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A Taste of Astrology

A Sidereal Zodiacal Approach

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1. Planets, Signs, and Houses

1.1 The classical planets

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From the point of view of an earthbound observer, the stars of the night sky appear to be fixed-in-place on a concentric spherical surface that is called the **celestial sphere**. The noun 'planet' (whose Greek name means 'wanderer') was used to describe any object that appeared to wander along the celestial sphere. To peoples of the ancient world, these wanderers were the two **luminaries** *Sun* and *Moon* and the planets *Mercury*, *Venus*, *Mars*, *Jupiter*, and *Saturn*, all of which are visible to the naked eye. These seven wanderers are called the **classical planets**. The adjective 'classical' here means 'standard and traditional'.

Astrology is the study of the behavior of celestial bodies in the belief that they indicate the course of human affairs. The term '**traditional astrology**' refers to the combination of the Hellenistic tradition of astrology (which is a blending of Mesopotamian and Egyptian astrological traditions with Greek philosophical thought) and the subsequent contributions of ancient Roman, Medieval (Indian, Islamic, and European), and European Renaissance astrologers.

In traditional astrology, the classical planets intrinsically represent the fundamental essences that collectively characterize all persons, places, and things. Therefore, each classical planet is the natural representative of some subset of persons, places, or things.

The radiant and solar-system ruling **Sun** intrinsically represents vitality, self-esteem, volition, and leadership. Sun's intrinsic attributes make it the natural representative of:

> Fathers; leaders and bosses among people; recognition among social interactions; things that give life and energy; gold among metals; lions among animals; eagles among birds; diamonds among gemstones; the heart among organs; things that are yellow in color.

Spiritually speaking, Sun is the energy associated with Man's will – one's ability to deliberately decide on a course of action, one's freedom to choose between right and wrong. Sun is nobly expressed whenever one asserts oneself with dignity by using their will to rise above course and unsavory things.

The faithfully reflecting and phase-changing **Moon** intrinsically represents receptivity, adaptability, and devotion. Moon's intrinsic attributes make it the natural representative of:

> Mothers; nurturers; compliant people; domestic matters; that which is watery or associated with water; emotions; stages of change; short-term travel; wandering; lost items; nocturnal entities; new things or newborn creatures; silver among metals; the stomach and the intestines among organs; the digestive system; things that are white in color.

Spiritually speaking, Moon is the energy associated with Man's trance ability, which enables one to learn and to change. In a trance state, one has a heightened receptivity in which beliefs, images,

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and words become empowered to create or undo habits. Moon is nobly expressed whenever one is receptive to and compliant with right guidance.

The swift-moving planet **Mercury** intrinsically represents mobility of thought, word, and deed. Mercury's intrinsic attributes make it the natural representative of:

> Clever action; deception; ideas and beliefs; speech and all modes of communication; expertise; negotiations, trade, and transactions; exact sciences and calculations; transportation; things that imitate humans; wind and everything that causes it; small items coming in large numbers; things of mixed composition; mercury among metals; the tongue and the vocal cords among organs; the nervous system; things that are multicolored.

Spiritually speaking, Mercury is the energy associated with Man's verbal mind – one's ability to think logically and to express oneself through words. Mercury is nobly expressed whenever one uses their cleverness and verbal facility to further that which is wholesome.

The planet **Venus** (whose Latin name means 'love') intrinsically represents affection, enjoyment, attractive power, and harmony. Venus's intrinsic attributes make it the natural representative of:

> Friendly action; intimate (that is, closely personal) relationships; social activities; personal charm; charisma; that which is attractive or beautiful; that which is fragrant; that which is sweet or delicious; that which is pleasing to the touch; arts and entertainment; copper among metals; the kidneys and the thyroid gland among organs; the vagina and the uterus among female organs; fertility; things that are green in color.

Spiritually speaking, Venus is the energy associated with Man's visual mind – one's imagination, which enables one to form mental images. When intensely entertained with aroused feelings of enjoyment, mental images gain the power to attract the necessary resources for their realization. Venus is nobly expressed whenever through joyful optimism, one attracts the necessary resources for faring well.

The blood-red planet **Mars** intrinsically represents courage, enthusiasm, assertiveness, and pioneering. Mars's intrinsic attributes make it the natural representative of:

> Aggressive action (that is, energetic assertive action or hostile action); athletic skill; bodily injury; that which is hot or burning like fire; things that are sharp or cutting; that which causes bleeding; iron among metals; the gallbladder and the adrenal glands among organs; the penis and the testicles among male organs; the muscular system; things that are red in color.

Spiritually speaking, Mars is the energy associated with Man's sense of justice. Being just with all people in all situations requires one to have a warrior's courage and zeal for righteousness, even at the cost of personal loss. Mars is nobly expressed whenever one has the courage to take right action.

The huge and gaseous planet **Jupiter** intrinsically represents virtuous optimism (that is, the belief that virtuous action eventually brings the best outcome) and expansion (material and spiritual). Because one's optimism draws positive circumstances to oneself, Jupiter is the bringer of good luck (that is, favorable circumstances that are beyond willful control). Jupiter's intrinsic attributes make it the natural representative of:

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> Noble-minded action; high social position; religion/spirituality; science and law among professions; tin among metals; money and luxury items among possessions; that which is large or spreading; sources of fertility and abundance; tin among metals; the liver and the pancreas among organs; adipose tissue (body fat); things that are purple in color.

Spiritually speaking, Jupiter is the energy associated with Man's moral sense – one's intuitive ability to distinguish right from wrong. Jupiter is nobly expressed whenever one acts with good character and good judgment.

The ringed and slow-moving planet **Saturn** intrinsically represents restriction, structure, and slow change. Saturn is the bringer of challenges that require patient perseverance in order for one to prevail. Saturn's intrinsic attributes make it the natural representative of:

> Sober-minded action; restraints and limitations; rules and regulations; hierarchical organization; that which is hard and heavy; that which is lonely or isolated; chronic ailments; that which is old and decaying; death; that which is freezing and preserving; lead among metals; the spleen among organs; the skeletal system; the teeth; the skin, hair, and nails as body protection; things that are black in color.

Spiritually speaking, Saturn is the energy associated with Man's ability to patiently persevere (that is, to calmly remain constant to a purpose in spite of obstacles). Saturn is nobly expressed whenever one stabilizes one's heart (that is, one's prevailing mental and emotional attitude), so that one may think clearly and respond properly to situations in life, instead of reacting according to habit or impulse.

1.2 Sun's yearly cycle and the zodiac

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The notion of a time period called 'a year' is tied to Earth's annual orbit about Sun. From the point of view of an earthbound observer, Earth remains at rest while Sun orbits it along the celestial sphere. As Sun makes its orbit, it moves along a great-circular path called the **ecliptic**. In our imagination, let's thicken this circular path into a circular belt that extends about 8 angular degrees on each side of the ecliptic. As seen from Earth, the classical planets all wander within this circular belt called the **zodiac**. This apparent movement of the planets along the zodiac is called **secondary motion**, and it is associated with Earth's orbital motion about Sun.

On the celestial sphere, a **constellation** is a grouping of fixed stars that is believed to resemble a person, animal, or inanimate object. As Sun makes its annual journey along the zodiac, it passes through portions of fourteen constellations. Going forward along the zodiac, the names of these constellations are **Aries** (whose Latin name means 'ram'), **Taurus** (whose Latin name means 'bull'), **Gemini** (whose Latin name means 'twins'), **Cancer** (whose Latin name means 'crab'), **Leo** (whose Latin name means 'lion'), **Virgo** (whose Latin name means 'virgin'), **Libra** (whose Latin name means 'scales'), **Scorpio** (whose Latin name means 'scorpion'), **Ophiuchus** (whose Greek name means 'serpent-bearer'), **Sagittarius** (whose Latin name means 'archer'), **Capricorn** (whose Latin name means 'horned goat'), **Aquarius** (whose Latin name means 'water-bearer'), **Pisces** (whose Latin name means 'fishes'), and **Cetus** (whose Latin name means 'sea monster' or 'whale').

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Within the 360° of the zodiacal belt, the aforementioned fourteen constellations are generally unequal in angular expanse.[1] In this regard, TABLE 1.2a presents the time that Sun spends in each constellation during its annual journey. Note that while traveling through Pisces, the southern edge of Sun's disk overlaps with Cetus for about fourteen hours.

TABLE 1.2a: Sun's time spent in the constellations

Constellation	Time spent
Aries	25 days
Taurus	37 days
Gemini	31 days
Cancer	20 days
Leo	37 days
Virgo	45 days
Libra	23 days

Constellation	Time spent
Scorpio	7 days
Ophiuchus	18 days
Sagittarius	32 days
Capricorn	28 days
Aquarius	24 days
Pisces	38 days
Cetus	14 hours

At some time long ago, Mesopotamian astrologers conceived of dividing the zodiacal belt into twelve equal regions (called **signs**), each region having an angular expanse of 30°. They ignored the Cetus constellation and considered the Scorpio and Ophiuchus constellations in combination. This concept is called the **sidereal zodiac**. The names of the twelve sidereal signs are *Aries*, *Taurus*, *Gemini*, *Cancer*, *Leo*, *Virgo*, *Libra*, *Scorpio*, *Sagittarius*, *Capricorn*, *Aquarius*, and *Pisces*. Each sidereal sign is occupied predominantly by the constellation after which it is named.

TABLE 1.2b: Sun's annual location in the tropical zodiac

Sign	Time Period
Aries	21 MAR – 20 APR
Taurus	21 APR – 21 MAY
Gemini	22 MAY – 21 JUN
Cancer	22 JUN – 23 JUL
Leo	24 JUL – 23 AUG
Virgo	24 AUG – 23 SEP

Sign	Time Period
Libra	24 SEP – 23 OCT
Scorpio	24 OCT – 22 NOV
Sagittarius	23 NOV – 21 DEC
Capricorn	22 DEC – 20 JAN
Aquarius	21 JAN – 19 FEB
Pisces	20 FEB – 20 MAR

At some later time, astrologers conceived of dividing the zodiacal belt into twelve equal signs, each corresponding to approximately one month of Sun's annual journey along the zodiac. See

[1] The article *The Real Zodiac*, which is posted on the website <classroomastronomer.com/zodiac.htm>.

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TABLE 1.2b for pertinent details. This concept is called the **tropical zodiac**. The names of the twelve tropical signs are *Aries*, *Taurus*, *Gemini*, *Cancer*, *Leo*, *Virgo*, *Libra*, *Scorpio*, *Sagittarius*, *Capricorn*, *Aquarius*, and *Pisces*. Although each tropical sign is the namesake of a sidereal sign, tropical sign *X* is generally not the same zodiacal region as sidereal sign *X*. Each tropical sign refers to a stage of Earth's annual cycle of seasons.

The **celestial equator** is the projection of Earth's equator onto the celestial sphere. The **equinoxes** are the two points where the ecliptic intersects the celestial equator. The tropical zodiac is a season-based sign arrangement that takes tropical Aries 0° to be the position of Sun at the March equinox. Sun spends about a month in each sign as it goes forward along the zodiac. Between the March equinox and the June solstice, Sun travels through the tropical signs of Aries, Taurus, and Gemini. Between the June solstice and the September equinox, Sun travels through the tropical signs of Cancer, Leo, and Virgo. Between the September equinox and the December solstice, Sun travels through the tropical signs of Libra, Scorpio, and Sagittarius. Between the December solstice and the March equinox, Sun travels through the tropical signs of Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces.

Like the axis of a spinning top, Earth's rotational axis undergoes a slow, cyclical change in which it traces a cone-shaped path over time. This wobbling motion of Earth's rotational axis is called *axial precession*. As a result of axial precession, the equinoxes slowly move westward along the ecliptic (that is, backward along the zodiac), thereby giving rise to the **precession of the equinoxes**. Consequently, we perceive each fixed star to move forward along the tropical zodiac at a varying rate, currently about 50.29″ of arc per year (which amounts to about 01° every 72 years). In this regard, sidereal Aries 0° is usually not the same as tropical Aries 0° (the March equinox point). The angular difference between sidereal Aries 0° and tropical Aries 0° is called the **ayanāṃśa**. See Section 2.1 for pertinent details.

1.3 The twelve signs

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In traditional astrology, each classical planet rules a number of zodiacal signs. Sun rules Leo. Moon rules Cancer. Mercury rules Virgo and Gemini. Venus rules Libra and Taurus. Mars rules Scorpio and Aries. Jupiter rules Sagittarius and Pisces. Saturn rules Capricorn and Aquarius.

One's personality is one's characteristic way of thinking, feeling, and behaving. Each sign is a personality expression of its ruling planet. Its **gender** refers to whether it is a masculine or feminine expression. **Masculine energy** is centrifugal, expansive, or externalizing. **Feminine energy** is centripetal, contractive, or internalizing. See TABLE 1.3a for pertinent details.

On examining TABLE 1.3a, we see that sign gender alternates between masculine and feminine as we sequentially go forward along the zodiac. The table also shows a pattern involving the sign rulers. Let's view Sun and Moon here as the respective masculine and feminine expressions of a planet called *Luminary*. As we go from Leo to Capricorn, the order of the sign rulers is: Luminary, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn. As we go from Aquarius to Cancer, the order of the sign

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rulers is: Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus, Mercury, Luminary (which is the reversal of the previous order).

Fire, earth, air, and water symbolize the fundamental elements of human personality. **Fire** symbolizes the desires that burn within us. **Earth** symbolizes our physicality. **Air** symbolizes the thoughts that blow around in our mental sky. **Water** symbolizes our emotional and intuitive feelings. We may categorize the twelve signs into four sets of three (called **triplicities**) that each correspond to a particular element of personality. See TABLE 1.3b for pertinent details.

TABLE 1.3a: Sign genders

Sign	Ruler	Gender	Personality Qualities
Leo	Sun	masculine	Authoritative, self-assured, wants recognition.
Virgo	Mercury	feminine	Discriminating, methodical, meticulous, tidy.
Libra	Venus	masculine	Charming, has good taste, sociable, tactful.
Scorpio	Mars	feminine	Deep-diving, passionate, secretive, tenacious.
Sagittarius	Jupiter	masculine	Adventurous, frank, jolly, philosophical.
Capricorn	Saturn	feminine	Cautious, reserved, success-driven.
Aquarius	Saturn	masculine	Altruistic, innovative, reformist.
Pisces	Jupiter	feminine	Compassionate, introspective, mystical.
Aries	Mars	masculine	Ambitious, courageous, enterprising.
Taurus	Venus	feminine	Determined, reliable, sensual, slow to anger.
Gemini	Mercury	masculine	Clever, communicative, curious, versatile.
Cancer	Moon	feminine	Caring, intuitive, protective, sensitive.

TABLE 1.3b: Sign elements and modalities

	Cardinal	Fixed	Dual
Fire	Aries	Leo	Sagittarius
Earth	Capricorn	Taurus	Virgo
Air	Libra	Aquarius	Gemini
Water	Cancer	Scorpio	Pisces

In addition to categorizing the zodiacal signs according to personality elements, we may categorize them according to modes of operation. We may liken these modalities to stages within any season

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of the year. The **cardinal modality** is related to a season's beginning stage, and it refers to the tendency to initiate action and to create change. The **fixed modality** is related to a season's middle stage, and it refers to the tendency to be determined and to resist change. The **dual modality** is related to a season's ending stage, and it refers to the tendency to be adaptable and to embrace change. The dual modality has attributes of both the cardinal and fixed modalities. We may categorize the twelve signs into three sets of four (called **quadruplicities**) that each correspond to a particular mode of operation. See TABLE 1.3b for pertinent details.

Note that the portrayal of each dual sign involves some type of twoness. Gemini is portrayed as two twins. Virgo is portrayed as a winged maiden. Sagittarius is portrayed as a centaur, which is half-man and half-horse. Pisces is portrayed as two fishes.

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The sign **Aries** (whose Latin name means 'ram') expresses Mars in a masculine way. As a fire sign, Aries is desirous, energetic, and forthright. As a cardinal sign, Aries initiates action and creates change. Like a combative ram, Aries likes challenges and has an abundant amount of physical energy. Aries is courageous and pioneering – he is always ready to take risks. In his eagerness to get things done, he is inclined to act first and think later. Like a charging ram, he rushes headlong into situations without considering the consequences. At his best, masculine Aries has the courage to jump into action in order to enthusiastically pursue worthy goals.

The sign **Taurus** (whose Latin name means 'bull') expresses Venus in a feminine way. As an earth sign, Taurus is grounded and focused on material stability. As a fixed sign, Taurus is determined and resistant to change. She holds on to anyone and anything that she views as her own. Like a charging bull focused on his target, Taurus stays set on her course. She wants to see tangible results from her efforts, and so she is inclined to getting absorbed in acquiring material comforts and in indulging herself. At her best, feminine Taurus is doggedly determined to make tangible progress in achieving a better quality of life.

