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Energies from the planets striking man's astral body during the first day of his life release their power proportionally during the first year of life. This release we call major directions. Energies from the planets striking man's Astral body during the first astrological month of his life release their power proportionally during the first year of his life. This release we call minor directions. Energies from the planets striking man's astral body during the first astrological year of his life release their power proportionally during the first year of his life. This release we call transits. In other words the energy falling upon man's astral body from day to day, due to the apparent position in the heavens of the various planets as seen from the earth, is released by these transiting planets almost as soon as it is received.

This energy of transiting planets of the planets as given each day in the ephemeris for the current year has a power about 1/12 as strong as the same planetary influence by minor directions, and about 1/360 as strong as the same planetary influence by major direction. However, even though the aspects of transiting planets to the planets in the birth-chart, and to the progressed planets, are relatively weak, yet transiting planets have another power peculiarly their own which is of real significance. This power is their influence gradually to affect the environment in relation to the department of life ruled by the house in the birth-chart through which the transiting planet moves.

I mean by this that during the time a planet, as shown by its position in the ephemeris for the current year, is in the first house of the birth-chart its energies fall upon the part of the astral body signified by the sign occupying the first house, and stimulate subliminal trains of thought regarding health and personal matters. The manner in which the thoughts, and consequently the actions also, are stimulated depends upon the nature of the transiting planet and its harmony or discord in the birth-chart. Thus the Sun by Transit stimulates the Power-Urges in association with matters concerning the house through which he passes, tending to vitalize that department of life. The Moon stimulates the Domestic-Urges, and tends toward fluctuation. Mercury stimulates the Intellectual-Urges and tends to give much thought about the affairs of the house through which it passes. Venus stimulates the Social-Urges and tends to bring advantage through affability and with little or no effort. The Sun, Moon, Mercury and Venus, however, move so swiftly through the zodiac that they do not remain long enough in any one house by transit to exert any powerful influence upon the environment. But in the case of the superior planets-- Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune--their movements are slow enough through any house of the birthchart by their daily motion as shown in the ephemeris that they have time enough, through stimulating similar trains of thought day after day over a long period, to exert considerable influence upon the kind of environment attracted.

Mars stimulates the Aggressive-Urges in association with the department of life ruled by the house through which he moves by transit, and therefore attracts strife in connection with those things.

Jupiter stimulates the Religious-Urges in association with the departments of life ruled by the house through which he moves by transit, and the feeling of good will this engenders tends to bring favors from others and abundance in connection with those things.

Saturn stimulates the Safety-Urges in association with the department of life ruled by the house through which he moves by transit, and through this restrictive attitude tends to delays, losses, hindrances and poverty in connection with those things.

Uranus stimulates the Individualistic-Urges in association with the departments of life ruled by the house through which he moves by transit, and this attitude of independence tends to original ideas, to abrupt and sudden events, and to disruption, in connection with those things.

Neptune stimulates the Utopian-Urges in association with the departments of life ruled by the house through which he moves by transit, and the visionary schemes thus engendered tend to fall far short of their wonderful expectations.

In passing judgment on the influence of a planet that is passing through a house of the birth-chart by transit, however, it must not be lost sight of that if the transiting planet is well aspected in the birth-chart little discord in the environment will be attracted even though the planet be Mars or Saturn. Nor will much harmony in environment be attracted through the transit of Venus or Jupiter if they are inharmoniously aspected in the birth-chart. And it should further be kept in mind that transiting planets exert a very much greater volume of power; ½ more energy reaching the astral body; ½ when they are in the angles; ½ the 1st., 10th., 7th. and 4th. Houses; ½ than when in the other houses of the horoscope.

Because in the last lesson I decided to use an event of national importance that has just transpired to illustrate the manner in which minor directions and major directions release energy to attract events of a specific nature at a specific time it is only fair that I use the same event still further, even though the illustration in this case is not as clear cut as may usually be expected. Several astrologers have gone into print with the statement that the directions in Mr. Harding; ½s chart at the time of his death were not as severe as is commonly the case when death results.

