maps it. Yet these of energy as they are received from a planet are modified by combination with the rays of other planets which aspect it; thus taking on constructive or destructive qualities not indicated by the planet alone.

Such points of reception and radiation are fixed at birth and remain throughout life. But as the planets move forward after birth their radiation falling on the astral body produce Points of Stimulation. The chart of birth is called the Radical Chart, and the centers of energy mapped by the Radical Chart are due to mental reactions to the environment before the soul had evolved to a point where it could incarnate in the human form. A map of the heavens erected for a given interval after birth, and indicating the positions to which the planets have moved, is called a Progressed Chart. But the positions mapped by the Progressed Chart do not mark, as do the positions in the Radical Chart, mental organizations, or complexes, in the astral form. They merely map the points in the astral form that are receiving energy in such a way as to stimulate trains of thought in the subliminal mind. In mid-summer, bareheaded, beneath the noonday Sun, a person is apt to feel hot and irritable. In a cool drenching rain a person has another set of feelings. And in a raging winter blizzard the feelings take still a different turn. These feelings prompt thoughts of an appropriate nature, and usually lead to action. In a manner somewhat similar the Points of Stimulation indicated by the positions of the planets in the Progressed Chart act upon the astral body causing it to have definite feelings which in turn suggest certain trends of thought to the subliminal mind. And these thoughts and feelings not only cause the person to act in a given way, but by building up mental complexes in the astral body they tend to attract events of specific events of a specific nature.

For when one of these Points of Stimulation moves forward to a position where it makes a definite aspect to a Radical, or permanent, center of energy; or to a position where it makes a definite aspect to another Progressed Point of Stimulation, it powerfully excites such states of consciousness as correspond to the aspecting planets and to the nature of the aspect they form. Then events are attracted to the life by the radio-activity of these, perhaps subconscious, mental states.

In order to grasp the true significance of Directions then, it becomes necessary to clearly distinguish between the three interacting factors of the astral life. First; the organized centers of energy, or mental complexes, in the astral body which are mapped by the planets in the Radical Chart. Second; the Points of Stimulation, which are not mental complexes, but which tend to excite the formation of mental complexes. These are mapped by the planets in the Progressed-Charts. Thirdly; the power of thought itself, when directed to the task of canceling any complex already formed, or toward forming centers of energy of a given design in the astral body. For the whole function of the planets in the natal chart is to map mental organizations, and the whole power of the planets after birth to shape destiny lies in their ability to stimulate mental organizations. Therefore, the study of Natal Astrology becomes a study of how man, by means of charts elaborately and painstakingly furnished by nature may guide his mental-driven ship of life into any harbor of his choosing.

It will now be seen that the ability to predict by astrology the time and nature of an event in human life depends upon the ability to gauge the effect a certain Point of Stimulation will have in developing certain states of consciousness when it Progresses to a place where it forms a definite aspect to a center mapped by a planet in the Radical Chart, or to another Point of Stimulation as mapped in the Progressed Chart. Aspects thus formed are called

Progressed Aspects, or more frequently, Directions. A Direction, then is the action of a Point of Stimulation upon the astral body in such a manner that the mind is Directed, consciously or subconsciously, into definite channels.

As has been explained in lesson No. 42, these energies which constitute Points of Stimulation are not all released as received, but are stored up in the astral body as potential energy and released gradually by the cyclic motion of the planets. They are not thought-organizations, but energies added to the astral form even as food may be added to the physical. Yet the energies added to our physical bodies by breathing and eating are not expanded as received. They are stored up and released later. Evidently the astral form immediately after birth is much more susceptible to the reception of planetary radiations than later in life, for we find that the most potent of all Points of Stimulation are those received within a few months after birth. And it is found that the cycle of release of these Major Directions is such that the energies received during the first Day of life are released during the first Year of life, those energies received during the Second Day of life are released during the Second Year of life, etc; and that the time of release during the year is directly proportional to the time of the corresponding day during which the energies are received.

When these most important of all the Points of Stimulation to influence man form aspects with the centers of energy mapped in the Radical Chart, or form aspects among themselves, they are called Major Directions.