The sign **Gemini** (whose Latin name means 'twins') expresses Mercury in a masculine way. As an air sign, Gemini is intellectual, communicative, and social. As a dual sign, Gemini is adaptable and embraces change. The twins represent both multiplicity and communication. Gemini expresses multiplicity through his versatility – he is curious, is quick to learn, and can do many things competently. He enjoys communicating his thoughts and feelings with others. Gemini thrives in environments of continuous activity and change. At his best, masculine Gemini seeks to learn and communicate in order to further wholesome social development.

The sign **Cancer** (whose Latin name means 'crab') expresses Moon, which is the feminine luminary. As a water sign, Cancer is emotional, intuitive, and empathetic. As a cardinal sign, Cancer initiates action and creates change. Cancer is caring and protective – she is motivated to create a secure environment for herself and her loved ones. Like a crab clinging to its shell, Cancer is strongly attached to her roots, and she clings to anyone and anything that she finds comfortable and familiar. She takes offense easily and holds on to negativity from past experiences. At her best, feminine Cancer safeguards those who are near and dear.

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The sign **Leo** (whose Latin name means 'lion') expresses Sun, which is the masculine luminary. As a fire sign, Leo is desirous, energetic, and forthright. As a fixed sign, Leo is determined and resistant to change. Like the roaring kingly lion, Leo wants others to take notice of him and to somehow revolve around him. Leo likes things to be done his way, takes pride in his achievements, and seeks due recognition. If he becomes conceited, domineering, or ostentatious, then he loses the goodwill and admiration that he enjoys. At his best, masculine Leo acts nobly and safeguards those for whom he is responsible.

The sign **Virgo** (whose Latin name means 'virgin') expresses Mercury in a feminine way. As an earth sign, Virgo is grounded and focused on material stability. As a dual sign, Virgo is adaptable and embraces change. Virgo has a keen eye for detail, which enables her to approach problems with logic and efficiency. Being analytical and pragmatic, she can adjust to changing circumstances while keeping a focus on detail and order. Like a virgin, Virgo sets high standards for herself. If she sets her expectations too high, then she faces disappointment and a pessimistic outlook on life. On a negative note, Virgo may use calculated thinking to plot against others. At her best, feminine Virgo uses calculated thinking to determine how to make life run more smoothly for everyone.

The sign **Libra** (whose Latin name means 'scales') expresses Venus in a masculine way. As an air sign, Libra is intellectual, communicative, and social. As a cardinal sign, Libra initiates action and creates change. Like the justice scales, Libra seeks balance and harmony. He initiates relationships and partnerships with a diplomatic approach. He may have a difficult time making decisions as he weighs up all the pros and cons. He finds ugliness in people and things distasteful – he seeks to be surrounded by beauty and harmony. At his best, masculine Libra inclines toward justice and strives for fairness in all situations.

The sign **Scorpio** (whose Latin name means 'scorpion') expresses Mars in a feminine way. As a water sign, Scorpio is emotional, intuitive, and empathetic. As a fixed sign, Scorpio is determined and resistant to change. Like a scorpion's claws, Scorpio is tenacious – she tightly holds on to people and things. She takes relationships seriously and is intensely loyal to her friends. Moreover, she carries her goals to fruition with unshakable resolve. Scorpio has a sharp insight that helps her to accurately size up people and things. If she feels threatened, then she is inclined to become angry and vengeful. At her best, feminine Scorpio is driven by a deep sense of purpose, and she is not easily deterred by obstacles or setbacks.

The sign **Sagittarius** (whose Latin name means 'archer') expresses Jupiter in a masculine way. As a fire sign, Sagittarius is desirous, energetic, and forthright. As a dual sign, Sagittarius is adaptable and embraces change. The ancients imagined Sagittarius as a centaur, which is a mythical half-horse and half-man creature. The half-horse represents the need to explore new things. The half-man is an archer who shoots his arrow into the air and then optimistically follows its trail. Sagittarius is adventurous and optimistic – he enjoys exploring new ideas, new experiences, and new philosophies. At his best, masculine Sagittarius is not afraid to go beyond his comfort zone and to take risks in order to achieve worthy goals.

The sign **Capricorn** (whose Latin name means 'horned goat') expresses Saturn in a feminine way. As an earth sign, Capricorn is grounded and focused on material stability. As a cardinal sign,

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Capricorn initiates action and creates change. Capricorn is ambitious and success-driven – she seeks social accomplishment through her goals and long-term plans. Like a mountain goat, Capricorn climbs cautiously to the summit of success, leaving behind those who are less resolute. If she gets absorbed in her pursuits, then she tends to become unconcerned about anyone and anything perceived as inconsequential to her success. At her best, feminine Capricorn is diligent – she gives steady, meticulous attention to ongoing tasks.

The sign **Aquarius** (whose Latin name means 'water-bearer') expresses Saturn in a masculine way. As an air sign, Aquarius is intellectual, communicative, and social. As a fixed sign, Aquarius is fixed in his ideals and is often resistant to following conventional rules. The ancients imagined Aquarius as a person who is carrying life-giving waters and pouring them over the earth. Aquarius desires to make a positive impact on the world, and he thinks often about how to improve people's lives. He works well in groups, but he may have difficulty being intimate one-on-one. At his best, masculine Aquarius is unselfish and makes improvements for the common good.

The sign **Pisces** (whose Latin name means 'fishes') expresses Jupiter in a feminine way. As a water sign, Pisces is emotional, intuitive, and empathetic. As a dual sign, Pisces is adaptable and embraces change. The ancients imagined Pisces as two fishes swimming in opposite directions, representing emotional versatility. Pisces is compassionate and intuitive – she can easily empathize with others, adapting to emotional shifts with ease. She is compassionate and tends to see the best in others. If others abuse her kindheartedness, then she may develop a victim mentality in which she perceives herself as being constantly wronged or powerless over her circumstances. At her best, feminine Pisces is resilient and shows kindly concern for others.

We say that two signs are **opposite signs** if each one is 6 neighbors away from the other. Aries and Libra are opposite signs. Taurus and Scorpio are opposite signs. Gemini and Sagittarius are opposite signs. Cancer and Capricorn are opposite signs. Leo and Aquarius are opposite signs. Virgo and Pisces are opposite signs.

1.4 Sun's daily cycle and the angles

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The notion of a time period called 'a day' is tied to Earth's daily rotation about its line of poles. From the point of view of an earthbound observer, Earth remains at rest while the surrounding celestial sphere and everything on it (including the zodiacal belt) rotate about its line of poles (which is the same as Earth's line of poles). Consequently, as seen from Earth, each planet, sign, and fixed star rises in the east, culminates above the horizon, sets in the west, and anti-culminates below the horizon. This apparent rising, culminating, setting, and anti-culminating of planets, signs, and fixed stars is called **primary motion**, and it is associated with Earth's axial rotation.

The **local horizon** is the local plane at which Earth's surface and the sky appear to meet. If we parallel-transport this plane until it meets Earth's center, then we get the **geocentric horizon**. In astrology, we are considering distant celestial bodies, and so the difference between the local and geocentric horizons is negligible. The intersection of the geocentric horizon with Earth is a great

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circle. The **horizon circle** is the projection of this great circle onto the celestial sphere. From here onward, we will take the noun 'horizon' to refer to the horizon circle.

Four important points of Sun's daily journey are the **sunrise point** (that is, Sun's location at sunrise), the **noon point** (that is, Sun's location at noon), the **sunset point** (that is, Sun's location at sunset), and the **midnight point** (that is, Sun's location at midnight). Here we take sunrise to be the instant when Sun meets the eastern part of the observer's horizon. Similarly, we take sunset to be the instant when Sun meets the western part of the observer's horizon. The sunset point is opposite the sunrise point. Here we take noon to be the instant when Sun meets the observer's **meridian** (that is, the projection of the local geographic longitudinal line onto the celestial sphere), thereby reaching its highest position above the horizon on that day and casting the shortest shadow. In this regard, we take midnight to be the instant when it is noon at the opposite end of Earth. The midnight point is opposite the noon point.

In astrology, the sunrise point is called the **Ascendant**, and the sunset point is called the **Descendant**. Each of these points is an intersection between the ecliptic and the horizon. In astrology, the noon point is called the **Midheaven** (or **Medium Coeli**, meaning 'middle of the sky'), and the midnight point is called the **Imum Coeli** (meaning 'bottom of the sky'). Each of these points is an intersection between the ecliptic and the meridian. The Ascendant, the Descendant, the Midheaven, and the Imum Coeli are collectively called the **angles**.

On page 109 of his book *Flash of the Spirit*, art historian and writer Robert Farris Thompson[2] speaks about the Kongo cosmogram called the **yowa cross**. This cross involves a horizontal line that intersects a vertical line. There is a small disk at each end of both lines. Thompson states that "the four disks at the points of the cross stand for the four moments of the sun", which are the four angles. Thompson states that "the horizontal line divides the mountain of the living world from its mirrored counterpart in the kingdom of the dead." Regarding the vertical line, Thompson states that:

> The summit of the pattern symbolizes not only noon but also maleness, north, and the peak of a person's strength on earth. Correspondingly, the bottom equals midnight, femaleness, south, the highest point of a person's otherworldly strength.

In traditional African cultures, one reaches the peak of one's otherworldly strength whenever one becomes an honorable ancestor.

Let's use knowledge from the *yowa* cross as a starting point for coming to an astrological interpretation of the four angles. The horizon is the dividing line between masculine and feminine areas of life. Masculine energy is centrifugal, expansive, or externalizing. Feminine energy is centripetal, contractive, or internalizing. The Ascendant (the sunrise point) represents one's entry into the physical world, which involves bodily life (that is, the incarnation of one's immortal essence into a mortal body). Here one leaves the feminine spirit world and enters the masculine physical world. The Descendant (the sunset point) represents one's exit from the physical world, which involves bodily death. Here one leaves the masculine physical world and enters the feminine spirit world. The Midheaven (the noon point) represents making it to the top in earthly life. Here one gains prestige (that is, high status that is achieved through success, influence, or

[2] Thompson, Robert Farris, Vintage Books (1984), ISBN-10: 0394723694, ISBN-13: 978-0394723693.

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other favorable attributes). The Imum Coeli (the midnight point) represents ancestral lineage and traditions. Those who live righteous and truthful lives in the physical world are on the way to becoming honorable ancestors, thereby making it to the top in the spirit world.

In traditional astrology, the local sky (above and below the horizon) is divided into twelve sectors called **houses**. Each astrological house refers to some subset of areas of human life. The 1st through 6th Houses lie below the horizon, and they refer to areas of one's life that are somewhat private. The 7th through 12th Houses lie above the horizon, and they refer to areas of one's life that are somewhat public.

The Ascendant-Descendant (or horizon) axis is the boundary between the upper sky (which contains the Midheaven) and the lower sky (which contains the Imum Coeli). The Medium-Imum Coeli (or meridian) axis is the boundary between the eastern sky (which contains the Ascendant) and the western sky (which contains the Descendant). A **quadrant-house system** uses the horizon and meridian axes to divide the local sky into four quadrants, each containing three houses. The varying angular sizes of these quadrants result in houses of unequal angular size. The **cusp** of a house is the dividing line that marks the beginning of that house. In a quadrant-house system, the Ascendant is the 1st-House cusp, the Descendant is the 7th-House cusp, the Midheaven is the 10th-House cusp, and the Imum Coeli is the 4th-House cusp. The locations of other house cusps depend on how the quadrant-house system is defined.

A quadrant house is said to be **angular** if its cusp is one of the angles (that is, the Ascendant, the Descendant, the Midheaven, and the Imum Coeli). Therefore, the 1st, 4th, 7th, and 10th Houses are angular. A quadrant house is said to be **succedent** if it succeeds (that is, comes next in numerical order after) an angular house. Therefore, the 2nd, 5th, 8th, and 11th Houses are succedent. A quadrant house is said to be **cadent** (that is, declining) if it immediately precedes an angular house. Therefore, the 3rd, 6th, 9th, and 12th Houses are cadent.

In executing primary motion, a planet moves through the houses in descending numerical order. Regarding primary motion, consider the following principle:

> **The principle of angularity:** As primary motion brings a planet toward an angle, the planet's ability to achieve its agenda (that is, things to get done) increases. As primary motion takes a planet away from an angle, the planet's ability to achieve its agenda decreases.

As primary motion brings a planet in a succedent house toward an angle, the planet achieves its agenda at a relatively good pace. In an angular house, the planet achieves its agenda quickly. As primary motion takes a planet in a cadent house away from an angle, the planet achieves its agenda at a very slow pace or not at all.

1.5 The twelve houses

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Here we will explore the 12 astrological houses as they come to us from the Hellenistic tradition of astrology. This tradition uses the notion of **planetary joys**, which says that each classical planet has an affinity for a particular house where it feels most comfortable.

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TABLE 1.5a: The astrological houses

House	Areas of Life
1st	**Bodily life or bodily health:** Self-identity; the physical body and its health; the physical vehicle of travel and its condition; well-being; the querent (in horary astrology); the native (in natal astrology).
2nd	**Supportive persons or things:** Food, money, and portable property; helpful people on whom one can rely.
3rd	**Early development:** Early education; basic know-how; siblings; relatives; community; neighbors; short-distance travel.
4th	**Roots and home:** Ancestors; parents; upbringing; the house and other landed property; comfort and security; underground places; being gravebound.
5th	**Children and personal interests:** Offspring; fertility and pregnancy; recreational activities; overdoing pleasure; representatives of one's personal affairs.
6th	**Sickness and servitude:** Acute illness; stress; being subject to unwholesome influences; being of service to others; subordinates; employees; small animals.

TABLES 1.5a and 1.5b present some meanings of the various houses. Note that the information in these tables usually refers to one's own self. For example, the 3rd-House item 'siblings' refers to one's own siblings, not someone else's siblings.

The **1st House** takes after the Ascendant (the sunrise point), which represents bodily life (and by extension, bodily health). In the Hellenistic tradition, the 1st House is called the 'helm', which is the part of a ship from which it is steered. The 1st House refers to self-identity, which is the set of characteristics by which a person or thing is recognizable or known. One's self-identity involves one's persona, which is the vehicle of personality (that is, characteristic way of thinking, feeling, and behaving) through which one navigates earthly life. The 1st House refers to one's physical body (and by extension, any physical vehicle in which one travels), which is the 'ship' that one steers through the physical world. The 1st House refers to one's well-being (that is, state of being happy, healthy, and prosperous). The 1st House is Mercury's joy. Mercury is versatile (that is, capable of doing many things competently), and so it rejoices in the diversity of human individuality.

In the Hellenistic tradition, the **2nd House** is called 'the place of livelihood', which refers to one's means of maintaining one's physical existence. The 2nd House refers to supportive persons or things, which are one's resources (that is, sources of aid or support that can be readily drawn from when needed). These resources are food (as sustenance), money, transportable possessions, and helpful people on whom one can rely.

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TABLE 1.5b: The astrological houses

House	Areas of Life
7th	**Partnerships and oppositions:** Romantic partners; marriage; contractual partners; transactional relationships; divine cooperation; someone else; opponents; bodily death or bodily harm.
8th	**Death and another's resources:** Bodily death; an ending that facilitates transformation; life-threatening situations; dealing with another's passing; inheritances; debts; gaining or losing via another's efforts.
9th	**Higher development:** Religion/spirituality; magic; higher education; professional know-how; long-distance travel; foreign countries or foreign people.
10th	**Making it to the top:** One's calling or career; achieving something significant; gaining prestige; head persons; being on top of a situation; high places.
11th	**Friends and benefactors:** Friends; social activities; comrades and shared interests; help from others; fulfilling one's hopes.
12th	**Unpleasant limitations:** Trying situations; chronic illness; self-undoing; hidden enemies; hexing; confinement; large animals.

In the Hellenistic tradition, the **3rd House** is called 'the place of motherly God'. The 3rd House refers to early development. Man's ability to learn and to change is based on trance, which is feminine (that is, internalizing) in nature. Trance is a state of heightened receptivity in which beliefs, images, and words become empowered to create or undo habits. Early education involves reading, writing, and arithmetic, and it aims at developing one's basic knowledge and skills. Learning involves interacting with others. Interacting with relatives (that is, people to whom one is connected by heredity, adoption, or marriage) helps to build one's sense of community (that is, a sense of "one for all and all for one"). Eventually one begins interacting with others, which involves travel within one's neighborhood or to nearby regions. The 3rd House is Moon's joy. Moon is the energy associated with Man's trance ability.

The **4th House** takes after the Imum Coeli (the midnight point), which represents ancestral lineage, traditions, and remembrance. In the Hellenistic tradition, the 4th House is called 'the underground place', which refers to the Imum Coeli as Sun's bottommost point below the horizon. The 4th House refers to roots and home. The roots of a plant are its underground section that serves as its support and through which it draws nutrients from the surrounding soil. One's roots are one's ancestral guardians in the 'underground' spirit realm. One's immediate roots are one's parents, who are responsible for one's upbringing (that is, the care and training that one receives during a formative period). At best, one's upbringing leads to one becoming an accepted member of a community. The house where one's family lives is where the family 'puts down roots' (that is,

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makes its home), where one expects comfort and security. The 4th House refers to underground places, such as wells, graves, and buried treasures. In this regard, the 4th House can refer to being gravebound (that is, headed for bodily death).