It has been pointed out by them that by rectifying Mr. Harding; ½s chart to some ten to twenty minutes earlier; ½ and ten to twenty minutes is not a very great inaccuracy in timing a birth when there is no particular incentive to correct timing, and clocks are usually fast or slow; ½ that there are strong adverse major directions not indicated in the chart erected for the time given. Several American astrologers at different times wrote to Mr. Harding for the time of his birth, and each received the reply that he was born Nov. 2, 1865 at about 2.00p.m. So I have used this data just as it was given for the erection of the birth-chart which will be found on the frontispiece of this lesson. And in this example work I prefer not to rectify it, but to consider it just as the student usually is called upon to consider a chart when the birth-hour is given and he does not wish to take the pains to make a careful rectification.

The strongest major direction releasing energy in Mr. Harding; ½s life during 1923 was Sun square Neptune r. Now the health in this chart is chiefly ruled by Neptune and the Moon(see lesson No. 106), and the vitality is ruled by the Sun. The Sun progressed into the house of friends, and as a consequence the president; ½s friends, through their drain upon his time

and strength, became an obstacle to continued good health. But these major directions; ½Sun first square Neptune p. some ten months before his death, and then Sun square Neptune r. three or four months before his death; ½need not have been significant of so dire results but for the fact that the birth-chart shows impaired vitality. The Sun in the birth-chart is conjunction both Mars and Saturn and opposition to the Moon. Saturn applying to the conjunction of the Sun by major direction has been getting closer and closer since birth and attractive greater and greater responsibilities.

And Mars has stimulated the energy to carry them. But though Mars tends by conjunction with the Sun to increase vitality, it also tends to a too lavish expenditure of the energies. And even before Mr. Harding was elected president it was freely predicted in astrological circles that should he become president it would be extremely unlikely that he would serve out his term. This because of the four planets in the birth-chart in house of death.

The major direction of the Moon pointing this event was not as clear cut as it often is. The Moon had passed the opposition to the M.C. some two months previous, attracting much adverse discussion of this world-court policy, and influencing him to take the trip which proved too much for his strength.

The minor direction indicating the week of the event, however, was quite precise. We should look to some strong minor direction to either Sun or Neptune to bring the condition to a climax, and we find that the minor progressed Sun has reached the sextile of the major progressed Sun. In the chart on the frontispiece the inside chart is the birth-chart, in the next ring out are the major progressed positions, the third ring out contains the minor progressed positions, and the outer ring contains the places of the transiting planets; ½all as they appeared on Aug. 2nd, 1923 when Mr. Harding passed to the next plane of life.

The day of death was not signified, as is more often the case, by an aspect of the Moon to one of the planets most influential in the major directions. It was denoted by the Moon making the square of its own place in the birth-chart, the Moon being the ruler of illness (6th . house) in the birth-chart.

The transits were not a significant in so far as their aspects are concerned, and this is as it usually occurs, but they do indicate strongly an influence upon his environment. Uranus has for some years been transiting his house of health (1st. house) tending to disrupt the constitution. And at the time of his death there were four planets transiting the house of illness (6th house); ½two of them being Sun and Neptune which were most influential in the major directions.

Next important of major directions was the conjunction of Mercury p., Venus p. and Mars p. in the 10th House. This stimulated greatly the effort to appear before the public, to come in contact with them, and also as Mercury is a travel planet and at birth was on the cusp of the 9th. , stimulated the tendency to travel. This prominence complex, particularly as Mars was one of the planets concerned in it, attracted the necessity for great exertion. It tended toward prominence and publicity, but the vitality as indicated by the Sun square Neptune r., was not equal to this additional strain.

In connection with this feature, although not directly influencing this major direction, there was the minor direction Saturn conjunction Jupiter r. This stimulated another prominence complex relative to the honor and station, and because Saturn was one of the planets concerned, brought with it responsibilities, which also were a drain upon the strength.

The other major direction of importance beginning to have an influence at the time of Mr. Harding; ½s death was M.C. square Mars, and M.C. sextile Venus. This direction, according

to the time of birth given, had hardly begun to have much influence, lacking about 1° of completion. Yet it would seem that the criticism of Mr. Harding's world-court plan which was beginning to be much in evidence, was attracted by the complex resulting from M.C. square Mars r., and that the gathering of loyal supporters was attracted by the complex stimulated by M.C. sextile Venus r.

