

LESSON 154

ASTROLOGY 7

QUADRUPLICITIES

Quadruplicities are designated by the signs of the Zodiac and types of houses and when reading a horoscope the astrologer observes how many Planets are situated in particular signs and houses to understand the type of energies through which they will be working.

The signs are classed as:

Cardinal (Moveable)
Fixed
Mutable (Common)

The Houses are:

Angular - 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th.
Succeedent - 2nd, 5th, 8th and 11th.
Cadent - 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th.

CARDINAL SIGNS portray activity, motion and expression. They correspond to the Soul - a modifying influence. Planetary aspects in cardinal signs show that energy released manifests as restlessness, urges towards action, new activities and projects, facing crises and setting out in a definite direction.

FIXED SIGNS portray stolidity, fixity and organisations. They correspond to Will (Spirit) - self generating and self sustaining. Planetary aspects in Fixed signs show deeply ingrained habit patterns, concentrated power, willfulness. When energy flows a wide range of capabilities manifest.

MUTABLE SIGNS portary flexibility, reaction and adaptability. They correspond to the Body - the vehicle of the Spirit and Soul. Planetary aspects in Mutable signs show energy that is released and flows primarily through mental channels, craving for a new learning experience, a wide range of interests.

ANGULAR HOUSES are the most powerful houses, and planets placed in these houses have their influence intensified and known as "accidentally dignified".

SUCCEEDENT HOUSES are next in power to Angular Houses but do not promise as much result or intensification. Planets in these houses shows a stable influence - something of duration.

CADENT HOUSES are weakest in influence, show flexibility, sometimes lack of initiative and motivation, work well under guidance. Little promise of recognition.

TRIPLICITIES

These are the elemental associations of the signs:

Aries -	is a Fire sign but Cardinal- Fire of Fire
Leo -	" " " " " Fixed - Fire of Water
Sagittarius -	" " " " " Mutable - Fire of Air

Thus you have three different energies of one element.

Taurus -	Fixed Earth
Virgo -	Mutable Earth
Capricorn-	Cardinal Earth
Gemini -	Mutable Air
Libra -	Cardinal Air
Aquarius -	Fixed Air
Cancer -	Cardinal Water
Scorpio -	Fixed Water
Pices -	Mutable Water

Descriptions of the Four Elements have been provided in previous lessons on the Tarot (see the Royal Arcana).

RETROGRADE PLANETS

Retrogradation is an optical illusion and is where a Planet appears to move backwards due to the altered position of the earth and Planets.

Retrograde Stationary is when a Planet seems motionary when

changing from a direct movement to Retrograde, and from Retrograde Stationary to Direct.

Direct motion of a Planet (moving forward in order of the signs). The Sun and Moon never go Retrograde.

Retrograding Planets show one going over territory recently covered, repeating experiences. You could say you get a 2nd chance to complete something or redo something in your life. It shows the need for a successful culmination, repolarisation and "change of gear". It shows a regression or a going backwards; a delay in a matter. One can get stuck trying to resolve the past and matters appear unfinished during Retrograde. Retrograde Stationary is a time where there is no movement, growth or decrease.

TRANSITS

Transits act as a key to understanding the present or future. They are the actual positions and movements of the Planets and Stars at any given time (which you can obtain from any Ephemeris) and their relationship (transiting position and aspects) to a Natal Chart. They act as keys to human events, unfolding patterns within ones environment. Their energies influence psychological patterns. It is by observation of current and future Transits that the occultist can be guided in important decisions. The most important aspect to consider in a Transit is the conjunction of one "body" passing over another.

SOLAR REVOLUTIONS

Solar Revolutions are maps of the heavens calculated for the anniversary of ones birthday each year. They can give indications of the events and fortune likely to be experienced during the forthcoming year of life. Transits due around the birthdate of each year are generally of importance.

To calculate a Solar revolution there are two choices:

- (1) Draw up a chart (for exact longitude of the Radical Sun) for when Transiting reaches that longitude;

or

- (2) Calculate for the day, hour and minute when the Sun reaches the same longitude as the "progressed" Sun. This is called the "Progressed Birthday".

PROGRESSIONS AND DIRECTIONS

The method of a Progressed horoscope which includes Secondary Directions, is based mainly on orbital revolution of the Earth and the apparent orbital movements of the Sun, Moon and Planets. For example, 1 degree of movement equals one year of a persons life, or 1 day= 1 year.

The method of Primary Directions is based mainly on the Earth's axial rotation whereby the heavenly bodies are made to rise, culminate and set. For example, the planets stay fixed in their signs and degrees and are progressed (rotated) through the houses. As for Transits, their new house positions are compared by aspect to the radical (natal) positions of the Planets.

Orbital includes and necessitates axial rotation and are read together when comparing with the radical chart. There is no separation in nature between Primary and Secondary progressions and directions. They are mentioned separately to exemplify their difference of calculation.

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