The problem, then, in calculating Major Directions simply consists of determining the number of days, hours and minutes after birth that a certain aspect between the planets in the heavens and the planets in the birth-chart, or between the planets in the heavens themselves, takes place; and by means of ordinary proportion allowing just as many years after birth to elapse before the energy is released as complete days have elapsed before the aspect is formed. And as the energies received during 24 hours after birth are released in 12 months, the energies received in 2 hours will be released in 1 month. Also, as the energies received in 120 minutes (2 hours) are released in 30 days (1 month), the energies received in 4 minutes are released in 1 day.

By erecting a new chart for the same apparent solar time of day as the birth took place, but counting ahead in the ephemeris just as many days from birth as complete years of life have passed, and using that day for the new chart, a major Progressed Chart for the birthday of that year of life is obtained. From the positions of the planets in this new chart it is easy to observe if any complete aspects are forming between the planets in the Progressed Chart and the planets in the Radical Chart, or between the planets in the Progressed Chart among themselves. The daily motion of the planets being ascertained it is merely a matter of simple proportion to calculate how many hours and minutes after the time for which the chart is erected that the aspect is completed. Then the number of months after the birthday of that year of life that the energy will be released is measured by each two hours, and the days by each four minutes, after the time the chart is erected for that must elapse before the aspect is complete.

This method of procedure requires that a new chart be erected for each year of life for which Directions are calculated, each chart requiring all the labor involved in erecting a birth-chart. And as often it is desirable to calculate all the Directions over a period of many years the work of calculating them in this manner consumes altogether too much time. However, there is no advantage in having the Progressed Chart for each year fall on the birthday of that year. A Chart showing the progressed positions of the planets for any particular month of each year of life is quite as valuable as one showing their positions on the birthday per the aspects formed by the Progressed planets reach completion and release their energies at

various times in the years, and the exact date must be determined by proportion from their daily motion.

Now as the positions of the planets 2 hours after birth release their energy 1 month after birth, and their positions each four minutes later release energy 1 day later, it will be seen that the positions of the planets in the heavens at any amount after birth will release energy at a date in the life that can easily be ascertained by simple proportion. The positions of the planets in the heavens as given in Raphael's Ephemeris for noon of each day represent such a moment. And as the positions of the planets each day after birth release energy during the corresponding year of life, it is plain that the positions of the planets as given in the Ephemeris at Noon, Greenwich, for each day after birth indicate the release of energy at some particular and ascertainable date of each year of life following birth. Therefore, if this particular date in each year of life when the release of energy is that shown by the planets in the Ephemeris be ascertained, it then becomes unnecessary to calculate the Progressed positions of the planets, for their Progressed positions for this date of each year will be that shown in the Ephemeris, and they may be copied from the Ephemeris into the Progressed Chart without alteration, or may be used adequately by mere inspection of the Ephemeris. This is an immense saving of time and labor.

The date on which the energy shown by the positions of the planets as they are given in the Ephemeris is released is called the *LIMITING DATE*.

Now in erecting a birth-chart the position of the signs on the house-cusps is determined from the Sidereal Time. But the place of the planets in the chart are calculated by using the E.G.M.T. (Equivalent Greenwich Mean Time)(See lesson No.86). In using the ephemeris we observe the places of the planets as given at noon, Greenwich, on that day, and then use the INTERVAL of time before or after noon at Greenwich that corresponds to the time of birth to calculate how far the planets have moved. Therefore, if we commence with the birth-chart positions of the planets and desire to know the Interval of time between their birth-chart positions and their positions as given in the ephemeris, we find it to be the same Interval we originally used. Then as this position of the planets in the ephemeris represents the release of energy at some specific time of year, and as movements of the planets during two hours represents one month's release, and the movements of the planets during four minutes represent one day's release, and this Interval before or after noon, Greenwich, represents the movements of the planets from the ephemeris position to the position at birth; we may calculate how many month's and day's release is represented by this Interval. And if the E.G.M.T. Interval is afternoon (the planet's positions having been added to the ephemeris positions in erecting the chart), to find the time of release of the ephemeris position *The Limiting Date* we must subtract the months and days so found from the date of birth. But if the E.G.M.T. Interval is before noon (the planets motion having been subtracted from the ephemeris positions in erecting the chart), to go back to the ephemeris positions again *The Limiting Date* we must add the months and days so found to the date of birth.