For my own part I do not feel it to be necessary to rectify the birth-chart, or to call in any other factors than those I have mentioned to account for the death of our late president. To me it seems a clear case. The various prominence complexes it is to be noted that Saturn has been creeping up since birth to the conjunction of the Sun r. and was only 16' from the complete aspect had attracted to him responsibilities which it was impossible for any man successfully to carry. The Mars influence in the birth-chart, and its influence in conjunction with Mercury and Venus, would not permit him to admit that he could not do all that was expected of him. He was determined to carry through his trip to the West in all the details planned. It was entirely beyond his strength, and he passed on. It is to be hoped in the interests of prosperity that the United States may in the future have many other presidents with Jupiter in the 10th. House.

I have already mentioned that I consider that the planets by their transits through the houses of the birth-chart stimulates trains of thought of the nature of the transiting planet concerning the departments of life ruled by the houses through which they are transiting and thus attract an environment of similar quality. And it should be apparent that the longer a planet remains in a certain house of the birth-chart the more powerful its influence is over that department of life. Consequently when a planet becomes stationary for a time its influence in the house of the birth-chart where located is increased. Further, even as the Moon by minor direction always passes through the same house and makes the same aspects to the radical planets at the same time each year, so also the Sun by transit does the same.

Then as there is a New Moon every lunar month, we may expect a New Moon to take place in any house of the birth-chart, not on the same day of the month, but within 30 days of the same time, each year, and there will be a New Moon in all of the twelve houses of the birth-chart in something less than year. These New Moons are rather important transits, and well worth observing, for they tend to stimulate, subject to both the major and minor directions releasing energy at the time, environmental conditions concerning the house in which they take place.

In fact, there are some astrologers who place a great amount of importance to these New Moons and the aspects they form to the places of the planets in the birth-chart and the major progressed chart, holding them to be almost as important in predicting events as major directions. According to this doctrine the event itself seldom takes place on the New Moon, but is shown by the aspects of the New Moon, which has an influence over the following month, the event more often transpiring near the following Full Moon. Thus the New Moon preceding the death of President Harding occurred in the U.S. on July 13, 1923. The New Moon occurred in Cancer 20°. The orb of influence of a New Moon is supposed to be at least 1°, but not over 2°, if that much. This New Moon in Cancer 20°, then, makes not aspects to the radical planets, and makes only the Semi-square Asc. p. in the case of the major progressed planets in the president's chart.

Personally I have little faith in the aspects of these New Moons, or Lunations as they are also called, to influence life or indicate events, but I do recognize them as important transits affecting the environment signified by the house of the birth-chart in which they take place. The student may very easily experiment for himself with these New Moons, for there is now published by Mr. H.V. Herndon an Astro Key of Life, giving the date and the degrees of the zodiac of all New Moons from 1845 to 1996, together with an ingenious chart for noting

their aspects to planets in the birth-chart, and with a full explanation of just what these New Moons and their aspects may be expected to bring to pass.

Transits, in addition to having an influence through the house occupied by them, also have a more abrupt, though temporary, influence when they form the conjunction aspect to any planet in the birth-chart or major progressed chart. by far the most important of these conjunction by transits, however, are those made to the radical or progressed Sun, Moon, Asc. and M.C. It would seem that when a transiting planet comes to the exact degree of the zodiac occupied by a planet in the birth-chart or major progressed chart that the energy of the transiting planet falls directly into the center of energy mapped by the other planet and thus finds access to the astral body in a manner other than is possible through other aspects and at once stimulates strong trains of thought. These trains of thought are regarding the departments of life ruled by the radical or progressed planet and partake in quality of the nature of the transiting planet. That is they are to be judged just as a Prominence Aspect by major directions between two planets should be judged, except that the influence is much weaker and usually of very short duration. In this matter of the power and duration of a transiting planet there are occasional exceptions. For instance, one of the slower-moving planets may reach the conjunction of a radical or progressed planet and then become stationary in that degree, in which case the transit may exert an influence almost as strong as a major direction. Then again, Saturn by transit moves with nearly the same speed as the Moon does at times by major progression. It occurs sometimes that Saturn by transit(place in current ephemeris) arrives at the same degree as the major progressed Moon and that due to the similar rate of travel mentioned it continues to remain in conjunction with the major progressed Moon for years. When this happens astrologers say $\ddot{\iota}\frac{1}{2}$ Saturn is begging the Moon $\ddot{\iota}\frac{1}{2}$, and it is a very annoying, retarding, and sometimes serious, influences.