In the Hellenistic tradition, the **5th House** is called 'the place of good fortune' in relation to Man's physical body. The 5th House refers to children and personal interests (that is, activities that one pursues for enjoyment and satisfaction). Fertility and pregnancy are necessary for having children. Recreational activities (such as sex, entertainment, hobbies, sports, and theatres) restore one's spirits by enjoyment and relaxation, thereby helping one to feel childlike. Ambassadors and similar representatives are others who negotiate on behalf of one's personal interests. The 5th House is Venus's joy. Venus intrinsically represents affection, enjoyment, attractive power, and harmony, and it is the energy associated with Man's imagination.

In the Hellenistic tradition, the **6th House** is called 'the place of bad fortune' in relation to Man's physical body. The 6th House refers to sickness and servitude. Acute (that is, short-term and severe) illness is referred to here. Physical or mental stress often leads to illness. 'Unwholesome influences' not only refer to things that are detrimental to physical or mental health, but also to things that are morally harmful. On a negative note, the noun 'servitude' refers to the ill condition of being forced to serve another person. On a positive note, the noun phrase 'being of service' refers to voluntarily offering help to others. Subordinates are those of a lower rank, who are subject to the authority of a superior. Small animals (up to the size of a goat) are more easily domesticated, thereby becoming subordinates in one's household. The 6th House is Mars's joy. The aggressive nature of Mars is on full display here.

We say that two houses are opposite houses if each one is 6 houses ahead (or equivalently 6 houses behind) the other. For example, the 1st and 7th Houses are opposite each other. Note that one meaning of the adjective 'opposite' is 'being the other of two complementary things'. In this regard, opposite houses are two halves of a whole.

The **7th House** takes after the Descendant (the sunset point), which represents bodily death (and by extension, bodily harm). In the Hellenistic tradition, the 7th House is called 'the setting place', which refers to the Descendant as the point where Sun sets. The Descendant's meaning of death is usually taken here in the figurative sense of dying to a life of 'me' in order to be reborn to a life of 'we'. The 7th House refers to partnerships, which are agreements in which parties cooperate to further mutual interests. Matters of love involve romantic partnerships. A spouse is one's partner in marriage. A contract is a formal agreement between parties entering into a partnership. In a transactional relationship, each party does things for the other, expecting to get something in return. Divine cooperation involves partnering with the divine realm (that is, the abode of Creator God, ministerial divine entities, and honorable ancestors). In *Ifá* (a traditional African spiritual system), there is the notion that the *ẹgbẹ́* (comrades of the spirit world) are the *bọ̀rọ̀kìnní ọ̀run* (respectable persons of the spirit world) who will not let *bọ̀rọ̀kìnní ayé* (respectable persons of earth) fall into disgrace.

Because the 7th House is opposite the 1st House, it takes on some opposite meanings. While the 1st House refers to oneself, the 7th House refers to someone else. This 'someone else' is sometimes an opponent (that is, someone who acts contrarily to one's interests or welfare). The

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Descendant's meaning of death can sometimes be taken literally. While the 1st House refers to bodily life or bodily health, the 7th House refers to bodily death or bodily harm.

In the Hellenistic tradition, the **8th House** is called 'the inactive place', which we will take to refer to death as the permanent end of some type of activity. The 8th House refers to death. Whether taken literally or figuratively, death is an ending that facilitates transformation. Because the 8th House is opposite the 2nd House, it takes on some opposite meanings. While the 2nd House refers to one's own resources, the 8th House refers to someone else's resources, which may be an inheritance (which is something inherited as a result of someone else's bodily death) or one's own debts (which are what one owes another). By extension, the 8th House refers to gaining or losing via another's efforts.

In the Hellenistic tradition, the **9th House** is called 'the place of fatherly God'. The 9th House refers to higher development. Religion/spirituality is a means to spiritual elevation. Magic is the use of incantations and suitable materials to invoke spiritual energies to influence events. Higher education aims at developing one's know-how with regard to some type of profession, at the end of which is some type of certification. Travel broadens the mind, and long-distance travel exposes one to foreign countries and foreign people. Religion/spirituality, higher education, and long-distance travel call one to expand the range of their knowledge, experience, and interest. The 9th House is Sun's joy. Sun is nobly expressed whenever one asserts oneself with dignity by using one's will to rise above course and unsavory things.

The **10th House** takes after the Midheaven (the noon point), which represents making it to the top in earthly life. In the Hellenistic tradition, the 10th House is called 'the place at the top', which refers to the Midheaven as Sun's topmost point above the horizon. The 10th House refers to 'making it to the top' (that is, reaching a position of prominence). One's vocation is an occupation (that is, something to which one devotes time and energy) that could be a calling (that is, a pursuit to which one is drawn) or a career (that is, a chosen pursuit). Through one's vocation, one achieves something significant and gains prestige. A head person is at the top in that they are in charge of someone/something. Being on top of a situation means to be in full control of it. The 10th House can refer to high places, such as mountains, roofs, and a building's upper floors.

In the Hellenistic tradition, the **11th House** is called 'the place of good spirit', which refers to goodwill (that is, an attitude of kindly interest). The 11th House refers to friends and benefactors. One's friends take a kindly interest in one's life and offer their help. Shared interests can bring people together as comrades. Goodwill from the divine realm leads to the fulfillment of one's hopes (that is, things that are wished for and considered possible). The 11th House is Jupiter's joy. Jupiter is the energy associated with Man's moral sense, through which one has the noble-mindedness that is necessary to be morally upright, to judge rightly, and to exhibit loving-kindness.

In the Hellenistic tradition, the **12th House** is called 'the place of bad spirit'. The 12th House refers to unpleasant limitations. One's trying situations subject them to difficulties that test their character and resiliency. On page 96 of his book *Maat, the 11 Laws of God*, Ra Un Nefer Amen [3] says: "… as long as you are anything less than the vehicle of God, you will go through experiences

[3] Ra Un Nefer Amen, Kamit Publications (2003), ISBN-10: 1930097751, ISBN-13: 978-1930097759.

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that will make you suffer as spurs to your spiritual realization." Therefore, on the path of spiritual ascension, one will experience trials and tribulations.

Here is more on unpleasant limitations. Chronic (that is, long-term) illness works against good health. Self-undoing involves actions that have negative consequences for the person doing them. Hidden enemies are people and things that work against one's well-being without one being aware of it. A hex is an incantation that is aimed at bringing bad luck to someone. Hospitals, prisons, and other places of confinement keep people or things within specific bounds and allow limited access. The 12th House is Saturn's joy. The restrictive nature of Saturn is on full display here.

Because the 12th House is opposite the 6th House, it takes on an opposite meaning. While the 6th House refers to small animals (up to the size of a goat), the 12th House refers to large animals (beyond the size of a goat).

IMPORTANT COMMENTS: A house can take on a derived meaning that is based on its position relative to another house. For example, consider the 7th House, which refers to one's spouse. We may view one's 7th House as the spouse's 1st House. It follows that one's 8th House is the spouse's 2nd House, thereby referring to the spouse's resources. Moreover, one's 9th House is the spouse's 3rd House (the spouse's siblings), one's 10th House is the spouse's 4th House (the spouse's parents), and so on. In this regard, the spouse's houses are called **derived houses**.

1.6 The astrological chart

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TABLE 1.6 presents the sign longitude of each classical planet, according to the sidereal zodiac, as observed at my time and place of birth. A planet's **sign longitude** is the zodiacal sign in which it appears, together with its **sign degree** (that is, its numerical degree within its hosting sign). The *ayanāṃśa* here is 23° 13′ 14″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra.

TABLE 1.6: My natal astrological information

	Planet	Sign Longitude	Motion
Aakhut Em Bak Tuesday, 08 March 1955 11:15 CST 17:15 UTC Chicago, IL latitude 41° 51′ N longitude 87° 39′ W Sidereal Zodiac	Sun	Aquarius 24° 08′ 37″	direct
	Moon	Leo 24° 55′ 32″	direct
	Mercury	Capricorn 26° 49′ 06″	direct
	Venus	Capricorn 11° 15′ 04″	direct
	Mars	Aries 13° 57′ 47″	direct
	Jupiter	Gemini 26° 46′ 03″	retrograde
	Saturn	Libra 27° 54′ 33″	retrograde
	The Ascendant (Asc) is at Gemini 06° 24′ 11″. The Midheaven (MC) is at Aquarius 11° 40′ 06″.		

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TABLE 1.6 also presents the motion of each planet as seen from Earth. A planet is said to be in **direct motion** if it appears to move forward along the zodiac. A planet is said to be in **retrograde motion** if it appears to move backward along the zodiac. A planet is said to be **stationing** if it appears to be standing still, which occurs when it transitions between direct and retrograde motion.

FIGURE 1.6: My natal chart

WS12 TA	Ma 13:57 (PC12) 28:09 WS11 AR	(PC11) 19:54 WS10 PI	(PC10) 11:40 Su 24:08 WS9 AQ	Ve 11:15 (PC9) 19:54 Me 26:49 WS8 CP
(PC1) 06:24 Ju 26:46 R (PC2) 28:09 WS1 GE	**Aakhut Em Bak** Natal Chart (Sidereal Zodiac) Tuesday, 08 MAR 1955 at 11:15 CST Chicago, IL (41° 51′ N; 87° 39′ W)			(PC7) 06:24 (PC8) 28:09 WS7 SA
(PC3) 19:54 WS2 CN	(PC4) 11:40 Mo 24:55 WS3 LE	(PC5) 19:54 WS4 VI	Sa 27:54 R (PC6) 28:09 WS5 LI	WS6 SC

There are many ways of dividing the local sky into 12 houses. In this book, we will be using the sidereal zodiac, Porphyry houses primarily, and whole-sign houses secondarily. As a quadrant-house system, the **Porphyry house system** uses the horizon and meridian axes to divide the sky into four quadrants, each containing three houses. Moreover, the three Porphyry houses within a given quadrant are equal in angular expanse. The **whole-sign house system** is an ecliptic-based house system in which each house is tied to a single sign.

Regarding the Porphyry house system, we will be using the denotation 'PH*n*' to mean 'Porphyry House *n*' and the denotation 'PC*n*' to refer to its cusp. Note that the angles are PC1 (the Ascendant), PC4 (the Imum Coeli), PC7 (the Descendant), and PC10 (the Midheaven). The even-numbered, nonangular house cusps (that is, PC2, PC6, PC8, and PC12) have the same sign degree. Moreover, the odd-numbered, nonangular house cusps (that is, PC3, PC5, PC9, and PC11) have the same sign degree.

Regarding the whole-sign house system, we will be using the denotation 'WS*n*' to mean 'whole-sign House *n*'. In the whole-sign house system, WS1 is tied to the **rising sign** (that is, the sign of the Ascendant), WS7 is tied to the sign of the Descendant, but WS10 and WS4 are not always tied respectively to the signs of the Midheaven and the Imum Coeli.

The natal chart of FIGURE 1.6 presents my natal information of TABLE 1.6. As an example of how we will be combining Porphyry and whole-sign houses, consider Mercury (at Capricorn 26° 59′)

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in my natal chart. In terms of Porphyry houses, Mercury is in PH9, which extends from Capricorn 19° 54′ up to Aquarius 11° 40′. In terms of whole-sign houses, Mercury is in Capricorn WS8. Therefore, Mercury lies in the intersection of PH9 and Capricorn WS8. This means that Mercury refers to someone/something that carries a 9th-House meaning with an 8th-House nuance.

Regarding the astrological charts in this book, I have designed the rectangular-chart framework to mimic the circular-chart framework used by many astrologers. The houses appear in ascending numerical order as we go counterclockwise in the chart. More specifically, WS12 always appears in the upper left-hand corner, WS2 always appears in the lower left-hand corner, WS6 always appears in the lower right-hand corner, and WS8 always appears in the upper right-hand corner. Note that as we go counterclockwise in the chart, we go forward along the zodiac.

An astrological chart is a visual representation that is related to Sun's daily and yearly cycles. Firstly, the division of the local sky into 12 houses is related to Sun's daily cycle of primary motion. In this regard, suppose that we (at a fixed location) were to compare various astrological charts, all for the same day, but for different times of day. As the hours go forward in time, we would see chart-wise that Sun changes its house location in descending numerical order. More specifically, Sun rises in the east at the Ascendant (PC1), culminates at the Midheaven (PC10), sets in the west at the Descendant (PC7), and anti-culminates at the Imum Coeli (PC4).

Secondly, the division of the zodiac into 12 signs is related to Sun's yearly cycle of secondary motion. In this regard, suppose that we (at a fixed location) were to compare various astrological charts, all for the same time of day, but for different days. As the days go forward in time, we would see chart-wise that Sun moves forward through the signs, which implies that it changes its house location in ascending numerical order.

IMPORTANT COMMENTS: The astrological charts in this book are based on data provided by the websites Astrodienst (https://www.astro.com/horoscope) and Astro-Seek.com (https://www.astro-seek.com).

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2. Some Notions

2.1 Ecliptic coordinates

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From the point of view of an earthbound observer, the ecliptic is Sun's annual path along the celestial sphere. This path is nearly a great circle. The plane of the ecliptic is inclined at a slowly varying angle (currently about 23° 26′ 09″) relative to the celestial equatorial plane (which is the same as Earth's equatorial plane). The line of intersection between these planes passes through Earth's center, and it connects the March and September equinox points.

The **ecliptic coordinate system** enables us to specify the location of any point of the celestial sphere in terms of pertinent values of longitude and latitude. **Ecliptic longitude** is essentially angular distance measured along the ecliptic, going from 0° to 360° as we go eastward from Aries 0°. **Ecliptic latitude** is angular distance (along the celestial sphere) from the ecliptic, going from 0° to $+90°$ as we go perpendicularly northward and going from 0° to $-90°$ as we go perpendicularly southward.

Table 2.1: Sign and ecliptic longitudes

Sign Longitude	Ecliptic Longitude
Aries 0°	0°
Taurus 0°	30°
Gemini 0°	60°
Cancer 0°	90°
Leo 0°	120°
Virgo 0°	150°

Sign Longitude	Ecliptic Longitude
Libra 0°	180°
Scorpio 0°	210°
Sagittarius 0°	240°
Capricorn 0°	270°
Aquarius 0°	300°
Pisces 0°	330°

In the tropical zodiac, Aries 0° is the March equinox point. As a result of Earth's axial precession, the equinoxes slowly move westward along the ecliptic (that is, backward along the zodiac). Consequently, tropical Aries 0° is usually not the same as sidereal Aries 0°. The angular difference between sidereal Aries 0° and tropical Aries 0° is called the **ayanāṃśa**. Adding the *ayanāṃśa* to a sidereal ecliptic longitude yields its equivalent tropical ecliptic longitude. Note that Earth's axial precession does not affect ecliptic latitude, and so the tropical ecliptic latitude equals the sidereal ecliptic latitude.

We will be using the *ayanāṃśa* called 'True Chitrā 0° Libra', which is based on taking the fixed star *Chitrā* (Spica) to always be at sidereal Libra 0°. Consequently, sidereal Aries 0° is longitudinally opposite *Chitrā*.

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TABLE 2.1 shows how ecliptic longitude is related to sign longitude. As an example, suppose that Moon has a sign longitude of Leo 24° 55′. From the table, we find that Leo 0° has an ecliptic longitude of 120°. It follows that Moon's ecliptic longitude here is $120° + 24°\,55' = 144°\,55'$.

Sun's ecliptic latitude is 0° exactly. For each of the other planets, the ecliptic latitude varies along the zodiacal belt between some extreme negative (southern) value and some extreme positive (northern) value.

2.2 Degree-based aspects

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An **aspect** between two astrological entities exists whenever the difference between their ecliptic longitudes is in the vicinity of some signature value carrying astrological meaning.

TABLE 2.2a: Aspects

Aspect	Separation	Type	Interaction
Conjunction	0°	major	soft or hard
Duodecile	30°	minor	hard
Sextile	60°	major	soft
Square	90°	major	hard
Trine	120°	major	soft
Quincunx	150°	minor	hard
Opposition	180°	major	hard

TABLE 2.2b: Strength of planetary aspects

Inexactness	Aspect Strength
from 05° to 07°	strong
from 03° to 05°	stronger
from 00° to 03°	strongest

TABLE 2.2a presents the signature separations for aspects that each involve an integer multiple of 30°. An aspect is said to be exact when it has its signature value. For an aspect between planets, we will follow astrologer Mychal A. Bryan by taking the margin of inexactness to be 07° in order for the aspect to be valid. See TABLE 2.2b for pertinent details.

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Aspects show interactions between astrological entities. An aspect is either 'soft' or 'hard'. A **soft aspect** indicates a harmonious relationship between the two entities in question. For a soft aspect, little or no effort must be made for the two entities to cooperate (that is, to work together for a common purpose). A **hard aspect** indicates an inharmonious relationship between the two entities in question. For a hard aspect, suitable effort must be made for the two entities to cooperate.