Rule XI. To find the Limiting Date, convert the E.G.M.T. Interval from Noon (by which the places of the planets were originally found for the birth chart) into months and days at the rate of 2 hours equal 1 month and 4 minutes equal 1 day. If the E.G.M.T. Interval is before noon, add the months and days so found to the year, month and day of birth. If the E.G.M.T. Interval is after noon, subtract the months and days so found from the year, month and day of birth. The date so found is the Limiting Date. .

Example (1) (a)

Given, a birth-chart for Jan., 1922,

with an E.G.M.T. of 4h 15m P.M., to find the Limiting Date

4h divided by 2 equals 2 months of life
15m divided by 4 equals a little less than 4 days of life
1922yr 1mo 4days
subtract 2mo 4days

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1921yr 11mo 0days
equals Oct 30th, 1921 Limiting Date

Example (1)(b)

Given, a birth-chart for Aug. 8, 1869,
with an E.G.M.T. of 10h 8m, to find the Limiting Date

10h divided by 2 equals 5 months of life
8m divided by 4 equals 2 days of life
1869yr 8mo 8days
subtract 5mo 2days

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1869yr 3mo 6days
equals March 6th, 1869 Limiting Date

Example (1) (c)

Given, a birth-chart for Sept. 21, 1890,
with an E.G.M.T. of 3h 30m A.M., To find the Limiting Date

3h 30m A.M. subtracted from 12 noon equals 8h 30m Interval
8h divided by 2 equals 4 months of life
30m divided by 4 equals 7 ½ days of life
1890yr 9mo 21days
add 4mo 7days

-
1890yr 13mo 28days
equals Jan. 28th, 1891 Limiting Date

Example (1) (d)

Given, a birth-chart for May 14, 1893,
with an E.G.M.T. of 6h 26m A.M., to find the Limiting Date.

12 noon minus 6h 26m equals 5h 34m Interval
5h divided by 2 equals 2mo, with a remainder of 60minutes
60 minutes plus 34 minutes equals 94 minutes
94 minutes divided by 4 equals not quite 24 days of life

1893yr	5mo	14days
add	2mo	24days

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1893yr	8mo	8days
equals August 8, 1893, Limiting Datee		

The most convenient time for calculating the Limiting Date is when the birthchart is being erected; for the E.G.M.T. Interval must then be found and may be converted into life interval at once, and the Limiting Date noted down with the other data of the chart.

It will be noticed in the above examples (a) and (b) that the Limiting Date found is months before birth, and consequently no energy could have been released in the life at that time. Nevertheless, this establishes a starting point for calculating the time when energies are actually released, and the date of the year, month and day should be noted down as the Limiting Date. For while Limiting Date can be established the same day of the month on the following year, a date when energies actually are released, yet to use the day of birth in the ephemeris as a starting point in some instance, and in other instances to use the day in the ephemeris following the day of birth, is sure to create confusion in the minds of beginners, and will lead to mistakes even on the part of those more experienced. As no one will try to predict events for a date preceding birth, it seems that the Limiting Date found as indicated above is the better one to start with in all cases, for its proportions are correct and it avoids complication.

This Limiting Date, when so found, not only affords a starting point from which all Major Directions are easily calculated, but it furnished the day of each year, quite close enough for all practical purposes, when the energy released is shown by the planet's $\frac{1}{2}$ s places in the ephemeris, without further calculations; the planet's $\frac{1}{2}$ places in the ephemeris the next day after birth showing the release of energy one year after the Limiting Date; the planet's $\frac{1}{2}$ s places in the ephemeris the second day after birth showing the release two years after the Limiting Date; and so on. Thus the release of energy shown by the planet's $\frac{1}{2}$ s places in the ephemeris always falls on the same day and month as the original Limiting Date, and just as many years after the Limiting Date as days in the ephemeris have elapsed after birth.

In the above given example (1) (a) the birthday is Jan. 4th, 1922, and the Limiting Date is Oct. 30., 1921. The position of the planets in the ephemeris Jan. 4, 1922 represents no release of energy, for it is a position of the planets prior to birth. But their position in the ephemeris Jan. 5, 1922 represents the release of energy on Oct. 30, 1922; their position Jan. 6, 1922; represents the release on Oct. 30, 1923; and their position Jan. 12, 1922 represents the release of energy on Oct. 30th, 1929.