The calculation of transits is so simple that examples are hardly required. In fact, inspection of the ephemeris for the year under consideration is usually sufficient. However, I will give two examples using the chart on the frontispiece to illustrate them, and the 1920 ephemeris which has been used in all example work.

Suppose we wish to know when Mars is conjunction Sun r. by transit in 1920. The Sun r. is Scorpio $10^{\circ}-25'$. On August 2nd. Mars is Scorpio $10^{\circ}-31'$. This is $6'$ too much. The daily motion of Mars on this day is $31'$. The immediate problem then is to find from this daily motion how long it takes Mars to move $6'$. As this is a problem similar to those commonly met with in calculating the time of day when Solar Revolutions and Lunar Revolutions occur, it will be well to set forth the solution in the form of a general rule.

These who learn to erect a chart of birth nearly always learn to use logarithms, such as are given on the last page of Raphael $\ddot{\iota}\frac{1}{2}$ s ephemeris, for finding just how many degrees and minutes the Moon has moved in a given number of hours and minutes. In this problem the logarithm for the daily motion of the planet is added to the logarithm of the number of hours and minutes interval of travel and the sum gives the logarithm of the degrees and minutes the planet has traveled during that interval. So, as it is necessary to add the logarithm of the daily motion to the logarithm of the interval in time to find the distance the planet travels, it should be obvious that when the distance traveled and the daily motion are known the logarithm of the interval of time is the difference between the logarithm of the distance the planet has traveled and the logarithm of the planet $\ddot{\iota}\frac{1}{2}$ s daily motion. In other words, we work the problem commonly employed to find the distance the planet has traveled backward to find the time interval.

RULE XIV. When the distance a planet moves is given, and the daily motion of the planet is known, to find the time interval required for it to move the given distance, subtract the logarithm of the planet $\ddot{\iota}\frac{1}{2}$ s daily motion from the logarithm of the distance the planet moves,

and this difference will be the logarithm of the time interval required.

Therefore to find how long it takes Mars to move 6' on Aug. 2, 1920

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{on Aug. 2, 1920 } 2.3802 \text{ is log of } 6' \\ \text{subtract } 1.6670 \text{ is log of } 31' \text{ daily motion} \\ \hline .7132 \text{ is log of } 4\text{h } 39\text{m (Ans.)} \end{array}$$

Mars then is Scorpio $10^{\circ}-25'$ at 4h-39m before Noon, or 7h-21m A.M. Greenwich. We will suppose Mr. Harding was at Washington D.C. at this time, so $\frac{1}{2}$ as Washington by Standard Time is 5hours west, we subtract 5 hours from 7h-21m, which gives us Mars conjunction Sun r. by transit at 2h-21m A.M. August 2, 1920 as timed by the watch (Standard Time).

Next let us calculate when Venus transits its own place in the birth-chart in 1920. Venus r. is Libra $12^{\circ}-56'$. On Sept. 15, 1920 Venus is Libra $12^{\circ}-21'$. To reach Venus r. therefore it must travel from the ephemeris position $35'$. The daily motion of Venus on this day is $1^{\circ}-14'$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1.6143 \text{ is log of } 35' \\ \text{subtract } 1.2891 \text{ is log of } 1^{\circ} 15' \text{ daily motion} \\ \hline .3252 \text{ is log of } 11\text{h } 21\text{m (Ans.)} \end{array}$$

Venus by transit was conjunction Venus r. at 11h-21m P.M. Greenwich, so we subtract 5hours from this and find Venus by transit conjunction Venus r. on Sept. 15, 1920, at 6h-21m P.M. Washington, D.C. Standard Time. (Usually a person) desires to know the time by a watch when a transit takes place so as to regulate the life according to its influence).