A **conjunction** is a major aspect that is formed whenever two entities are about 0° apart longitudinally. It usually involves two entities that have almost the same degree in the same sign. A conjunction is a blending of the agendas of the two entities involved, and it is soft or hard according to the degree of compatibility between the two agendas.

A **duodecile** (or **semi-sextile**) is a minor aspect that is formed whenever two entities are about 30° apart longitudinally. It usually involves two entities that have almost the same sign degree in signs that are next-door neighbors. The two signs of a duodecile have different genders, different elements, and different modalities. Element-wise, they involve duos of lesser compatible elements. Fire and air do not work so well with earth and water. The difference of gender, element, and modality, together with the lesser compatibility of elements, indicate that the two entities share no common ground (that is, shared beliefs or interests) thereby making this aspect hard. Nevertheless, this aspect involves next-door neighbors, and so the two entities can potentially build common ground by thinking creatively and making suitable adaptations.

A **sextile** is a major aspect that is formed whenever two entities are about 60° apart longitudinally. It usually involves two entities that have almost the same sign degree in signs that are two neighbors away from each other. The two signs of a sextile have the same gender, but different elements and different modalities. Element-wise, they are either a fire-air duo or an earth-water duo. Fire and air support each other; earth and water support each other. The sameness of gender and the compatibility of elements indicate that the two entities share substantial common ground, thereby making this aspect soft.

A **square** is a major aspect that is formed whenever two entities are about 90° apart longitudinally. It usually involves two entities that have almost the same sign degree in signs that are three neighbors away from each other. The two signs of a square have different genders and different elements, but the same modality. Element-wise, they involve duos of lesser compatible elements. The sameness of modality, together with the difference of gender and lesser compatibility of elements, indicate that the two entities share little common ground, thereby making this aspect hard. A square often indicates a call for one entity to bring its agenda into line with the agenda of the other entity.

A **trine** is a major aspect that is formed whenever two entities are about 120° apart longitudinally. It usually involves two entities that have almost the same sign degree in signs that are four neighbors away from each other. The two signs of a trine have the same gender, the same element, but different modalities. The sameness of gender and element indicates that the two entities share substantial common ground, thereby making this aspect soft.

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A **quincunx** is a minor aspect that is formed whenever two entities are about 150° apart longitudinally. It usually involves two entities that have almost the same sign degree in signs that are five neighbors away from each other. The two signs of a quincunx have different genders, different elements, and different modalities. Element-wise, they involve duos of lesser compatible elements. The difference of gender, element, and modality and the lesser compatibility of elements indicate that the two entities share no common ground, thereby making this aspect hard.

An **opposition** is a major aspect that is formed whenever two entities are about 180° apart longitudinally. It usually involves two entities that have almost the same sign degree in signs that are six neighbors away from each other. The two signs of an opposition have the same gender, compatible elements, and the same modality. The adjective 'opposite' can mean 'being the other of two complementary things' or 'being contrary to one's interests or welfare'. In this regard, the two entities here are two halves that are somehow not acting as the whole that they are meant to be, and so an opposition indicates a call to harmonize these two competing interests.

Regarding aspects, consider the following principle:

> **The principle of overcoming:** Whenever two planets are configured according to a sextile, square, or trine, the planet lying at the configuration's zodiacal rear dominates the aspect between the two planets.

The dominant planet is said to 'overcome' (that is, prevail over) the other planet.

FIGURE 2.2: My natal chart again

WS12 TA	Ma 13:57 (PC12) 28:09 WS11 AR	(PC11) 19:54 WS10 PI	(PC10) 11:40 Su 24:08 WS9 AQ	Ve 11:15 (PC9) 19:54 Me 26:49 WS8 CP
(PC1) 06:24 Ju 26:46 R (PC2) 28:09 WS1 GE	**Aakhut Em Bak** Natal Chart (Sidereal Zodiac) Tuesday, 08 MAR 1955 at 11:15 CST Chicago, IL (41° 51′ N; 87° 39′ W)			(PC7) 06:24 (PC8) 28:09 WS7 SA
(PC3) 19:54 WS2 CN	(PC4) 11:40 Mo 24:55 WS3 LE	(PC5) 19:54 WS4 VI	Sa 27:54 R (PC6) 28:09 WS5 LI	WS6 SC

FIGURE 2.2 presents my natal chart according to the sidereal zodiac. The major planet-to-planet aspects in my natal chart are the Moon-Jupiter sextile, the Moon-Saturn sextile, the Mercury-Saturn square, the Venus-Mars square, the Sun-Jupiter trine, the Sun-Saturn trine, the Jupiter-

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Saturn trine, and the Moon-Sun opposition. The minor planet-to-planet aspects in my natal chart are the Moon-Mercury quincunx and the Mercury-Jupiter quincunx.

For learning purposes, let's see why Moon (at Leo 24° 55′) and Saturn (at Libra 27° 54′) form a sextile in my natal chart. Firstly, Moon and Saturn have almost the same sign degree in signs that are two neighbors away from each other. Secondly, the difference between their sign degrees is $27° 54' - 24° 55' = 02° 59'$, which does not exceed 07° (our margin of inexactness). That's it!

Here is another way to see why there is a sextile here. Firstly, in terms of ecliptic longitudes, Moon is at 144° 55′ and Saturn is at 207° 54′. Secondly, the difference between their ecliptic longitudes is $207° 54' - 144° 55' = 62° 59'$. Thirdly, the deviation of this difference from the sextile signature value is $62° 59' - 60° = 02° 59'$, which does not exceed 07° (our margin of inexactness).

In my Moon-Saturn sextile, Moon lies earlier in zodiacal order because Leo comes before Libra. According to the principle of overcoming, Moon overcomes Saturn here. Therefore, Moon is the chief influence in the aspect.

In dealing with aspects, we will be using the notion of **aspect copies**. According to this notion, each planet longitudinally projects a virtual copy of itself to points that are at 30°, 60°, 90°, 120°, 150°, and 180° away. Each aspect copy at 30° away has duodecile qualities, each aspect copy at 60° away has sextile qualities, each aspect copy at 90° away has square qualities, and so on.

For learning purposes, let's consider the sextile relationship between Moon (at Leo 24° 55′) and Saturn (at Libra 27° 54′) in my natal chart. Moon longitudinally projects a sextile copy to Libra 24° 55′, and so Saturn experiences the sextile as a conjunction in Libra between Moon's sextile copy and itself. Moreover, Saturn longitudinally projects a sextile copy to Leo 27° 54′, and so Moon experiences the sextile as a conjunction in Leo between itself and Saturn's sextile copy.

An angle (that is, the Ascendant, the Descendant, the Midheaven, or the Imum Coeli) does not project aspect copies. Therefore, whenever there is an aspect between a planet and an angle, the planet is making the aspect to the angle. For such an aspect, we will take the margin of inexactness to be 07° in order for the aspect to be valid.

We may extend the notion of aspects to signs and houses. As an example of a sign-based aspect, two signs have a trine relationship if each one is four neighbors away from the other. As an example of a house-based aspect, two houses have a square relationship if each one is three neighbors away from the other.

2.3 Exact and close aspects

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Regarding angular separation, an aspect is either exact or close. Practically speaking, an **exact aspect** occurs when the two entities in question share the same degree, minute, and second of arc in their respective signs according to the aspect's definition. A **close aspect** occurs when the two

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entities in question deviate from the aspect's signature angular separation within the margin of inexactness.

A close aspect is said to be **applying** if the pertinent angular separation is decreasing toward the signature value. The model applying aspect involves a direct-motion planet that has a lower sign degree than a slower entity. In this case, the planet's aspect copy is moving toward the slower entity. Here we say that the faster planet is applying to an aspect with the slower entity. An applying aspect becomes more potent as it approaches exactness.

A close aspect is said to be **separating** if the pertinent angular separation is increasing from the signature value. The model separating aspect involves a direct-motion planet that has a higher sign degree than a slower entity. In this case, the planet's aspect copy is moving away from the slower planet. Here we say that the faster planet is separating from an aspect with the slower entity. A separating aspect becomes less potent as the aspect leaves exactness.

If the faster planet is applying to or separating from a slower entity that is ahead of it in the zodiac, then the aspect is said to be **sinister**. If the faster planet is applying to or separating from a slower entity that is behind it in the zodiac, then the aspect is said to be **dexter**.

TABLE 2.3: Average longitudinal angular speeds

Planet	Angular Speed
Saturn	00° 02′ 01″ per day
Jupiter	00° 04′ 59″ per day
Mars	00° 31′ 27″ per day
Sun	00° 59′ 08″ per day
Venus	01° 12′ 00″ per day
Mercury	01° 23′ 00″ per day
Moon	13° 10′ 35″ per day

TABLE 2.3 presents the average longitudinal angular speed of each classical planet as it undergoes secondary motion along the celestial sphere. Arranged from slowest to fastest, these planets are: Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Sun, Venus, Mercury, and Moon. This speed hierarchy is called the **Chaldean order** of planets, and it may be used to determine whether an aspect is applying or separating.

In the *Tajika* tradition of astrology (which is a blending of Indian and Perso-Arabic astrological traditions), applying and separating aspects are two types of planetary yogas. The Sanskrit noun **yoga** means 'joining'. An applying aspect is called an *ithasala yoga*, while a separating aspect is called an *isharafa yoga*. The Sanskrit word *ithasala* comes from the Arabic noun *ittiṣāl*, which means 'making contact'. The Sanskrit word *isharafa* comes from the Arabic noun *inṣirāf*, which means 'turning away'.

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Yogas are not limited to the joining of two planets. Let's consider two yogas that each involve the joining of three planets. A **nakta yoga** is formed whenever a faster third planet is in a major aspect with each of two slower planets having no major aspect between them. The Sanskrit word *nakta* comes from the Arabic noun phrase *naql an-nūr*, which means 'translation of light'. A **yamaya yoga** is formed whenever a slower third planet is in a major aspect with each of two faster planets having no major aspect between them. The Sanskrit word *yamaya* comes from the Arabic noun phrase *jamʿ an-nūr*, which means 'collection of light'. In each of these yogas, the third planet serves as a link between the two planets having no major aspect between them. Each of these three-planet yogas indicates an event that is facilitated by a third party.

2.4 Dispositors, reception, and domiciles

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If Planet *A* is in a sign that is ruled by Planet *B*, then Planet *B* is said to be the **dispositor** of Planet *A*. Another way to express this situation is to say that Planet *B* disposes Planet *A*. In this context, the verb 'dispose' means 'to determine the outcome of'. For example, if Venus is in Mercury-ruled Gemini, then Mercury is the dispositor of Venus. In other words, Mercury disposes Venus.

In his blog post *The Essential Role of Dispositors in Horary* (13 March 2021), astrologer Anthony Louis states that:

> The theory behind dispositorship is anthropomorphic and straightforward. If I am a planet visiting your home, then I am dependent on you for the resources at my disposal to accomplish my aims.

If Planet *B* disposes Planet *A*, then this situation indicates that Planet *A* is subject to Planet *B*.

Reception occurs whenever a planet and its dispositor are connected by an applying major aspect. If a planet and its dispositor are not connected by a major aspect, then the dispositor takes no special interest in the planet. But if reception occurs, then the dispositor receives the planet as a welcomed guest in its home. Regarding reception, consider the following principle:

> **The principle of reception:** In reception, the dispositor of the received planet is a source of aid and goodwill that helps the received planet to advance toward a positive outcome.

In his book *Mastering Traditional Astrology*, astrologer Mychal A. Bryan states that reception is a blessing for planets that might find themselves in an otherwise challenging set of circumstances.

A planet is said to be in **domicile** whenever it is in a sign that it rules. In other words, a planet in domicile is its own dispositor. We may view a planet in domicile as receiving itself. It follows from the principle of reception that a planet in domicile is greatly able to help itself to advance toward a positive outcome.

Note that we are treating a planet in domicile as a special case of reception. From this point of view, it does not make sense to give any special meaning to a planet lying in a sign that is opposite its domicile.

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2.5 Benefics, malefics, and sects

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The words 'benefic' and 'malefic' are both adjectives and nouns. A planet is said to be **benefic** (that is, causing good) if it facilitates progress or improvement. A planet is said to be **malefic** (that is, causing bad) if it brings difficulties to overcome.

In his book *Hellenistic Astrology: The Study of Fate and Fortune*, Chris Brennan states the following with regard to the benefic/malefic distinction:

> The observation that in the night sky, Venus and Jupiter appear as bright white stars, while Mars appears dark and red, and Saturn dark and brown, was probably at the core of this distinction originally. Thus it sets up an observable contrast between two groups of planets, with one set appearing brighter and the other set appearing darker. This then elicits a light/dark analogy, which is then extended into the realm of other contrasts or polarities between light and dark, such as good and bad, positive and negative, virtue and vice, constructive and destructive, and so on.

Venus and Jupiter are considered to be natural benefics, while Mars and Saturn are considered to be natural malefics. Sun, Moon, and Mercury can each be functionally benefic or functionally malefic depending on its circumstances.

If Sun represents something positive, then it is functionally benefic. Moreover, if Sun represents something negative, then it is functionally malefic.

Moon is functionally benefic during its waxing period, and it is functionally malefic during its waning period. A new Moon occurs whenever Sun and Moon are in conjunction, while a full Moon occurs whenever Sun and Moon are in opposition. Moon waxes as it moves from newness to fullness. Moon wanes as it moves from fullness to newness.

Mercury is functionally benefic if it is closely associated with a benefic: [1] by being disposed by the benefic, or [2] by close proximity in the same sign, or [3] via a major aspect. Similarly, Mercury is functionally malefic if it is closely associated with a malefic.

In the Hellenistic tradition of astrology, the classical planets are divided into two **sects** (or teams), each consisting of a luminary, a natural benefic, and a natural malefic. The **diurnal sect** (or day team) consists of Sun, Jupiter, and Saturn. The **nocturnal sect** (or night team) consists of Moon, Venus, and Mars.

Mars and Saturn were assigned to sects that would somewhat curb their malefic nature. In his book *Mastering Traditional Astrology*, astrologer Mychal A. Bryan states:

> The coolness of the nighttime was meant to temper the raging fires of Mars, whereas the heat and radiance of the daytime was meant to soften the deadliness of Saturn's frigid resolve.

Mars in nocturnal conditions is less harmful than if it were in diurnal conditions. Saturn in diurnal conditions is less harmful than if it were in nocturnal conditions.

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Mercury's sect association depends on how it has risen relative to Sun. Whenever Mercury has risen before Sun (that is, becoming visible before daylight appears), then Mercury is considered to be diurnal. In that case, Mercury lies zodiacally behind Sun. Whenever Mercury has risen after Sun (that is, becoming visible after daylight appears), then Mercury is considered to be nocturnal. In that case, Mercury lies zodiacally ahead of Sun. Note that with respect to Sun, Mercury is always located in either the same sign or an adjacent sign.

In Section 1.5, we mentioned the notion of planetary joys, which says that each classical planet has an affinity for a particular house where it feels most comfortable. TABLE 2.5 presents the house of joy for each classical planet except Mercury. Note that the joy of each diurnal planet is in a diurnal house (that is, a house lying above the horizon), while the joy of each nocturnal planet is in a nocturnal house (that is, a house lying below the horizon).

TABLE 2.5: Sect and planetary joys

Planet	House of Joy
Sun	9th
Jupiter	11th
Saturn	12th

Planet	House of Joy
Moon	3rd
Venus	5th
Mars	6th

We may divide an astrological chart into two hemispheres. The **diurnal hemisphere** consists of the diurnal houses, while the **nocturnal hemisphere** consists of the nocturnal houses. In this book, I will be using the notion of sect in my own way. More specifically, I will be associating the diurnal sect with the diurnal hemisphere and associating the nocturnal sect with the nocturnal hemisphere.

Sect is a quality that alters how benefics and malefics function in an astrological chart. Regarding sect, consider the following principle:

> **The principle of sect:** A planet is 'happy' whenever it lies in the hemisphere of the astrological chart that matches its sect. A happy benefic greatly facilitates progress or improvement, while a happy malefic brings difficulties that require moderate effort to overcome. A planet is 'unhappy' whenever it lies in the hemisphere of the astrological chart that doesn't match its sect. An unhappy benefic moderately facilitates progress or improvement, while an unhappy malefic brings difficulties that require great effort to overcome.

A diurnal planet is happy whenever it lies in the diurnal hemisphere, and it is unhappy whenever it lies in the nocturnal hemisphere. Moreover, a nocturnal planet is happy whenever it lies in the nocturnal hemisphere, and it is unhappy whenever it lies in the diurnal hemisphere.

I say again that I will be using the notion of sect in my own way. More specifically, I won't be associating the notion of sect with whether an astrological chart is a diurnal chart (in which Sun lies above the horizon) or a nocturnal chart (in which Sun lies below the horizon).

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2.6 Quadrant-house strength

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As declared in Section 1.6, we will be using the Porphyry house system, which is a quadrant-house system. The strength of a quadrant house is its ability to help a hosted planet to achieve its benefic/malefic agenda. In his 1647 book *Christian Astrology*, the English astrologer William Lilly ranked the quadrant houses from strongest to weakest as follows: 1, 10, 7, 4, 11, 5, 9, 3, 2, 8, 6, 12. My simplified version of this ranking is presented in TABLE 2.6.