Again, in example (1) (c) the birthday is May 14, 1893, and the Limiting Date is August 8th, 1893. The position of the planets in the ephemeris on May 14th. represents the release of energy on August 8th. 1893, the position of the planets in the ephemeris on May 15th, represents the release of energy on Aug. 8, 1894; the position of the planets on May 16th. , 1893 represents the release of energy on August 8, 1895; and so on.

Then, knowing the date each year when the release of energy is shown by the place of the planets as given in the ephemeris, the time of year when the release of energy will be that of any position of the planet's $\frac{1}{2}$ s intermediate between the positions as given daily in the ephemeris $\frac{1}{2}$ the time when an aspect between planets form, for instance-- is a matter of simple proportion.

But before giving examples of calculating the exact date on which a Major Direction releases its energy let us inquire into the Progression of the Signs over the house-cusps.

As pointed out in lesson No. 19, clocks measure mean time, and, that the planets' positions may be calculated from the time registered by clocks, the ephemeris gives the positions daily for noon, mean time. Yet a natural day is measured by the Sun's position in the sky, and not by clocks. The rotation of the earth on its axis is uniform. But the apparent movement of the Sun through the zodiac is not uniform; for at some parts of its orbit the earth is farther from the Sun, and moves more slowly, and at other parts of its orbit it is closer to the Sun and must move more swiftly to keep from falling in the Sun. So, starting with the Sun on the M.C. (midheaven) on one day, a complete day astrologically considered has not elapsed until the Sun is again on the M.C. But as the Sun on some days apparently moves farther through the zodiac than on others to bring the new position of the Sun again to the M.C. the earth must rotate farther on some days than on others.

This is more easily illustrated than verbally explained. Therefore let the student erect a birth-chart for Noon, Greenwich, Nov. 1, 1920. He will find that Scorpio $12^{\circ} -56'$ is on the M.C. , but that the Sun is in Scorpio $8^{\circ} -46'$. Thus the Sun has really passed the actual noon position by $4^{\circ}-10'$ when the clock registers noon on that day. Nevertheless the chart thus erected shown where the Sun actually is, and is a correct map. The Sun is $4^{\circ}-10'$ from noon into the Ninth house.

Let us suppose 60 years of life have passed and we desire the Progressed chart for the birthday of that year. Suppose then we erect a chart for Noon, Greenwich, Dec. 31, 1920 (60 days later). We find $8^{\circ} \dot{\imath} 49'$ Capricorn on the M.C., and the Sun in Capricorn $9^{\circ} \dot{\imath} 32'$. The Sun has really not reached the noon position when the clock registers noon on that day. Nevertheless, the chart thus erected shows where the Sun actually is on that day. The Sun is $43'$ from noon into the Tenth house.

Now, however, we perceive a difficulty. For it any number of complete natural days have elapsed since birth the Sun must again be past the M.C. into the Ninth house $4^{\circ} -10'$. But we find instead of this that it has not even reached the M.C. It must move $4^{\circ}-53'$ more before it reaches the position in the Ninth house it held at birth and completes the 60 natural days that release energy on the birthday at 60 years. of age.

This is quite as it should be, for man does not construct clocks that allow for the difference in the length of the natural day at different times of the year. He does not need to do so, for the average length of the natural day-- the mean day is quite sufficient. But when he makes calculations that measure release of energy by a complete revolution of the earth on its axis the energy thus released, even when the planets set as mediums for its transmission, having its origin in the Sun he may take into consideration the difference between the rough and ready by the clock and the actual day measured by the apparent movement of the Sun about the earth. And this is very easily done. Thus in the illustration shown it will be seen that any day after birth-will only be complete when the Sun again is in the Ninth house $4^{\circ} \dot{\imath} 10'$ past the M.C. just where it was at birth. Therefore, on any complete day after birth the M.C. will have progressed just as many degrees and minutes as the Sun as progressed in the zodiac.

The use of the mean day of the ephemeris for the progression of the Sun and planets, however, brings so slight a discrepancy from absolute precision that for all practical purposes it may be ignored. In the above cited illustration the error in the time of release of energy on the birthday at 60 years of age made by using the places of the Sun and planets as they are given in the ephemeris on Dec. 01, 1920 would amount to less than five days. But

in the case of the progression of the Ascendant and M.C. the error made by erecting a chart for the same clock time as birth took place, on Dec. 31, would amount to 4 years and ten months and 18 days.