A Solar Revolution is a chart of the heavens erected for the moment the Sun returns to the same degree and minute of the zodiac it occupied in the birth-chart. Such a chart is subordinate to directions and is more symbolic of the events of the following year than actually influencing their occurrence, except those having to do with psychic unfoldment and the development of spiritual attributes. It should be read as a birth-chart for the year following it.

As the chart is erected for the moment the Sun transits its radical place the first thing is to find the local mean time of this transit. Let us find, as an example, the time of the Solar Revolution in President Harding's chart for 1920. The Sun in the birth-chart is in Scorpio $10^{\circ}-25'$. The Sun on Nov. 3, 1920 in the ephemeris is shown as Scorpio $10^{\circ}-46'$. It has therefore gone $21'$ too far. The daily motion of the Sun on this day is $60'$.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1.8361 \text{ is log of } 21' \\ \text{subtract } 1.3802 \text{ is log of } 60' \text{ daily motion} \\ \hline .4559 \text{ is log of } 8\text{h } 24\text{m (Ans.)} \end{array}$$

As the Sun in the ephemeris on Nov. 3, has gone 8h-24m too far, we subtract 8h-21m from

Noon which gives us 3h-36m A.M. Greenwich. But if Mr. Harding on this day was in Washington, as a Solar Revolution must be erected always for the place where the person actually is at the time, we must subtract 5h-8m (Washington is 5h-8m west of Greenwich) from 3h-36m A.M. which gives us Sun conjunction Sun r. by transit on Nov. 2, 1920 at 10h 28m. P.M. Washington, D.C. local mean time. Note that in this case we use local mean time because from it we wish to erect a chart. If the period of Solar Revolution is to be used for spiritual purposes, however, it is also necessary to know the time by the watch so that its occurrence may be observed. As Washington is 2° west of the standard meridian, the time by the watch will be 8minutes later, or Nov. 2, 1920, 10h-36m standard time.

After the local mean time of the Solar Revolution is found the problem of erecting the chart is the same as erecting a birth-chart as exemplified in lesson No. 86. It will probably be more interesting if as an example of a Solar Revolution we use the one preceding Mr. Harding's death instead of the one for 1920.

On Nov. 1922 the position of the Sun in the ephemeris is Scorpio 10°-17' It must travel 8' to reach its place in the birth-chart, which requires 3h-12m. From 3h-12m P.M. Greenwich we subtract 5h-8m, giving us as the local meant time of the solar revolution in 1922 as Nov. 3, 10h-4m A.M, Washington D.C. For the convenience of students not possessing an ephemeris for 1922 the house positions and planets places for the chart erected for this data are here given.

House-cusps

X Libra 14°
 XI Scorpio 11°
 XII Sagittarius 3°
 Asc. Sagittarius 23°
 II Capricorn 29°
 III Pisces 9° .

Planets places

Sun, Scorpio 10° 25'
 Moon, Aries 27° 46'
 Mercury, Libra 22° 29'
 Venus, Sagittarius 9° 49'
 Mars, Aquarius 2° 42''
 Jupiter, Scorpio 1° 43''
 Saturn, Libra 14° 17''
 Uranus Pisces 9° 47'R
 Neptune, Leo 18° 6'

From this chart alone, which the student should copy into a regular horoscope form, one would not be justified in predicting death. In fact, one is not justified in making any prediction of great importance from revolutions alone. Were we to judge the chart for vitality and health according to the rules for a natal chart we would, however, consider there were some serious afflictions; ½ Mars square Sun and Neptune square Sun. But Jupiter gives some help, and the Moon assists the ascending degree. Further; ½ in connection with the directions for the years it is certainly significant that Neptune, the greatest affliction by direction, is in the house of death in the Solar Revolution and also square the Sun, even as by major direction. The student will observe also that the chart very accurately indicates all the other important events in the life of Mr. Harding following this revolution and previous to his death. The numerous planets in the 10th. Indicate the publicity gained for his policies, the opposition of the Moon to Mercury in the 10th. Indicates the opposition to his world-court plan, Uranus on the house of travel trine the Sun indicates the journey, and lastly and mot

malignant of all, significant with dire foreboding, Saturn is exactly on the M.C. in opposition to the cusp of the 4th., which rules the end of life.