The primary consideration for Lilly's ranking is how the houses are connected to PH1 by aspect. With respect to PH1 (the Porphyry 1st House), PH10 and PH4 are each in square (which is a hard major aspect), PH7 is in opposition (which is a hard major aspect), PH11 and PH3 are each in sextile (which is a soft major aspect), PH5 and PH9 are each in trine (which is a soft major aspect), PH2 and PH12 are each in duodecile (which is a minor aspect), and PH8 and PH6 are each in quincunx (which is a minor aspect).

TABLE 2.6: Quadrant-house strength by connection to PH1

House Number	House Strength	Connection to PH1
PH1, PH4, PH7, or PH10	high (100%)	hard major aspect
PH3, PH5, PH9, or PH11	moderate (50%)	soft major aspect
PH2, PH6, PH8, or PH12	low (25%)	minor aspect

Another consideration for Lilly's ranking is whether a house is angular, succedent, or cadent. See Section 1.4 for pertinent details. Although PH3 and PH9 are naturally cadent, their major-aspect relationship with PH1 makes them functionally succedent. Moreover, although PH2 and PH8 are naturally succedent, their minor-aspect relationship with PH1 makes them functionally cadent.

The agenda of a benefic planet is to facilitate progress or improvement. The agenda of a malefic planet is to bring difficulties to overcome. A planet having high house strength achieves its benefic/malefic agenda quickly. A planet having moderate strength achieves its benefic/malefic agenda at a relatively good pace. A planet having low house strength achieves its benefic/malefic agenda at a very slow pace or not at all.

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3. Some Horary Astrology

3.1 Introduction

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Horary astrology is based on the belief that the answer to a query can be determined by casting an astrological chart for the query's time and place of birth. This chart is called a **horary chart**, and the person who is primarily asking the question is called the **querent**. The person(s) or thing(s) that are asked about are called the **quesited**. The query's time of birth is the instant when the querent communicates their query to the astrologer. The query's place of birth is the querent's location when they communicate their query to the astrologer.

As declared in Section 1.6, we will be using the sidereal zodiac, Porphyry houses primarily, and whole-sign houses secondarily. Regarding the Porphyry house system, we will be using the denotation 'PH*n*' to mean 'Porphyry House *n*' and the denotation 'PC*n*' to refer to its cusp. Regarding the whole-sign house system, we will be using the denotation 'WS*n*' to mean 'whole-sign House *n*'.

In his book *Predictive Astrology Textbook*, astrologer Alexey Borealis presents criteria that show the querent's matter of concern. In this regard, Moon's dispositor indicates what is on the querent's mind with regard to the query. Moreover, Moon's house location shows an area of life that is of great interest to the querent. We will use these two criteria to clarify the query.

Each Porphyry house of an astrological chart is represented by its **house lord**, which is the planet that rules the sign of the house's cusp. For example, if PC9 lies in Saturn-ruled Aquarius, then Saturn is the PH9 lord. In horary astrology, PH1 refers to the querent, and the **querent's significator** is the PH1 lord. The **quesited's significator** is the lord of the Porphyry house that refers to the quesited. In most cases, Moon is a co-significator of the querent, but there are some cases in which it is the quesited's significator instead.

In order to get the query's answer, we will apply the following **horary-astrology rubric**:

- **Step #H1:** Identify the querent's significator. Assess it sect-wise and house-wise.
- **Step #H2:** Identify the quesited's significator. Assess it sect-wise and house-wise.
- **Step #H3:** Assess Moon sect-wise and house-wise.
- **Step #H4:** Give thought to other noteworthy considerations. One such consideration could be occupants of the respective houses of the querent and the quesited.
- **Step #H5:** Look for major aspects among the querent, the quesited, and Moon.
- **Step #H6:** Make a judgment.

This rubric (that is, set of procedural rules) is an alteration of the rubric presented by astrologer Mychal A. Bryan in his books *Mastering Traditional Astrology* and *Horary Astrology & the Natal Promise*.

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The horary-astrology rubric calls us to make use of the following tools of chart analysis:

- **Sect assessment:** This tool shows a significator's benefic or malefic quality. Does the significator facilitate progress or improvement? Does it bring difficulties to overcome?
- **Quadrant-house strength:** This tool shows a significator's ability to achieve its benefic/malefic agenda. At what pace can the significator achieve its benefic/malefic agenda?
- **Dispositors:** This tool shows a significator's dependence on another entity. What are the circumstances under which the significator is operating? Is the significator under another's control?
- **Exact aspects:** This tool shows events in which two significators come into contact with each other. If a major aspect is inexact by *X* degrees, then it indicates that the two pertinent entities will come together in *X* time units (whether hours, days, weeks, months, or years).
- **Close aspects:** This tool uses close aspects to show a relationship between two significators that occurs over a period of time. This relationship could be a long-term connection, a long-term influence, or a process.

These tools are often adequate for answering the query.

Each classical planet serves as the representative of its house(s) via its accidental role as the house lord. Moreover, each classical planet is the natural representative of some subset of persons, places, or things. We will follow astrologer Mychal A. Bryan by interpreting what a planet means firstly as an accidental representative and secondly as a natural representative. Note that the adjective 'accidental' here means 'occurring according to circumstances'.

IMPORTANT COMMENTS: No matter how good or bad your situation may be, seek divine help through prayerful affirmations and other suitable magical work. Be mindful that the power of God is within you, and so you can transcend any circumstance, habit, or personality trait. Tap into your divine power by cultivating good character and good judgment.

3.2 A 3rd-House query: A possible trip

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Back in the fall of 2020, I considered driving my car to New Orleans, Louisiana in order to visit my friend JRM around his birthday in November. On Friday, 23 October 2020 at 01:38 pm, EDT, the following question formed in my mind:

> **Query:** I am considering visiting the New Orleans metro area around the time of my friend JRM's birthday. Would making this visit result in good fortune for me?

FIGURE 3.2 presents the pertinent horary chart according to the sidereal zodiac. The *ayanāṃśa* here is 24° 07′ 34″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra.

Let's use Moon to clarify the query. Firstly, Moon's dispositor indicates what is on the querent's mind with regard to the query. For Moon in Capricorn, its dispositor is Saturn. As the lord of PH2

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(supportive persons or things; portable property), Saturn refers to my concern about my car being supportive to my proposed drive. Secondly, Moon's house location shows an area of life that is of great interest to the querent. Moon lies in the intersection of PH1 (the querent and their physical vehicle) and Capricorn WS2 (supportive persons or things; portable property). This house location indicates that the condition of my car is a matter of importance.

FIGURE 3.2: The horary chart

(PC11) 04:17 (PC12) 27:43 WS12 SC	Su 06:38 (PC10) 10:51 Me 11:13 R WS11 LI	Ve 00:38 (PC9) 04:17 WS10 VI	WS9 LE	(PC8) 27:43 WS8 CN
(PC1) 21:09 Ju 25:50 WS1 SA	**Aakhut Em Bak** (Sidereal Horary Chart) A proposed drive to New Orleans Friday, 23 OCT 2020 at 13:38 EDT Atlanta, GA (33° 45′ N; 84° 23′ W)			(PC7) 21:09 WS7 GE
Sa 01:42 Mo 08:45 (PC2) 27:43 WS2 CP	WS3 AQ	(PC3) 04:17 Ma 24:03 R WS4 PI	(PC4) 10:51 WS5 AR	(PC5) 04:17 (PC6) 27:43 WS6 TA

Now that we have clarified the query, let's use the horary-astrology rubric to get the answer.

STEP #H1: Firstly, let's identify the querent's significator. The querent (me) is associated with PH1. Because PC1 lies in Jupiter-ruled Sagittarius, Jupiter is the PH1 lord and hence the querent's significator. Secondly, let's assess the querent's significator sect-wise and house-wise:

> **Jupiter in PH1:** Jupiter is the lord of PH1 (the querent and their physical vehicle) and PH3 (short-distance travel), and it is the natural representative of noble-minded action. Jupiter lies in the intersection of PH1 and Sagittarius WS1, both houses referring to the querent. In light of the foregoing, Jupiter refers to me as taking the proposed drive.
>
> As a diurnal benefic lying below the horizon, Jupiter is unhappy. Therefore, Jupiter moderately facilitates progress or improvement. PH1 allows 100% quadrant-house strength, and so Jupiter quickly facilitates progress or improvement.

Note that Jupiter is in domicile, and so it is greatly able to help itself to advance toward a positive outcome. In light of the foregoing, circumstances are to my advantage.

STEP #H2: Firstly, let's identify the quesited's significator. The quesited pertains to my proposed trip, which is associated with PH3 (short-distance travel). Because PC3 lies in Jupiter-ruled Pisces, Jupiter is the PH3 lord. Because Jupiter is the querent's significator, it cannot also be the quesited's significator. Regarding whole-sign houses, Saturn is the lord of Aquarius WS3 (short-distance

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travel), and so let's take Saturn to be the quesited's significator. Secondly, let's assess the quesited's significator sect-wise and house-wise:

> **Saturn in PH1:** Saturn is the lord of PH2 (supportive persons or things; portable property) and Aquarius WS3 (short-distance travel), and it is the natural representative of sober-minded action. Saturn lies in the intersection of PH1 (the querent and their physical vehicle) and Capricorn WS2 (supportive persons or things; portable property). In light of the foregoing, Saturn refers to my car as being supportive to my proposed drive.
>
> As a diurnal malefic lying below the horizon, Saturn is unhappy. Therefore, Saturn brings difficulties that require great effort to overcome. PH1 allows 100% quadrant-house strength, and so Saturn quickly brings difficulties.

Note that Saturn is in domicile, and so it is greatly able to help itself to advance toward a positive outcome. In light of the foregoing, the condition of my car poses a problem, but circumstances favor me to quickly remedy the situation.

STEP #H3: Moon is a co-significator of the querent. Let's assess Moon sect-wise and house-wise:

> **Moon in PH1:** Moon is the lord of PH8 (life-threatening situations), and it is the natural representative of short-term travel. Moon lies in the intersection of PH1 (the querent and their physical vehicle) and Capricorn WS2 (supportive persons or things; portable property). In light of the foregoing, Moon refers to my concern about safety regarding the proposed drive.
>
> Waxing Moon is benefic. As a nocturnal benefic lying below the horizon, Moon is happy. Therefore, Moon greatly facilitates progress or improvement. PH1 allows 100% quadrant-house strength, and so Moon quickly facilitates progress or improvement.

Circumstances favor me to take my proposed trip.

STEP #H4: Let's give thought to other noteworthy considerations. There is nothing in this regard.

STEP #H5: Let's look for major aspects among the querent, the quesited, and Moon. Jupiter (the querent) is applying to a conjunction with Saturn (the quesited):

> **Jupiter-Saturn conjunction:** As previously found, Jupiter refers to me as taking the proposed drive. Moreover, as previously found, Saturn refers to my car as being supportive to my proposed drive. The applying conjunction here indicates an opportunity for me to have a safe trip in my car.

Taking my proposed drive can result in good fortune for me.

STEP #H6: I am the astrologer, and here is my judgment. Apart from the condition of my car, taking my proposed drive seems favorable.

COMMENTS: My chart analysis here is somewhat the product of hindsight. At the time when I cast the chart for the query here, I didn't understand what it was telling me. Nevertheless, I felt uncomfortable about driving out of town, and so I remained in Atlanta around the time of JRM's birthday. It was during that time that my car battery failed and needed to be replaced.

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3.3 A 6th-House query: My battle against diabetes

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In early 2022, I was given the bad news of having a condition of type-2 diabetes. After making many prayerful affirmations and changing my diet, I have come to the point of moderating my blood sugar without the use of medications. On Wednesday, 29 January 2025 at 08:00 am, EST, the following question formed in my mind:

Query: Is my body mending from diabetes?

FIGURE 3.3 presents the pertinent horary chart according to the sidereal zodiac. The *ayanāṃśa* here is 24° 11′ 35″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra.

FIGURE 3.3: The horary chart

(PC11) 02:21 (PC12) 27:09 WS12 SA	(PC10) 07:33 WS11 SC	(PC9) 02:21 WS10 LI	 WS9 VI	(PC8) 27:09 WS8 LE
Me 08:07 Su 15:40 Mo 15:53 (PC1) 21:57 WS1 CP	**Aakhut Em Bak** (Sidereal Horary Chart) Is my body mending from diabetes? Wednesday, 29 JAN 2025 at 08:00 EST Atlanta, GA (33° 45′ N; 84° 23′ W)			(PC7) 21:57 WS7 CN
Sa 22:57 (PC2) 27:09 WS2 AQ	Ve 01:15 WS3 PI	(PC3) 02:21 WS4 AR	(PC4) 07:33 Ju 17:08 R WS5 TA	(PC5) 02:21 Ma 27:01 R (PC6) 27:09 WS6 GE

Let's use Moon to clarify the query. Firstly, Moon's dispositor indicates what is on the querent's mind with regard to the query. For Moon in Capricorn, its dispositor is Saturn. As the lord of PH1 (the querent's physical body and its health) and PH2 (supportive persons or things), Saturn refers to my concern about my physical body being supportive to good health. Secondly, Moon's house location shows an area of life that is of great interest to the querent. Moon lies in the intersection of PH12 (chronic illness) and Capricorn WS1 (the querent's physical body and its health). This house location indicates that I am concerned about my diabetes condition.

Now that we have clarified the query, let's use the horary-astrology rubric to get the answer.

STEP #H1: Firstly, let's identify the querent's significator. The querent (me) is associated with PH1. Because PC1 lies in Saturn-ruled Capricorn, Saturn is the PH1 lord and hence the querent's significator. Secondly, let's assess the querent's significator sect-wise and house-wise:

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Saturn in PH1: Saturn is the lord of PH1 (the querent's physical body and its health) and PH2 (supportive persons or things), and it is the natural representative of sober-minded action. Saturn lies in the intersection of PH1 (the querent's physical body and its health) and Aquarius WS2 (supportive persons or things). In light of the foregoing, Saturn refers to my physical body as being supportive to good health.

As a diurnal malefic lying below the horizon, Saturn is unhappy. Therefore, Saturn brings difficulties that require great effort to overcome. PH1 allows 100% quadrant-house strength, and so Saturn quickly brings difficulties.

Note that Saturn is in domicile, and so it is greatly able to help itself to advance toward a positive outcome. In light of the foregoing, circumstances favor me to remedy the situation.

STEP #H2: Firstly, let's identify the quesited's significator. The quesited pertains to my diabetes condition, which is associated with PH12 (chronic illness). Because PC12 lies in Jupiter-ruled Sagittarius, Jupiter is the PH12 lord and hence the quesited's significator. Secondly, let's assess the quesited's significator sect-wise and house-wise:

Jupiter in PH4: Jupiter is the lord of PH11 (comrades and shared interests), PH12 (chronic illness), and Pisces WS3 (relatives), and it is the natural representative of the pancreas. Jupiter lies in the intersection of PH4 (upbringing) and Taurus WS5 (overdoing pleasure). In light of the foregoing, Jupiter refers to my diabetes condition as being the result of cultural predisposition, genetic predisposition, and abusing my pancreas.

As a diurnal benefic lying below the horizon, Jupiter is unhappy. Therefore, Jupiter moderately facilitates progress or improvement. PH4 allows 100% quadrant-house strength, and so Jupiter quickly facilitates progress or improvement.

Circumstances favor my diabetes condition to progress.

STEP #H3: Moon is a co-significator of the querent. Let's assess Moon sect-wise and house-wise:

Moon in PH12: Moon the lord of PH7 (bodily death or bodily harm), and it is the natural representative of the digestive system. Moon lies in the intersection of PH12 (chronic illness) and Capricorn WS1 (the querent's physical body and its health). In light of the foregoing, Moon refers to the danger posed by digestive illness.

Waxing Moon is benefic. As a nocturnal benefic lying below the horizon, Moon is happy. Therefore, Moon greatly facilitates progress or improvement. PH12 allows 25% quadrant-house strength, and so Moon facilitates progress or improvement at a very slow pace.

Circumstances favor my digestive illness to progress slowly.

STEP #H4: Let's give thought to other noteworthy considerations. Sun is the lord of PH8 (an ending that facilitates transformation), and it is the natural representative of the will to survive. Sun represents something positive here, and so it is functionally benefic. As a diurnal benefic lying above the horizon, Sun greatly facilitates progress or improvement. My will to survive greatly facilitates the healing of my physical body.

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A planet is said to be **under the beams** if it is within 15° of Sun's location. Whenever a planet is under the beams, its light is overpowered by Sun, and it becomes hidden from view. Being under the beams refers to something that is overpowered or hidden from view with regard to the planet's role in the astrological chart. Moon and Mercury lie within the intersection of PH12 (chronic illness) and Capricorn WS1 (the querent's physical body and its health), where they are under the beams.