As a matter of fact the release of energy stored up in the astral body soon after birth by those Points of Stimulation which are mapped by the Progressed planets, does not take place on any single day. The release of energy indicated by the stronger aspects takes a somewhat longer time, and the release of energy indicated by the weaker aspects takes a somewhat shorter time, but as nearly as I am able to judge, on an average the energy of an aspect commences to be released at a time in the life corresponding to a period when the aspect yet lacks one degree of completion and continues to be released until the aspect is one degree past completion. The amount of energy released while the aspect is yet one degree from completion is barely perceptible, the amount released increasing in volume to a maximum at the time the aspect is exact, and then gradually diminishing in volume until it is almost imperceptible at the time when the aspect is one full degree past completion. Thus the day on which a Direction is complete merely marks the day on which the maximum amount of its energy is released.

That Directions sometimes seem to exert an influence over the environment for a much greater period after completion I am convinced is due, not to a continuation of energy by the Points of Stimulation, but to the circumstance that during the period of stimulation mental complexes of a more or less enduring nature were formed, and these mental complexes formed during the period of Directional release of energy, persist and continue to attract conditions of similar quality from the environment long after the energy that originally stimulated their formation had been released.

As Major Directions of the Ascendant and M.C., the Sun and planets, release energy over a period of one or more years, and even the Major Directions of the Moon over about two months, it will be seen that the determination of the precise time of maximum release, within a day or two, is unimportant. Therefore, the position of the Sun and planets as given in the ephemeris for meant time on a given day after birth is quite precise enough for practical purposes. But, as I have indicated, to erect a chart for the time of birth on that same day by the ordinary method may cause an error of several degrees where the progression of the Asc. And M.C. are concerned. In the example given above the error caused in the date of the release of energy would amount to 4 years, 10 months and 18 days. Therefore, any prediction based upon the release of energy by such and erroneously progressed Asc. And M.C. would be worse than worthless.

Rule XI. To find the place of the Progressed Signs on the house-cusps, progress the M.C. just as many degrees and minutes in the zodiac as the Sun has progressed in the zodiac from its place in the birth-chart. Place the Sign, Degree and Minute so found on the Tenth house and, using a table of houses for the Latitude of birth enter the Signs and Degrees upon the other house-cusps as they are there given when this Sign and Degree and Minute are on the Tenth house.

As an example chart upon which to illustrate the rules just given, the student having previously been advised to erect it for practice, we will use the Example Horoscope No 1. given on frontispiece of lesson No. 88, and here reproduced as the inner chart on the frontispiece to this lesson. This chart Example Chart No 1 has an advantage also in that by its use most of the problems that sometimes perplex students are presented.

The E.G.M.T. as originally found in erecting the chart is 10h 32m P.M. 10h divided by 2 equals 5 months in time of life. 32 minutes divided by 4 equals 8 days of life. Jan. 2, 1920 minus 5 months, 8 days, equals (neglecting the fact that July has 31 days) July 24, 1919 as

the Limiting Date.

Now let us suppose that we wish a complete Major Progressed Horoscope from which to calculate all the Major Directions for the year this person is 21 years old.

As the limiting Date represents the planetary positions as they are given in the ephemeris on the day of birth, 21 days after Jan. 2nd, brings us in the ephemeris to Jan. 23, 1920, representing in the life just 21 years after the Limiting Date, of July 24, 1940.

In the birth-chart the Sun is in Capricorn 11° 16'

	11S	2°	12'
subtract	10S	11°	16'

distance Sun has progressed since birth	0S	20°	56'
The M.C. of birth-chart is Aries 6° or	1S	6°	0'
Add distance Sun has progressed	0S	20°	56'
Progressed M.C. is Aries 26° 56' or	1S	26°	56'

Now take the Table of Houses for New York by which the birth-chart was Originally erected, and place the signs on the houses as there given when Aries 26° ½ 56' is on the cusp of the Tenth house.(See outside chart on frontispiece.)

The places of the planets as given in the ephemeris for mean noon on Jan. 23, 1920 may then be copied into the new chart without further computation. We now have a complete Major Progressed Chart for the person's life on July 24th . 1940. (See outside chart on frontispiece).