A Solar Revolution represents the positions of the planets at the time of year when the spiritual forces of man are renewed from the Solar Fountain. These germs of power and spiritual possibilities are fructified each month at the time the Moon transits the degree and minute occupied by the Sun in the birthchart. It is common practice for astrologers to erect a chart for the moment the Moon transits the Moon's place in the birth-chart for the Lunar Revolution. And while such a cycle does measure certain forces, the Hermetic System recognizes the true creative period when spiritually considered to be the moment when Solar and Lunar, masculine and feminine, forces join. This monthly spiritual creative period in human life is when the Moon each month transits the degree and minute of the zodiac occupied by the Sun in the birth-chart. Now this period may be used in the unfoldment of spiritual powers and attributes will be considered in another place. Here it is sufficient to point out that a Lunar Revolution may be read as a birth-chart of the following month.

Suppose now that we desire the Lunar Revolution for the month of January 1920 in Mr. Harding's life. In his birth-chart (see frontispiece) the Sun is in Scorpio $10^{\circ}-25'$. The problem, then, is to find the time of day at the locality where Mr. Harding was, when the Moon by transit reached Scorpio $10^{\circ}-25'$, and erect a chart for this time and place.

On Jan. 14, 1920 the Moon in the ephemeris is Scorpio $9^{\circ}-20'$. To reach Scorpio $10^{\circ}-25'$, therefore, it must move $56'$

To find how long it takes to move this $56'$ we use logarithms, subtracting the log. of the planet's daily motion from the log. of the distance it moves, as was indicated in RULE XIV.

1.4102 is log. of $56'$ distance Moon must move.

.3022 is log. of $11^{\circ}-58'$ daily motion of Moon (subtract)

----- 1.1980 is log. of 1h-52m

This 1h-52m is 1h-52m P.M.(after the noon position) Greenwich. Then assuming Mr. Harding was Washington, D.C. which is 5h-8m. west, we subtract 5h-8m from 1h-52m P.M. which gives us 8h-44m A.M. Washington, D.C. local mean time, as the time of the Lunar Revolution. We then erect a chart of the heavens for Washington D. C. on January 14, 1920. at 8h-44m. A.M., L.M.T.

Probably a revolution of more interest to the student than the foregoing is the Lunar Revolution just preceding Mr. Harding's death. To calculate this revolution it is necessary to have an ephemeris for 1923. But for the sake of students not possessing a 1923 ephemeris the positions of the planets and houses will be given.

On July 21, 1923 the Moon is given in the ephemeris as Scorpio $3^{\circ}-20'$, and its daily motion on that day is $14^{\circ}-14'$. To reach Scorpio $10^{\circ}-25'$ (the place of the Sun in the birth-chart) the Moon must move from Scorpio $3^{\circ}-20'$ through $6^{\circ}-57'$

distance Moon must travel	.5382 is log of $8^{\circ} 57'$
subtract	.2669 is log of $14^{\circ} 14'$ daily motion

	.2713 is log of 12h 51m after Noon (Ans.)

This is 12h-51 minutes after Noon Greenwich. I have no positive information just where M. Harding was on July 21. I am assuming he was in Alaska, 134 W. 58° N. If he was in some other locality the house positions of the planets would be different, although the planets would occupy the same positions in the zodiac and make the same aspects regardless of his whereabouts, for their places are calculated for an interval of 12h-52minutes after noon Greenwich. If he was 134 W.Long, the time would be 8h-56m earlier than at Greenwich, so we subtract 8h-56m from 12h-51m, giving us 3h-55m P.M., L.M.T.