As previously found, Moon refers to the danger posed by digestive illness. Mercury is the lord of PH5 (overdoing pleasure) and PH6 (acute illness), and it is natural representative of the nervous system. Mercury refers here to the mild nerve damage (in my feet) that accompanies my diabetes condition. As a diurnal malefic lying above the horizon, Mercury brings difficulties that require moderate effort to overcome. Moon and Mercury are each in conjunction with Sun, and their proximity to Sun is a visual representation of my diabetes condition as being burned up by my will to survive.

STEP #H5: Let's look for major aspects among the querent, the quesited, and Moon. Jupiter (the quesited) is separating from a dexter square with Saturn (the querent):

> **Jupiter-Saturn square:** As previously found, Jupiter refers to my diabetes condition as being the result of abusing my pancreas. Moreover, as previously found, Saturn refers to my physical body as being supportive to good health. According to the principle of overcoming, Saturn dominates the aspect here. The separating square here indicates that I am already bringing my diabetes condition into line with my agenda of having good bodily health.

Moon is applying to a sinister trine with Jupiter.

> **Moon-Jupiter trine:** As previously found, Moon refers to the danger posed by my digestive illness. Moreover, as previously found, Jupiter refers to my diabetes condition as being the result of abusing my pancreas. According to the principle of overcoming, Moon dominates the aspect here. The applying trine here indicates an opportunity for my digestive illness to help my diabetes condition to continue its detrimental effects.

The gut microbiome is the variety of bacteria and other microorganisms living in the digestive tract. An unhealthy gut microbiome can lead to type-2 diabetes.

STEP #H6: I am the astrologer, and here is my judgment. My body is healing. My diabetes condition is gradually abating. In order to further my well-being, I must pay attention to my gut microbiome.

COMMENTS: On Thursday, 30 January 2025, I posed the query here to the *Yì-Jīng* Oracle. The response was Hexagram 02 (KŪN, 'submissiveness'), which corresponds to astrological Moon. In medical astrology, Moon refers to the digestive system. Toward ridding myself of digestive illness, I have been making use of probiotics (live, good bacteria that support the gut) and prebiotics (non-digestible fiber that acts as food to help probiotics to grow).

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3.4 A 7th-House query: Racial relations in America

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On Saturday, 15 February 2025 at 07:58 am, EST, the following question formed in my mind:

> **Query:** What are African Americans to learn from our historical interactions with Caucasian Americans in this country?

FIGURE 3.4 presents the pertinent horary chart according to the sidereal zodiac. The *ayanāṃśa* here is 24° 11′ 42″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra. True *Rāhu* is in direct motion, lying at Pisces 03° 22′ 23″.

FIGURE 3.4: The horary chart

(PC12) 17:16 WS12 CP	(PC11) 20:02 WS11 SA	(PC10) 22:49 WS10 SC	(PC9) 20:02 WS9 LI	Ke 03:22 D Mo 06:24 (PC8) 17:16 WS8 VI
Su 02:53 Me 07:42 (PC1) 14:29 Sa 24:52 WS1 AQ	**Aakhut Em Bak** (Sidereal Horary Chart) Racial relations in America Saturday, 15 FEB 2025 at 07:58 EST Atlanta, GA (33° 45′ N; 84° 23′ W)			(PC7) 14:29 WS7 LE
Ra 03:22 D Ve 12:48 (PC2) 17:16 WS2 PI	(PC3) 20:02 WS3 AR	Ju 17:17 (PC4) 22:49 WS4 TA	(PC5) 20:02 Ma 23:17 R WS5 GE	(PC6) 17:16 WS6 CN

African Americans are an American ethno-racial group consisting of partial or total ancestry from any of the dark-skinned racial groups of Africa. Caucasian Americans are an American ethno-racial group consisting of partial or total ancestry from any of the pale-skinned racial groups of Europe. Note that ethnic identity is based on cultural characteristics, while racial identity is based on physical characteristics. African Americans are the 'we' group to which I (the querent) belong. Therefore, the term 'querent' may be extended here to refer to African Americans as a group.

In the 1500s, European colonial powers began establishing plantations in the Americas in order to produce cash crops like sugar, tobacco, and cotton. These Caucasian powers turned to enslaving African captives in order to acquire the labor force in support of their plantation industry. Even after the 1865 abolition of slavery in America, there has been a power differential by which Caucasian Americans have mistreated African Americans. A power differential is an imbalance of power in a relationship where one individual or group has more authority, influence, or control than another. In the presence of the aforementioned racial power differential, there cannot be racial

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harmony, which is the peaceful coexistence and respectful cooperation of people from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds within a society.

Let's use Moon to clarify the query. Firstly, Moon's dispositor indicates what is on the querent's mind with regard to the query. For Moon in Virgo, its dispositor is Mercury. As the lord of PH5 (personal interests) and PH8 (gaining or losing via another's efforts), Mercury refers to my concern about African Americans losing out to Caucasian Americans. Secondly, Moon's house location shows an area of life that is of great interest to the querent. Moon lies in the intersection of PH7 (opponents) and Virgo WS8 (gaining or losing via another's efforts). This house location indicates that I am greatly interested in how Caucasian Americans have gained at the expense of African Americans.

Now that we have clarified the query, let's use the horary-astrology rubric to get the answer.

STEP #H1: Firstly, let's identify the querent's significator. The querent (African Americans as an ethno-racial group) is associated with PH1. Because PC1 lies in Saturn-ruled Aquarius, Saturn is the PH1 lord and hence the querent's significator. Secondly, let's assess the querent's significator sect-wise and house-wise:

> **Saturn in PH1:** Saturn is the lord of PH1 (the querent's well-being) and PH12 (trying situations), and it is the natural representative of restraints and limitations. Saturn lies in the intersection of PH1 and Aquarius WS1, both houses referring to the querent's well-being. In light of the foregoing, Saturn refers to African Americans as undergoing trials and tribulations.
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> As a diurnal malefic lying below the horizon, Saturn is unhappy. Therefore, Saturn brings difficulties that require great effort to overcome. PH1 allows 100% quadrant-house strength, and so Saturn quickly brings difficulties.

Note that Saturn is in domicile, and so it is greatly able to help itself to advance toward a positive outcome. In light of the foregoing, African Americans have endured trying situations, but circumstances favor us to remedy the situation.

STEP #H2: Firstly, let's identify the quesited's significator. The quesited pertains to Caucasian Americans as an ethno-racial group, which is associated with PH7 (someone else). Because PC7 lies in Sun-ruled Leo, Sun is the PH7 lord and hence the quesited's significator. Secondly, let's assess the quesited's significator sect-wise and house-wise:

> **Sun in PH12:** Sun is the lord of PH7 (someone else), and it is the natural representative of leaders and bosses. Sun lies in the intersection of PH12 (trying situations; hidden enemies) and Aquarius WS1 (the querent's well-being). In light of the foregoing, Sun refers to Caucasian Americans as being an adversarial authoritative influence.
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> Sun represents something negative here, and so it is functionally malefic. As a diurnal malefic lying above the horizon, Sun brings difficulties that require moderate effort to overcome. PH12 allows 25% quadrant-house strength, and so Sun brings difficulties at a very slow pace or not at all. Saturn (the querent) is Sun's dispositor, and so Sun is somehow dependent on it.

Caucasian Americans have abused their authority by taking advantage of African Americans for their own ends.

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STEP #H3: Moon is a co-significator of the querent. Let's assess Moon sect-wise and house-wise:

> **Moon in PH7:** Moon is the lord of PH6 (being subject to unwholesome influences), and it is the natural representative of compliant people. Moon lies in the intersection of PH7 (opponents) and Virgo WS8 (gaining or losing via another's efforts). In light of the foregoing, Moon refers to African Americans as being subject to unwholesome influences from opponents.
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> Waning Moon is malefic. As a nocturnal malefic lying above the horizon, Moon is unhappy. Therefore, Moon brings difficulties that require great effort to overcome. PH7 allows 100% quadrant-house strength, and so Moon quickly brings difficulties.

African Americans have been subject to influences that have not served our best interests.

STEP #H4: Let's give thought to other noteworthy considerations. Mercury is separating from a conjunction with Sun (the quesited). For Mercury, we find the following:

> **Mercury in PH12:** Mercury the lord of PH5 (personal interests) and PH8 (gaining or losing via another's efforts), and it is the natural representative of clever action and deception. Mercury lies in the intersection of PH12 (trying situations; hidden enemies) and WS1 (the querent). In light of the foregoing, Mercury refers to Caucasian Americans as gaining advantage by skillfully deceiving African Americans.
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> Mercury is malefic because its dispositor is malefic Saturn. Mercury lies zodiacally ahead of Sun, and so it is nocturnal. As a nocturnal malefic lying above the horizon, Mercury is unhappy. Therefore, Mercury brings difficulties that require great effort to overcome. PH12 allows 25% quadrant-house strength, and so Mercury brings difficulties at a very slow pace.

For the aspect here, we find the following:

> **Mercury-Sun conjunction:** As previously found, Mercury refers to Caucasian Americans as gaining advantage by skillfully deceiving African Americans. Moreover, as previously found, Sun refers to Caucasian Americans as being an adversarial authoritative influence. The separating conjunction here indicates that there has been a power differential by which Caucasian Americans have mistreated African Americans.

Let's move on!

For the configuration of the lunar nodes *Rāhu* and *Ketú*, we find the following:

> **Rāhu in PH1 and Ketú in PH7:** *Rāhu* in PH1 (self-identity) drives high ambition, self-focus, and the determination to establish a strong identity. *Ketú* in PH7 (partnerships; someone else) leads to detachment from relationships. With time and experimentation and multiple changes, spiritual work, or self-development, the person here begins to discover their true identity and to live authentically. Consequently, they may discover that they have outgrown old relationship styles and patterns that no longer fit their authentic identity. The person's relationships need to evolve in order to fit the person's new reality. By having the courage to live authentically, the person here becomes powerful and able to inspire others to become their authentic selves.

See Appendix B for pertinent details.

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The fixed star Skat is making a conjunction to PC1 (the querent). Skat lies at Aquarius 15° 01′, and it is the third-brightest star of the Aquarius constellation. Skat inspires altruistic action that leads to eventual blessings. See Appendix D for pertinent details. The Skat-PC1 conjunction refers to altruistic efforts by African Americans.

STEP #H5: Let's look for major aspects among the querent, the quesited, and Moon. There are no such major aspects, but there is a Moon-Sun quincunx (which is a hard minor aspect).

STEP #H6: I am the astrologer, and here is my judgment. There is a power differential by which Caucasian Americans have mistreated African Americans. In this regard, the historical interactions between African Americans and Caucasian Americans have been mostly negative.

COMMENTS: On Saturday, 15 February 2025, I posed the query here to the *Yì-Jīng* Oracle. The response was Hexagram 23 (BŌ, 'deteriorating') changing at Lines 4 and 6, thereby showing Hexagram 16 (YÙ, 'enthusiasm'). Caucasian Americans have been a force of deterioration that has weakened the well-being of African Americans. Nevertheless, African Americans are advised to take action that is aimed at faring well in the long run.

3.5 A 9th-House query: Improving my astrology skills

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On Tuesday, 24 December 2024 at 09:42 am, EST, the following question formed in my mind:

> **Query:** How might I best improve my skills as an astrologer?

FIGURE 3.5 presents the pertinent horary chart according to the sidereal zodiac. The *ayanāṃśa* here is 24° 11′ 17″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra.

Let's use Moon to clarify the query. Firstly, Moon's dispositor indicates what is on the querent's mind with regard to the query. For Moon in Virgo, its dispositor is Mercury. As the lord of PH6 (being of service to others) and PH9 (spiritual or professional know-how), Mercury refers to my concern about using astrology to be of service to others. Secondly, Moon's house location shows an area of life that is of great interest to the querent. Moon lies in the intersection of PH9 and Virgo WS9, both houses referring to spiritual or professional know-how. This house location indicates that I am greatly interested in acquiring astrological know-how.

Now that we have clarified the query, let's use the horary-astrology rubric to get the answer.

STEP #H1: Firstly, let's identify the querent's significator. The querent (me) is associated with PH1. Because PC1 lies in Saturn-ruled Capricorn, Saturn is the PH1 lord and hence the querent's significator. Secondly, let's assess the querent's significator sect-wise and house-wise:

> **Saturn in PH2:** Saturn is the lord of PH1 (the querent's well-being) and PH2 (supportive persons or things), and it is the natural representative of sober-minded action. Saturn lies in the intersection of PH2 and Aquarius WS2, both houses referring to supportive persons or things. In light of the foregoing, Saturn refers to me as becoming astrologically resourced (that is, having all the resources necessary to function properly).

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As a diurnal malefic lying below the horizon, Saturn is unhappy. Therefore, Saturn brings difficulties that require great effort to overcome. PH2 allows 25% quadrant-house strength, and so Saturn brings difficulties at a very slow pace.

Note that Saturn is in domicile, and so it is greatly able to help itself to advance toward a positive outcome. In light of the foregoing, improving my astrology skills involves great effort and gradual development.

FIGURE 3.5: The horary chart

Su 09:05 (PC12) 15:47 WS12 SA	Me 17:09 (PC11) 21:52 WS11 SC	(PC10) 27:57 WS10 LI	(PC9) 21:52 Mo 27:14 WS9 VI	(PC8) 15:47 WS8 LE
(PC1) 09:42 Ve 25:28 WS1 CP	**Aakhut Em Bak** (Sidereal Horary Chart) Improving my astrology skills Tuesday, 24 DEC 2024 at 09:42 EST Atlanta, GA (33° 45′ N; 84° 23′ W)			(PC7) 09:42 Ma 09:50 R WS7 CN
(PC2) 15:47 Sa 19:48 WS2 AQ	(PC3) 21:52 WS3 PI	(PC4) 27:57 WS4 AR	Ju 19:52 R (PC5) 21:52 WS5 TA	(PC6) 15:47 WS6 GE

STEP #H2: Firstly, let's identify the quesited's significator. The quesited pertains to astrological know-how, which is associated with PH9 (spiritual or professional know-how). Because PC9 lies in Mercury-ruled Virgo, Mercury is the PH9 lord and hence the quesited's significator. Secondly, let's assess the quesited's significator sect-wise and house-wise:

Mercury in PH10: Mercury is the lord of PH6 (being of service to others) and PH9 (spiritual or professional know-how), and it is the natural representative of expertise. Mercury lies in the intersection of PH10 (achieving something significant) and Scorpio WS11 (fulfilling one's hopes). Mercury refers to me as using astrology to be of service to others.

Mercury is malefic because its dispositor is malefic Mars. Mercury lies zodiacally behind Sun, and so it is diurnal. As a diurnal malefic lying above the horizon, Mercury is happy. Therefore, Mercury brings difficulties that require moderate effort to overcome. PH10 allows 100% quadrant-house strength, and so Mercury quickly brings difficulties.

It will take some effort for me to get to the point where I can use astrology to help others.

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STEP #H3: Moon is a co-significator of the querent. Let's assess Moon sect-wise and house-wise:

> **Moon in PH9:** Moon is the lord of PH7 (transactional relationships), and it is the natural representative of stages of change. Moon lies in the intersection of PH9 and Virgo WS9, both houses referring to spiritual or professional know-how. In light of the foregoing, Moon refers to me as learning astrology through the works of astrologers.
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> Waning Moon is malefic. As a nocturnal malefic lying above the horizon, Moon is unhappy. Therefore, Moon brings difficulties that require great effort to overcome. PH9 allows 50% quadrant-house strength, and so Moon brings difficulties at a relatively good pace.

It will take some time for me to develop my astrological knowledge and skills.

STEP #H4: Let's give thought to other noteworthy considerations. There is nothing in this regard.

STEP #H5: Let's look for major aspects among the querent, the quesited, and Moon. Mercury (the quesited) is applying to a sinister square with Saturn (the querent):

> **Mercury-Saturn square:** As previously found, Mercury refers to me as using astrology to be of service to others. Moreover, as previously found, Saturn refers to me as becoming astrologically resourced. According to the principle of overcoming, Mercury dominates the aspect here. The applying square here indicates a call for me to bring my astrological know-how into line with me being of service to others.

Improving my astrology skills involves diligent, unselfish efforts.

STEP #H6: I am the astrologer, and here is my judgment. The way is open for me to make progress in furthering my astrological know-how with an aim at helping others.

COMMENTS: On Wednesday, 25 December 2024, I posed the query here to the *Yì-Jīng* Oracle. The response was Hexagram 54 (GUĪ MÈI, 'the junior wife') changing at Lines 2 and 4, thereby showing Hexagram 24 (FÙ, 'returning'). I am advised here to follow due process. Regarding the query, this means learning fundamental astrological knowledge and skills, listening to elder astrologers, finding out what truly matters, and complying with ethical standards of behavior.

3.6 Someone else's query

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My friend TJB is divorced from his former wife, who has been denying him the opportunity to spend quality time with their son BB. On Friday, 31 January 2025 at 10:58 pm, CST, my friend TJB (in New Orleans, Louisiana) presented the following query to me (in Atlanta, Georgia) during a telephone conversation.

> **Query:** How might I best help my son BB at this time?