Then should it be desirable to have complete Major Progressed Chart for the birth-day, or for any other day, during the following year of life (which is unlikely) no difficulty will be found in erecting it. For the daily motion of the planets in the ephemeris represents a year's release of energy, 1/12 their daily motion represents 1 month's release, and 1/365 their daily motion the release during 1 day. And as the Sun's progression is also the progression of the M.C., 1/12 the Sun's daily motion may be added to the M.C. for every month, or 1/365 its daily motion for every day, after July 24, 1940.

What is usually desired, however, in calculating Directions, is not to ascertain just what is going to happen on some one particular day of the year, but to ascertain the particular time of year, as closely as possible, when some particular event will transpire. And to determine this it becomes necessary to calculate the time of life when certain Progressed Aspects will release their maximum energy. Therefore, we will now direct our attention to determining the date, using the central chart on the frontispiece for our example birthchart, when Major Directions of Sun and Angles will release their energy.

And it should be noted that in designating the planets in all Directional work it is customary to place the letter r after the planets that signify the places they occupy in the Radical Chart (birth-chart), and to place the letter p after the planets that signify the places they occupy in the Progressed Chart.

Now it will be seen from an inspection of the ephemeris in latter January 1920 that the Sun is moving towards the opposition of the place of Neptune in the birth-chart, its place in the ephemeris, and also toward the opposition of the Radical and Progressed places of Jupiter.

Oppositions are strong aspects, and in this instance tend to affect the finances seriously, for Neptune and Jupiter at birth are in the house of money.

Following the eye down the column in the ephemeris we find the Sun passes the opposition of Neptune p. on Jan 31, on Jan. 31, in the ephemeris it has passed the opposition of Neptune 11'. The daily motion of the Sun here is 61', therefore its motion for 1 month is 5', and it takes 6 days to move by progression 1'. The 11' it has moved past the opposition then will represent 2 months and 6 days before July 24, or May 18. And as January 31 is 29 days after Jan. 2, the year of this release will be 29 years after 1919, giving the date May 18, 1948 for the Direction Sun opposition Neptune p.

On Jan. 31, however, the Sun yet lacks 35' of reaching the place of opposition to Neptune r. , for Neptune in the birth-chart is in Leo 10° 1/2 55' and the Sun on Jan. 31 is in Aquarius 10° -20'. But as the Sun progresses 5' per month it will reach that place 7 months after July 24, 1948 . Therefore, the Direction Sun opposition Neptune r. occurs Fe. 24, 1949.

Jupiter 1/2s position on Feb. 3, in ephemeris is Leo 13° -7', and the Sun 1/2s opposition is Aquarius 13° 1/2 23', or 16' past the opposition. Therefore the opposition occurred in the Progressed Horoscope 3 months and 6 days earlier than July 24, or April 18. And as Feb. 3, is 32 days after Jan. 2, the year of release will be 32 years after 1919, or 1951. Sun opposition Jupiter p. Apr. 18, 1951.

Following the Sun column in the ephemeris we note that on Fe. 7, the Sun is in Aquarius 17° 1/2 26' . Mars in the Radical map is Libra 17° 1/2 27'. Therefore, the Sun must move 1', or to Aquarius 17°- 27' to form the trine to Mars r. As the Sun here moves 61' by progression in a year, it will move 1' in 6 days. Therefore the Sun will progress to Aquarius 17°[27' six days July 24, or August 1st. As Feb. 7th. is 36 days after birth, the year will be 36 years after 1919, or 1955. Sun trine Mars r. Aug. 1, 1955.

Next let us inquire when the M.C. progresses to the trine of Saturn r. As Saturn is Virgo 11°- 36' in the birth-chart, the M.C. must progress to Taurus 11° 1/2 35' to be trine to it. As the M.C. at birth is Aries 6°, it must progress 1 sign, 5° -35' to reach this point. As the M.C. progressed at the same rate as does the Sun, during this time the Sun will also progress 1S- 5°-35'. Then as the Sun at birth is Capricorn 11°- 16' , by adding 1S-5°-35' to this we find the progressed position of the Sun to be Aquarius 16° 1/2 51' . Now let us look in the ephemeris and find when the progressed Sun is in Aquarius 16°- 51', for on that date by progression the M.C. will also be Taurus 11° 1/2 35'. We find on Feb. 6, 1920 that the Sun is Aquarius 16° 1/2 25'. It therefore must progress 26' to reach Aquarius 16°-51. And as the Sun progresses 5' per month this will take 5 months and 6 days. 5 months and 6 days after July 24, is Jan. 1, of the following year. And as Feb. 6 is 35 days after Jan. 2nd, the year represented by Feb. 5, is 35 years after 1919, or 1954. As the date required is the following January, we have M.C. trine Saturn r. , Jan. 1, 1955.