A chart erected for 3h-55m. P.M. local mean time, on July 21, 1923, in Long. 134W. and Lat. 56N. Shows the following positions;½

House Cusps

X Virgo 27° 39'

XI Libra 24°

XII Scorpio 13°

Asc. Scorpio 28°

II Capricorn 0°

III Aquarius 16°

Planets places

Sun, Cancer 28° 12'

Moon, Scorpio 10° 25'

Mercury Cancer 27° 47'

Venus, Cancer 14° 29'

Mars, Leo 3° 51'

Jupiter, Scorpio 9° 23'

Saturn, Libra 14° 22'

Uranus , Pisces 17° 12' R

Neptune Leo 17° 10'

As I am not certain where Mr. Harding was on this day too much confidence can not be placed in the house positions. But the chart as erected shows four planets in the house of death, even as there are four planets there in his birthchart. Saturn again is the most elevated planet, and is afflicted by the square of Venus. The Sun, ruler of the vitality in a man's chart, is the eighth house in conjunction with Mars and square to the Moon. The Moon, in the house of friends, courier of the constitution is conjunction Jupiter, signifying the friendliness of the common people and also these of station. The ascendant is well aspected by the Sun and Mercury. Uranus and Neptune in the house of travel point to the journey, the Moon applying toward a trine of Uranus and toward a square to Neptune.

This chart, while quite subsidiary to the various directions that release energy, and subordinate also to the Solar Revolution for the year, nevertheless in a general way does point to the various events of the month following it, and in a sense is chart of the month's happenings.

It should be mentioned that in a Solar Revolution the position of, and Aspects to, the Sun are prime importance, while in a Lunar Revolution the position of, and aspects to, the Moon should receive special consideration. And in a Diurnal Revolution, next to be explained, the degree ascending is the point that should be noted in particular.

Even as a chart may be erected for the year following, a Solar Revolution, and a chart may be erected for the month, a Lunar Revolution, so also can a chart be erected for that other

common cycle, the day. Such a chart is called a Diurnal Revolution.

A Diurnal Revolution is a chart erected on any day for the hour and minute that the Sun is just as many signs, degrees, and minutes of longitude from the Ascendant as it was at birth. It will be seen that in each of the three Revolutions that the Hermetic System considers the Sun as the source of the energy, and that the revolution in each instance is determined by the relation of one of the three important points; 1/2 the Sun ruling the Individuality, the Moon ruling the Mentality, and the Ascendant ruling the Personality; 1/2 to the Sun.

A chart erected for the time of birth on different days during the year will show the Sun at various distances from the Ascendant. Therefore, that the relation of Sun and ASC. be as at birth, we calculate the number of degrees and minutes the Sun as from the ASC. at birth (The Hermetic System considers the relation points in the zodiac, therefore does not use the semi-arc method) and then on the day under consideration find just what time of day the Sun is again

8. the same number of signs, degrees and minutes from the Ascendant, and for that time erect a chart which is the Diurnal Revolution.

Suppose we wish the Diurnal Revolution for President Harding on July 4, 1920.

11S	29°	49' is Asc. in birth-chart	(Aquarius 29° 49')
8S	10°	25' subtract is Sun in birth-chart	(Scorpio 10° 25')

3S	19°	24' is distance Asc.	is further in zodiac than Sun

Now as the hour of birth was 2h 0m P.M. if we calculate the position of the Sun for 2h-0m on any day it will give approximate position of Sun for the Revolution that day. The Sun on July 4, is given ephemeris as Cancer 12° 4', but at 2.00 P.M. Washington it is 7h-8m Greenwich. The Sun at 7h-8m. Greenwich is Cancer 12° 27' (This assumes Mr. Harding was in Washington).

4S	12°	27' Place of Sun July 4th	
3S	19°	24' add Distance Asc from Sun in	birth-chart

8S	1°	51' or Scorpio 1° 51'	is Asc. of Diurnal Revolution

Looking in table of houses for Wash. D.C. we find that when Scorpio 1° 51' is on the Asc. that Leo is on the M.C. and we copy the signs and degrees from the positions given in the table of houses into the chart. The sidereal Time when Scorpio 1° 51' rises is given in the table of houses as 8h 30m, and the S.T. given in the ephemeris for Noon is 6h-48m, therefore, to get the local mean time we subtract 6h-48m from 8h -38m. which gives us 1h-50m P.M. L.M.T. A chart, the house positions of which we have, for thus time at Wash. D.C. July 4, 1920, is a chart of the Diurnal Revolution for that day.