FIGURE 3.6 presents the pertinent horary chart according to the sidereal zodiac. The *ayanāṃśa* here is 24° 11′ 36″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra.

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FIGURE 3.6: The horary chart

(PC12) 28:58 WS12 LE	(PC11) 29:28 WS11 CN	Ma 26:12 R (PC10) 29:59 WS10 GE	Ju 17:06 R (PC9) 29:28 WS9 TA	(PC8) 28:58 WS8 AR
(PC1) 28:27 WS1 VI	**TJB** (Sidereal Horary Chart) Helping my son BB Friday, 31 JAN 2025 at 22:58 CST New Orleans, LA (29° 57′ N; 90° 05′ W)			Ve 03:24 (PC7) 28:27 WS7 PI
(PC2) 28:58 WS2 LI	(PC3) 29:28 WS3 SC	(PC4) 29:59 WS4 SA	Me 12:31 Su 18:23 (PC5) 29:28 WS5 CP	Sa 23:15 Mo 23:43 (PC6) 28:58 WS6 AQ

Let's use Moon to clarify the query. Firstly, Moon's dispositor indicates what is on the querent's mind with regard to the query. For Moon in Aquarius, its dispositor is Saturn. As the lord of PH5 (children) and PH6 (being of service to others), Saturn refers to TJB's concern about being a helpful parent to his son. Secondly, Moon's house location shows an area of life that is of great interest to the querent. Moon lies in the intersection of PH5 (children) and Aquarius WS6 (being of service to others). This house location indicates that it is important to TJB that he be a helpful parent to his son.

Now that we have clarified the query, let's use the horary-astrology rubric to get the answer.

STEP #H1: Firstly, let's identify the querent's significator. The querent (my friend TJB) is associated with PH1. Because PC1 lies in Mercury-ruled Virgo, Mercury is the PH1 lord and hence the querent's significator. Secondly, let's assess querent's significator sect-wise and house-wise:

> **Mercury in PH4:** Mercury is the lord of PH1 (the querent) and PH10 (achieving something significant), and it is the natural representative of clever action. Mercury lies in the intersection of PH4 (parents) and Capricorn WS5 (children). In light of the foregoing, Mercury refers to TJB as working at achieving a wholesome father-son relationship.
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> Mercury is malefic because its dispositor is malefic Saturn. Mercury lies zodiacally behind Sun, and so it is diurnal. As a diurnal malefic lying below the horizon, Mercury is unhappy. Therefore, Mercury brings difficulties that require great effort to overcome. PH4 allows 100% quadrant-house strength, and so Mercury quickly brings difficulties.

It has been difficult for TJB to spend quality time with his son BB.

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STEP #H2: Firstly, let's identify the quesited's significator. The quesited pertains to TJB's son BB, who is associated with PH5 (children). Because PC5 lies in Saturn-ruled Capricorn, Saturn is the PH5 lord and hence the quesited's significator. Secondly, let's assess the quesited's significator sect-wise and house-wise:

> **Saturn in PH5:** Saturn is the lord of PH5 (children) and PH6 (being of service to others), and it is the natural representative of sober-minded action. Saturn lies in the intersection of PH5 (children) and Aquarius WS6 (being of service to others). Saturn refers to helping BB as being TJB's concern.
>
> As a diurnal malefic lying below the horizon, Saturn is unhappy. Therefore, Saturn brings difficulties that require great effort to overcome. PH5 allows 50% quadrant-house strength, and so Saturn brings difficulties at a relatively good pace.

Note that Saturn is in domicile, and so it is greatly able to help itself to advance toward a positive outcome. In light of the foregoing, circumstances favor the cultivation of a wholesome father-son relationship.

STEP #H3: Moon is a co-significator of the querent. Let's assess Moon sect-wise and house-wise:

> **Moon in PH5:** Moon is the lord of PH11 (fulfilling one's hopes), and it is the natural representative of nurturers. Moon lies in the intersection of PH5 (children) and Aquarius WS6 (being of service to others). In light of the foregoing, Moon refers to TJB as hoping to be a nurturing father.
>
> Waxing Moon is benefic. As a diurnal benefic lying below the horizon, Moon is happy. Therefore, Moon greatly facilitates progress or improvement. PH5 allows 50% quadrant-house strength, and so Moon facilitates progress or improvement at a relatively good pace.

Circumstances favor TJB to be a nurturing father.

STEP #H4: Let's give thought to other noteworthy considerations. Mercury (the querent) is applying to a conjunction with Sun. For Sun, we find the following:

> **Sun in PH4:** Sun is the lord of PH12 (unpleasant limitations), and it is the natural representative of fathers. Sun lies in the intersection of PH4 (parents) and Capricorn WS5 (children). In light of the foregoing, Sun refers to TJB as experiencing unpleasant limitations on his fatherhood.
>
> Sun represents something negative here, and so it is functionally malefic. As a diurnal malefic lying below the horizon, Sun brings difficulties that require great effort to overcome. PH4 allows 100% quadrant-house strength, and so Sun quickly brings difficulties.

For the aspect here, we find the following:

> **Mercury-Sun conjunction:** As previously found, Mercury refers to TJB as working at achieving a wholesome father-son relationship. Moreover, as previously found, Sun refers to TJB as experiencing unpleasant limitations on his fatherhood. The applying conjunction here indicates an opportunity to have a wholesome father-son relationship.

Regarding fatherhood, Mercury accidentally represents TJB, while Sun naturally represents TJB.

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STEP #H5: Let's look for major aspects among the querent, the quesited, and Moon. Moon (the querent) is separating from a conjunction with Saturn (the quesited):

> **Moon-Saturn conjunction:** As previously found, Moon refers to TJB as hoping to be a nurturing father. Moreover, as previously found, Saturn refers to helping BB as being TJB's concern. The separating conjunction here indicates that TJB has already made some progress in achieving a wholesome father-son relationship.

TJB will eventually achieve a wholesome relationship with his son BB.

STEP #H6: I am the astrologer, and here is my judgment. At this time, TJB can help his son by being of service. The blogger Steve Errey stated: "A somewhat whimsical and naïve view perhaps, but giving without expectation of receiving is the truest definition of being of service."[4]

COMMENTS: On Friday, 31 January 2025, I posed the query here to the *Yì-Jīng* Oracle. The response was Hexagram 42 (Yì, 'increasing') with no changing lines. TJB will experience a major improvement or increase because of his reverent commitment to God, and he is advised to do the good that God has enabled him to do.

[4] Errey, Steve, *The 8 Laws of Being of Service* (23 July 2012), < https://copyblogger.com/being-of-service/>.

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4. Some Natal Astrology

4.1 Introduction

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Natal astrology is a system of astrology that is based on the belief that a person's potential (that is, latent but unrealized abilities), opportunities, and challenges can be determined by casting an astrological chart for the person's time and place of birth. This chart is called a **natal chart**, and the person for whom it is cast is called the **native**.

As declared in Section 1.6, we will be using the sidereal zodiac, Porphyry houses primarily, and whole-sign houses secondarily. Regarding the Porphyry house system, we will be using the denotation 'PH*n*' to mean 'Porphyry House *n*' and the denotation 'PC*n*' to refer to its cusp. Regarding the whole-sign house system, we will be using the denotation 'WS*n*' to mean 'whole-sign House *n*'.

Each Porphyry house of an astrological chart is represented by its **house lord**, which is the planet that rules the sign of the house's cusp. For example, if PC9 lies in Saturn-ruled Aquarius, then Saturn is the PH9 lord. Each classical planet serves as the representative of its house(s) via its accidental role as the house lord. Moreover, each classical planet is the natural representative of some subset of persons, places, or things. We will follow astrologer Mychal A. Bryan by interpreting what a planet means firstly as an accidental representative and secondly as a natural representative. Note that the adjective 'accidental' here means 'occurring according to circumstances'.

Important comments: Astrologer Isabel M. Hickey said that: "Fate is earmarked in tendencies, not in facts. All anyone can see in a birth chart are tendencies that will become facts if one does not do something to alter them." In the divinatory corpus of the *Ifá* spiritual system, it says in chapter *Ogbè Ògúndá* that: "It is character alone that speaks. Personal destiny is never bad in *Ilé-Ifẹ̀* (a *Yorùbá* town that symbolizes earthly life). It is character alone that speaks." No one is born into the world with a bad destiny; it is one's character that makes or breaks them.

4.2 The natal chart

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On Tuesday, 15 January 1929, Michael King Jr. was born to Michael King Sr. and his wife Alberta Williams King at the family home (501 Auburn Avenue) in Atlanta, Georgia. According to his mother Alberta, the junior King was born at high noon. After returning from a trip to Germany in August 1934, the senior King changed his own name to Martin Luther King Sr. and his son's name to Martin Luther King Jr.

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The late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a civil-rights leader who campaigned against racial injustice in America. King famously said: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Moreover, he famously said: "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

FIGURE 4.2 presents the natal chart of Martin Luther King Jr. according to the sidereal zodiac. The *ayanāṃśa* here is 22° 51′ 05″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra. True *Rāhu* is in retrograde motion, lying at Taurus 05° 47′ 30″. Note that Atlanta was in the Central Time Zone until legislation switched it to the Eastern Time Zone on Friday, 21 March 1941.

FIGURE 4.2: King's natal chart

(PC12) 15:45 WS12 PI	(PC11) 10:33 Ve 17:42 LSp 26:30 Mo 26:44 WS11 AQ	Su 02:16 (PC10) 05:21 Me 18:54 WS10 CP	Sa 02:30 (PC9) 10:33 WS9 SA	Ke 05:47 R (PC8) 15:45 WS8 SC
Ju 08:19 (PC1) 20:57 WS1 AR	**Martin Luther King Jr.** Natal Chart (Sidereal Zodiac) Tuesday, 15 JAN 1929 at 12:00 CST Atlanta, GA (33° 45′ N; 84° 23′ W)			LRe 08:02 (PC7) 20:57 WS7 LI
Ra 05:47 R (PC2) 15:45 Elnath 28:44 Ma 29:02 R WS2 TA	(PC3) 10:33 LFo 15:24 WS3 GE	(PC4) 05:21 WS4 CN	(PC5) 10:33 WS5 LE	(PC6) 15:45 WS6 VI

In this section, we will take a look at King's natal chart by: [1] examining PH1, [2] examining the Lots of Fortune, Spirit, and Retribution, and [3] looking for interesting astrological configurations.

EXAMINING PH1

In natal astrology, PH1 refers to the native. More specifically, PH1 refers to the native's persona, which is the vehicle of personality (that is, characteristic way of thinking, feeling, and behaving) through which the native navigates earthly life. Moreover, PH1 refers to the native's well-being (that is, state of being happy, healthy, and prosperous).

Examining PH1 answers the question "Who is the native?" in astrological terms. In order to examine PH1, it is useful to consider: [1] the Ascendant and major aspects to it, [2] planets in PH1, and [3] the PH1 lord and its major aspects.

Firstly, the Ascendant refers to the native's central personality traits. Moreover, planets that make major aspects to the Ascendant indicate factors that add to the native's central personality traits. Secondly, planets in PH1 further indicate factors that add to the native's central personality traits.

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Thirdly, the PH1 lord represents the native, and its house location indicates where the native gives great attention and great effort. Moreover, planets that make major aspects with the PH1 lord indicate factors that affect it for good or for bad.

In King's natal chart, PC1 (the Ascendant) is at Aries 20° 57′ 33″. For Aries as the rising sign, we find the following:

> **Aries Ascendant:** The sign Aries expresses Mars in a masculine way. As a fire sign, Aries is desirous, energetic, and forthright. As a cardinal sign, Aries initiates action and creates change. Like a combative ram, Aries likes challenges and has an abundant amount of physical energy. Aries is courageous and pioneering – he is always ready to take risks. In his eagerness to get things done, he is inclined to act first and think later. Like a charging ram, he rushes headlong into situations without considering the consequences. At his best, masculine Aries has the courage to jump into action in order to enthusiastically pursue worthy goals.

The Ascendant refers to the native's central personality traits.

Moon is making a sinister sextile to PC1:

> **Moon in PH11:** Moon is the lord of PH4 (parents), and it is the natural representative of nurturers and compliant people. Moon lies in the intersection of PH11 and Aquarius WS11, both houses referring to comrades and shared interests. At his best, masculine Aquarius is unselfish and makes improvements for the common good. In light of the foregoing, Moon refers to King as taking on a fatherly role in order to further the common good.
>
> Waxing Moon is benefic. As a nocturnal benefic lying above the horizon, Moon is unhappy. Therefore, Moon moderately facilitates progress or improvement. PH11 allows 50% quadrant-house strength, and so Moon facilitates progress or improvement at a relatively good pace.

Mercury is making a sinister square to PC1:

> **Mercury in PH10:** Mercury is the lord of PH3 (community) and PH6 (being of service to others), and it is the natural representative of clever action, speech, and expertise. Mercury lies in the intersection of PH10 and Capricorn WS10, both houses referring to achieving something significant. At her best, feminine Capricorn is diligent – she gives steady, meticulous attention to ongoing tasks. In light of the foregoing, Mercury refers to King as achieving something significant by being a clever, diligent advocate for his community.
>
> Mercury is malefic because its dispositor is malefic Saturn. Mercury lies zodiacally ahead of Sun, and so it is nocturnal. As a nocturnal malefic lying above the horizon, Mercury is unhappy. Therefore, Mercury brings difficulties that require great effort to overcome. PH10 allows 100% quadrant-house strength, and so Mercury quickly brings difficulties.

Venus is making a sinister sextile to PC1:

> **Venus in PH11:** Venus is the lord of PH2 (supportive persons or things) and PH7 (partnerships), and it is the natural representative of friendly action and intimate relationships. Venus lies in the intersection of PH11 and Aquarius WS11, both houses referring to comrades and shared interests. At his best, masculine Aquarius is unselfish and makes improvements for the common good. In light of the foregoing, Venus refers to King as working together with others in order to further the common good.

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As a nocturnal benefic lying above the horizon, Venus is unhappy. Therefore, Venus moderately facilitates progress or improvement. PH11 allows 50% quadrant-house strength, and so Venus facilitates progress or improvement at a relatively good pace.

Planets that make major aspects to the Ascendant indicate factors that add to the native's central personality traits.

Planets in PH1 further indicate factors that add to the native's central personality traits. There is nothing in this regard.

Let's now consider the PH1 lord and its major aspects. Because PC1 lies in Mars-ruled Aries, Mars is the PH1 lord. For Mars, we find the following:

Mars in PH2: Mars is the lord of PH1 (the native's well-being) and PH8 (an ending that facilitates transformation), and it is the natural representative of energetic assertive action. Mars lies in the intersection of PH2 and Taurus WS2, both houses referring to supportive persons or things. At her best, feminine Taurus is doggedly determined to make tangible progress in achieving a better quality of life. In light of the foregoing, Mars refers to King as enthusiastically engaging in self-betterment.

As a nocturnal malefic lying below the horizon, Mars is happy. Therefore, Mars brings difficulties that require moderate effort to overcome. PH2 allows 25% quadrant-house strength, and so Mars brings difficulties at a very slow pace.

The PH1 lord represents the native, and its house location indicates where the native gives great attention and great effort.

Planets that make major aspects with the PH1 lord indicate factors that affect it for good or for bad. Moon is applying to a sinister square with Mars:

Moon-Mars square: As previously found, Moon refers to King as taking on a fatherly role in order to further the common good. Moreover, as previously found, Mars refers to King as enthusiastically engaging in self-betterment. According to the principle of overcoming, Moon dominates the aspect here. The square here indicates a call for King to bring his efforts of self-betterment into line with his efforts for the common good.

Mars is separating from an opposition with Saturn. For Saturn, we find the following:

Saturn in PH8: Saturn is the lord of PH10 (achieving something significant; head persons) and PH11 (comrades and shared interests), and it is the natural representative of sober-minded action. Saturn lies in the intersection of PH8 (an ending that facilitates transformation) and Sagittarius WS9 (spiritual or professional know-how). At his best, masculine Sagittarius is not afraid to go beyond his comfort zone and to take risks in order to achieve worthy goals. In light of the foregoing, Saturn refers to King as achieving something significant through transformative spiritual leadership to further the common good.

As a diurnal malefic lying above the horizon, Saturn is happy. Therefore, Saturn brings difficulties that require moderate effort to overcome. PH8 allows 25% quadrant-house strength, and so Saturn brings difficulties at a very slow pace.

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For the aspect here, we find the following:

> **Mars-Saturn opposition:** As previously found, Mars refers to King as enthusiastically engaging in self-betterment. Moreover, as previously found, Saturn refers to King as achieving something significant through transformative spiritual leadership to further the common good. The opposition aspect here indicates a call for King to harmonize his efforts of self-betterment with his efforts for the common good.

King famously spoke of the 'beloved community', which he viewed as an achievable society in which justice, equal opportunity, and love for all human beings prevail.

Mars (the PH1 lord) is making a conjunction to the fixed star Elnath, which lies at Taurus 28° 44′. Elnath is the second-brightest star of the Taurus constellation. Elnath furthers aggressive action (especially via the tongue) that is aimed at prodding people to respond. See Appendix D for pertinent details.