Let us now calculate when the M.C. progressed to conjunction with the Moon r. Moon is Gemini 0° -14'. M.C. is Aries 6°- 0'

(Moon 1/2s position)	3S	0°	14'
(Radical M.C.)	1S	6°	0'
subtract			
M.C. must progress	1S	24°	14'
(Sun at birth)	10S	11°	16'
add			

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(position of Sun p) 12S 5° 30'

We must therefore look for the time when the Sun by progression reaches Pisces 5°- 30'. Feb. 25, 1920 the Sun is in Pisces 5°- 36'. As Feb. 25 is 54 days after Jan 2, it represents the progressed positions 54 years after July 24, 1919, or July 24, 1973. However, the ephemeris position of the Sun shows it has moved 6' too far on this date. And as the Sun progresses at the rate of 5' per month, its progressed place was Pisces 5°- 30', 1 month and 6 days earlier. Therefore, M.C. conjunction Moon r. June 1973.

Directions from the Ascendant include the problem of first finding the sign and degree and minute on the M.C. when the aspect is formed, and then finding (as we have done in the last two examples) the progressed place of the Sun when that sign, degree and minute is on the M.C.

Let us, for example, find the Direction Asc. Opposition Uranus r. As Uranus r. is Aquarius 29° 1/2 4', the Asc. Must progress to Leo 29°- 4' to reach its opposition. By consulting a table of houses for the latitude of birth we find that when Leo 29° -4' is on the Ascendant Taurus 23°- 15' is on the M.C.(Finding degree and minute on M.C. when any degree and minute are on Asc. is explained in lesson No.85.). As the M.C. at birth is Aries 6°- it must progress 1S-17°-15' to reach Taurus 23°-15'. And in the meantime the Sun will progress an equal distance from its place at birth. Capricorn 11°- 16' plus 1S-17°-15' gives the Sun 1/2s progressed position as Aquarius 28°- 31'. On Feb. 18, 1920 Sun 1/2s position is given in the ephemeris as Aquarius 28° 1/2 33'. As Feb. 18, is 47 days after Jan.2(birth) it represents 47 years after July 24, 1919, or July 24, 1966. But the Sun on Feb. 1S has moved 2' past the required position. As the Sun progresses at the rate of 5' per month, this 2' too much will represent its movement during 12 days. So we subtract 12 days from July 24, 1966, giving us the Direction Asc. Opposition Uranus r. on July 12, 1966.

I trust, in this lesson, I have at least made the principles and Theory of Major Directions clear. This having been accomplished, further examples of their computation, and how to predict events from them, may be reserved for next lesson.

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Examination Questions

1. What is meant by the Radical Chart?
2. What is meant by the Progressed Chart?
3. To what are due the centers of energy mapped in the Radical Chart?
4. To the Progressed planets map organizations of a mental nature?
5. What do the Progressed planets map?

6. In what manner do Directions tend to build up mental complexes in the astral body?
7. How do Directions tend to bring about events of a specific nature?
8. What are the three interacting factors of the astral life?
9. Upon what depends and astrologer's ability to predict the time and nature of an event human life?
10. What is a Direction?
11. What is a Major Direction?
12. Is there any advantage in having Progressed Chart for each year fall on the birthday of that year?
13. What is the advantage in using a Limiting Date?
14. How is a Limiting Date found?
15. When is the most convenient time for calculating the Limiting Date?
16. What relation is there between the Sun's position relative to the M.C. in one chart and its position relative to the M.C. in another chart when any number of complete days have elapsed between the times for which they were erected?
17. How can the exact amount the M.C. Progresses easily be ascertained?
18. Over how long a period do Major Directions release their energy?
19. Of what significance is the day on which a Direction is complete?
20. How can the exact amount the Asc. progresses be ascertained?
21. Why do Directions sometimes apparently exert an influence for a long time their energy has been released?
22. How far per month does the Sun move by Major Progression?
23. How may a complete progressed chart be erected?
24. Directions from the Ascendant include what other two problems?
25. What is signified by the letter r written after a planet, and what is signified by the letter p written after a planet?