Now let us calculate the Diurnal Revolution for the day of the President's death. He dies in the evening of Aug. 2, 1923, therefore the Diurnal Revolution preceding death is on Aug. 2, 1923. He was in San Francisco at the time, which is 8h-10m- West Lat, and 30 N Long.

The time at Greenwich when it is 2.00P.M San Francisco is 10h-10m P.M. On Aug 2, 1923 at this time Sun was in Leo 9° 34'

5S	9°	34'	Place of Sun Aug. 4th, 2:00p.m.	San Francisco
3S	19°	24'	add Distance Asc from Sun in	birth-chart

8S	28°	58'	or Scorpio 28° 58'	is Asc. of Diurnal Revolution
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When Scorpio 28° 52' is on the Asc. in table of houses for Lat. 38N, Virgo 12° is on the M.C. , and the Sidereal Time is 10h-53m. We therefore copy the signs and degrees into the chart from the table house with Scorpio 28° 58 on the Asc., and to get the L.M.T. at San Francisco we subtract the Sidereal Time as given in ephemeris for Aug 2; 1/2 8h-40m, from the Sidereal Time of Chart, 10h-53m, which gives us 2h-13m P.M. San Francisco, local mean time.

The house positions; 1/2 X Virgo 12° XI Libra 13° XII Scorpio 8° Ascendant Scorpio 28° ; 1/2 58' II Capricorn 0° III Aquarius 5°.

Planet; 1/2 s positions; 1/2 Sun Leo 9° 34 Moon, Aries 19° 6' Mercury, Leo 21° 50'. Venus, Cancer 29° 5' Mars, Leo 11° 27'. Jupiter, Scorpio 10° 6' Saturn, Libra 15° 4' Uranus, Pisces 16° 56' R. Neptune, Leo 17° 35'.

This Diurnal Revolution, from the fact that four planets are grouped in the ninth House, is more significant of the reports sent to the public than of any other thing, although Uranus in the fourth House in opposition to the M.C. indicates a sudden reverse as the end of the matter.

These revolutions; 1/2 the Solar, the Lunar, and the Diurnal; 1/2 each have a useful function. But I must caution students that in using them as an index of events they are resorting more to divination than to the practice of Natal Astrology. Nothing, I believe, compares in reliability to indicate the events of human life with Major Directions, Minor Directions, and Transits, when properly blended. These configurations map the time and nature of actual releases of energy within the astral body of man. And man, understanding this, can take adequate steps to increase the volume of the more benefic energies released and ride on the tide of harmonious vibrations to a much greater success. He can also, foreknowing when discordant energies will be released, take adequate steps to set up vibrations that will annul them. Astrology thus becomes the Archimedean lever by which we can master fate.

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Examination Questions

1. What are Transits?
2. How much power has a transit in comparison to Major and minor directions?

3. What aspect by transit is of most importance?
4. The transits of which planets are most important?
5. What is the affect of a planet when it transits a house of the birth-chart?
6. In what houses do transits have most influence?
7. Transits to what planets in the birth-chart and progressed chart are of most importance?
8. When a planet becomes stationary how is its influence by transit affected?
9. Of what importance are the New Moons that take place each month?
10. Give the rule for finding by logarithms how long it takes a planet to move a given distance when its daily motion is known?
11. Does it require any particular mathematical calculation to determines most transits?
12. What is a Solar Revolution?
13. What is usually the most important planet to consider in a Solar Revolution?
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21. What is meant by $i_{\frac{1}{2}}$ Saturn dogging the Moon $i_{\frac{1}{2}}$?
22. Definite relations to what planet are observed in calculating Solar, Lunar and Diurnal Revolutions?
23. In the Diurnal Revolution how far is the Ascendant from the Sun?
24. In what way may advantage be taken of favorable transits?
25. How may the influence of adverse transits be overcome?