EXAMINING THE LOTS OF FORTUNE, SPIRIT, AND RETRIBUTION

See Appendix C for pertinent details. In King's natal chart, the Ascendant is at Aries 20° 57′ 33″, Sun is at Capricorn 02° 16′ 59″, Moon is at Aquarius 26° 44′ 06″, and Saturn is at Sagittarius 02° 30′ 02″. On making use of TABLE 2.1, we find that

$$Asc = 20°\,57'\,33'' , \qquad Sun = 272°\,16'\,59'' ,$$

$$Moon = 326°\,44'\,06'' , \qquad Saturn = 242°\,30'\,02''$$

are the pertinent ecliptic longitudes.

For the Lot of Fortune, we get

$$LFo = Asc + Moon - Sun = 20°\,57'\,33'' + 326°\,44'\,06'' - 272°\,16'\,59''$$

$$= 75°\,24'\,40'' = 60° + 15°\,24'\,40'' ,$$

which is Gemini 15° 24′ 40″. Therefore, Mercury is the Lot's dispositor.

For the Lot of Spirit, we get

$$LSp = Asc + Sun - Moon = 20°\,57'\,33'' + 272°\,16'\,59'' - 326°\,44'\,06''$$

$$= -33°\,29'\,34'' \equiv -33°\,29'\,34'' + 360° = 326°\,30'\,26'' = 300° + 26°\,30'\,26'' ,$$

which is Aquarius 26° 30′ 26″. Therefore, Saturn is the Lot's dispositor.

For the Lot of Retribution, we get

$$LRe = Asc + Saturn - LFo = 20°\,57'\,33'' + 242°\,30'\,02'' - 75°\,24'\,40''$$

$$= 188°\,02'\,55'' = 180° + 08°\,02'\,55'' ,$$

which is Libra 08° 02′ 55″. Therefore, Venus is the Lot's dispositor.

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The Lot of Fortune indicates how and where one can attract good luck to support their efforts. King's natal Lot of Fortune lies in the intersection of PH3 and Gemini WS3, both houses referring to community. At his best, masculine Gemini seeks to learn and communicate in order to further wholesome social development. As previously found, Mercury (the Lot's dispositor) refers to King as achieving something significant by being a clever, diligent advocate for his community. In light of the foregoing, King can attract good luck by being a clever, diligent advocate of that which furthers the wholesome social development of his community.

The Lot of Spirit indicates how and where one can wholesomely develop their life potential. King's natal Lot of Spirit lies in the intersection of PH11 and Aquarius WS11, both houses referring to comrades and shared interests. At his best, masculine Aquarius is unselfish and makes improvements for the common good. As previously found, Saturn (the Lot's dispositor) refers to King as achieving something significant by taking transformative spiritual action to further the common good. In light of the foregoing, King can wholesomely develop his life potential by engaging in fellowship with others who seek to further the common good.

The Lot of Retribution indicates how and where one can meet their downfall. King's natal Lot of Retribution lies in the intersection of PH6 (being subject to unwholesome influences) and Libra WS7 (romantic partners). Masculine Libra seeks to be surrounded by beauty and harmony. Venus (the Lot's dispositor) is the natural representative of friendly action, intimate relationships, and personal charm. In light of the foregoing, the Lot of Retribution refers to King's extramarital affairs. The FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) used recorded material of King's romantic affairs in an orchestrated effort to ruin his reputation.

LOOKING FOR INTERESTING ASTROLOGICAL CONFIGURATIONS

Let's now look for interesting astrological configurations in King's natal chart. In this regard, Sun is making a conjunction to PC10 (the Midheaven). For Sun, we find the following:

> **Sun in PH9:** Sun is the lord of PH5 (personal interests), and it is the natural representative of leaders and social recognition. Sun lies in the intersection of PH9 (spiritual or professional know-how) and Capricorn WS10 (achieving something significant; gaining prestige; head persons). At her best, feminine Capricorn is diligent – she gives steady, meticulous attention to ongoing tasks. In light of the foregoing, Sun refers to King as achieving recognition through diligent leadership efforts involving spiritual know-how.
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> Sun represents something positive, and so it is functionally benefic. As a diurnal benefic lying above the horizon, Sun greatly facilitates progress or improvement. PH9 allows 50% quadrant-house strength, and so Sun facilitates progress or improvement at a relatively good pace.

As a co-founder of SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference), King used the power of black churches to conduct nonviolent protests aimed at civil-rights reform.

For the configuration of the lunar nodes *Rāhu* and *Ketú*, we find the following:

> **Rāhu in PH1 and Ketú in PH7:** *Rāhu* in PH1 (self-identity) drives high ambition, self-focus, and the determination to establish a strong identity. *Ketú* in PH7 (partnerships; someone else) leads to detachment from relationships. With time and experimentation and multiple changes,

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spiritual work, or self-development, the person here begins to discover their true identity and to live authentically. Consequently, they may discover that they have outgrown old relationship styles and patterns that no longer fit their authentic identity. The person's relationships need to evolve in order to fit the person's new reality. By having the courage to live authentically, the person here becomes powerful and able to inspire others to become their authentic selves.

See Appendix B for pertinent details. King famously spoke of the 'beloved community', which he viewed as an achievable society in which justice, equal opportunity, and love for all human beings prevail.

4.3 The Profected Ascendant

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The Latin-derived noun '**profection**' means 'a movement forward'. The **Profected Ascendant** (PR1) is the result of moving the natal Ascendant forward at a rate of 30° per year of life. More specifically, for the native at A sidereal years of age, we add

$$\text{profection addition term} = (30 \times A)\ deg$$

to the ecliptic longitude of the natal Ascendant in order to get the ecliptic longitude of PR1.

FIGURE 4.3: PR1 in King's natal chart

<K2> 09:22 (PC12) 15:45 WS12 PI	(PC11) 10:33 Ve 17:42 Mo 26:44 WS11 AQ	Su 02:16 (PC10) 05:21 Me 18:54 WS10 CP	Sa 02:30 (PC9) 10:33 WS9 SA	(PC8) 15:45 WS8 SC
Ju 08:19 (PC1) 20:57 WS1 AR	**Martin Luther King Jr.** Natal Chart (Sidereal Zodiac) Tuesday, 15 JAN 1929 at 12:00 CST Atlanta, GA (33° 45′ N; 84° 23′ W)			(PC7) 20:57 WS7 LI
<K1> 03:35 (PC2) 15:45 Ma 29:02 R WS2 TA	(PC3) 10:33 WS3 GE	(PC4) 05:21 <K3> 27:26 WS4 CN	(PC5) 10:33 WS5 LE	(PC6) 15:45 WS6 VI

In order to examine the native's life at a given time, it is useful to consider: [1] PR1 and major aspects to it, [2] planets in the house location of PR1, and [3] the PR1 ruler and its major aspects.

Firstly, PR1 refers to the native's situation at the time of interest. Moreover, planets that make major aspects to PR1 indicate factors that further describe the native's situation at the time of

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interest. Secondly, planets in the house location of PR1 further describe the native's situation at the time of interest. Thirdly, the PR1 ruler represents the native at the time of interest, and its house location indicates where the native gives great attention and great effort. Moreover, planets that make major aspects with the PR1 ruler indicate factors that affect it for good or for bad.

In this section, we will use PR1 together with hindsight in order to examine three particular events in the life of Martin Luther King Jr. These events are: Event #K1 (King's wedding day in 1953), Event #K2 (King's DC speech in 1963), and Event #K3 (King's passing in 1968).

EVENT #K1 (King's wedding day in 1953)

On Thursday, 18 June 1953, Martin Luther King Jr. married Coretta Scott, who would later become a civil-rights leader in her own right. By this date, King had lived through 6 leap days (namely, those of 1932, 1936, 1940, 1944, 1948, and 1952). It follows that on his wedding day, King's sidereal age was about

$$\frac{[(6 \times 366) + (18 \times 365) + 16 + 28 + 31 + 30 + 31 + 18]\ days}{365.256363\ days/yr} \approx 24.42120\ yrs\ .$$

For $A \approx 24.42120$, we get

$$\text{profection addition term} = (30 \times A)\ deg \approx 732.63600\ deg \approx 732^\circ\ 38'\ 10''$$
$$= 2 \times 360^\circ + 12^\circ\ 38'\ 10'' \equiv 12^\circ\ 38'\ 10''\ .$$

The natal Ascendant is at Aries 20° 57′ 33″, and so its ecliptic longitude is 20° 57′ 33″. We find that the ecliptic longitude of PR1 is

$$20^\circ\ 57'\ 33'' + 12^\circ\ 38'\ 10'' = 33^\circ\ 35'\ 43'' = 30^\circ + 03^\circ\ 35'\ 43''\ ,$$

and so the Profected Ascendant (PR1) is at Taurus 03° 35′ 43″.

Firstly, let's consider PR1 and major aspects to it. PR1 refers to the native's situation at the time of interest. PR1 (denoted in FIGURE 4.3 as 'K1') lies in the intersection of PH1 (the native's well-being) and Taurus WS2 (supportive persons or things). At her best, feminine Taurus is doggedly determined to make tangible progress in achieving a better quality of life. King's marriage was a means of support through which he could work at having a better quality of life.

Planets that make major aspects to PR1 indicate factors that further describe the native's situation at the time of interest. Sun is making a sinister trine to PR1. As previously found in Section 4.2, Sun refers to King as achieving recognition through diligent leadership efforts involving spiritual know-how. In the context of marriage, Sun refers to King as gaining prestige by being a good husband according to spiritual standards.

Secondly, let's consider planets in the house location of PR1, which further describe the native's situation at the time of interest. There is nothing in this regard.

Thirdly, let's consider the PR1 ruler and its major aspects. The PR1 ruler represents the native at the time of interest, and its house location indicates where the native gives great attention and great

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effort. As previously found in Section 4.2, Venus (the PR1 ruler) refers to King as working together with others in order to further the common good. In the context of marriage, Venus refers to King as working together with his wife in order to further a wholesome marital union.

Planets that make major aspects with the PR1 ruler indicate factors that affect it for good or for bad. There is nothing in this regard.

EVENT #K2 (King's DC speech in 1963)

On Wednesday, 28 August 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "I Have A Dream" speech during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. By this date, King had lived through 8 leap days (namely, those of 1932, 1936, 1940, 1944, 1948, 1952, 1956, and 1960). It follows that on the date of his speech, King's sidereal age was about

$$\frac{[(8 \times 366) + (26 \times 365) + 16 + 28 + 31 + 30 + 31 + 30 + 31 + 28]\ days}{365.256363\ days/yr}$$

$$\approx 34.61405\ yrs\ .$$

For $A \approx 34.61405$, we get

$$\text{profection addition term} = (30 \times A)\ deg \approx 1038.42150\ deg \approx 1038°\ 25'\ 17''$$

$$= 2 \times 360° + 318°\ 25'\ 17'' \equiv 318°\ 25'\ 17''\ .$$

The natal Ascendant is at Aries 20° 57′ 33″, and so its ecliptic longitude is 20° 57′ 33″. We find that the ecliptic longitude of PR1 is

$$20°\ 57'\ 33'' + 318°\ 25'\ 17'' = 339°\ 22'\ 50'' = 330° + 09°\ 22'\ 50''\ ,$$

and so the Profected Ascendant (PR1) is at Pisces 09° 22′ 50″.

Firstly, let's consider PR1 and major aspects to it. PR1 refers to the native's situation at the time of interest. PR1 (denoted in FIGURE 4.3 as 'K2') lies in the intersection of PH11 (comrades and shared interests) and Pisces WS12 (trying situations). At her best, feminine Pisces is resilient and shows kindly concern for others. The core agenda of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom was to advocate for civil rights and economic equality for African Americans.

Planets that make major aspects to PR1 indicate factors that further describe the native's situation at the time of interest. Saturn is making a sinister square to PR1. As previously found in Section 4.2, Saturn refers to King as achieving something significant through transformative spiritual leadership to further the common good.

Secondly, let's consider planets in the house location of PR1, which further describe the native's situation at the time of interest. There is nothing in this regard.

Thirdly, let's consider the PR1 ruler and its major aspects. The PR1 ruler represents the native at the time of interest, and its house location indicates where the native gives great attention and great effort. For Jupiter (the PR1 ruler), we find the following:

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Jupiter in PH12: Jupiter is the lord of PH9 (spiritual or professional know-how) and PH12 (trying situations), and it is the natural representative of noble-minded action, high social position, and religion/spirituality. Jupiter lies in the intersection of PH12 (trying situations) and Aries WS1 (the native's well-being). At his best, masculine Aries has the courage to jump into action in order to enthusiastically pursue worthy goals. In light of the foregoing, Jupiter refers to King as achieving a high position by boldly dealing with trying situations through spiritual guidance.

As a diurnal benefic lying above the horizon, Jupiter is happy. Therefore, Jupiter greatly facilitates progress or improvement. PH12 allows 25% quadrant-house strength, and so Jupiter facilitates progress or improvement at a very slow pace.

Let's move on!

Planets that make major aspects with the PR1 ruler indicate factors that affect it for good or for bad. Sun is applying to a sinister square with Jupiter:

Sun-Jupiter square: As previously found in Section 4.2, Sun refers to King as achieving recognition through diligent leadership efforts involving spiritual know-how. Moreover, as previously found in Section 4.2, Jupiter refers to King as achieving a high position by boldly dealing with trying situations through spiritual guidance. According to the principle of overcoming, Sun dominates the square aspect here.

Jupiter is separating from a dexter trine with Saturn:

Jupiter-Saturn trine: As previously found in Section 4.2, Jupiter refers to King as achieving a high position by boldly dealing with trying situations through spiritual guidance. As previously found in Section 4.2, Saturn refers to King as achieving something significant through transformative spiritual leadership to further the common good. According to the principle of overcoming, Saturn dominates the trine aspect here.

In his famous "I Have A Dream" speech, King addressed the issue of racial inequality in America, and he argued that racial justice is in accord with God's will.

EVENT #K3 (King's passing in 1968)

On Thursday, 04 April 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. By this date, King had lived through 10 leap days (namely, those of 1932, 1936, 1940, 1944, 1948, 1952, 1956, 1960, 1964, and 1968). It follows that on the date of his passing, King's sidereal age was about

$$\frac{[(9 \times 366) + (30 \times 365) + 16 + 29 + 31 + 4]\ days}{365.256363\ days/yr} \approx 39.21629\ yrs\ .$$

For $A \approx 39.21629$, we get

$$\text{profection addition term} = (30 \times A)\ deg \approx 1176.48870\ deg \approx 1176°\ 29'\ 19''$$
$$= 3 \times 360° + 96°\ 29'\ 19'' \equiv 96°\ 29'\ 19''\ .$$

The natal Ascendant is at Aries 20° 57′ 33″, and so its ecliptic longitude is 20° 57′ 33″. We find that the ecliptic longitude of PR1 is

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$$20° \, 57' \, 33'' + 96° \, 29' \, 19'' = 117° \, 26' \, 52'' = 90° + 27° \, 26' \, 52'' \, ,$$

and so the Profected Ascendant (PR1) is at Cancer 27° 26′ 52″.

Firstly, let's consider PR1 and major aspects to it. PR1 refers to the native's situation at the time of interest. PR1 (denoted in FIGURE 4.3 as 'K3') lies in the intersection of PH4 and Cancer WS4, both houses referring to being gravebound.

Planets that make major aspects to PR1 indicate factors that further describe the native's situation at the time of interest. Mars is making a sinister sextile to PR1. Mars is the lord of PH1 (the native) and PH8 (bodily death), and it is the natural representative of bodily injury. Mars lies in the intersection of PH2 and Taurus WS2, both houses referring to supportive persons or things. In light of the foregoing, Mars refers to death as coming to that which physically supports King's life.

Secondly, let's consider planets in the house location of PR1, which further describe the native's situation at the time of interest. There is nothing in this regard.

Thirdly, let's consider the PR1 ruler and its major aspects. The PR1 ruler represents the native at the time of interest, and its house location indicates where the native gives great attention and great effort. Moon (the PR1 ruler) is the lord of PH4 (being gravebound). Moon lies in the intersection of Moon lies in the intersection of PH11 and Aquarius WS11, both houses referring to being bound for bodily death. Note that with respect to the 4th House (being gravebound), the 11th House is the derived 8th House (bodily death). In light of the foregoing, Moon refers to King as being bound for bodily death. In Section 4.2, we found that Moon refers to King as taking on a fatherly role in order to further the common good. On putting it all together, Moon refers to King as being bound for bodily death because of his efforts to further the common good.

Planets that make major aspects with the PR1 ruler indicate factors that affect it for good or bad. Moon is applying to a sinister square with Mars:

> **Moon-Mars square:** As previously found in Section 4.2, the Moon-Mars square indicates a call for King to bring his efforts of self-betterment into line with his efforts for the common good. King answers this call despite the threat of bodily death.

King famously said: "The time is always right to do what is right.". King faced constant threats of violence that came primarily from white supremacy groups and from a covert surveillance and harassment campaign that was orchestrated by the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation).

4.4 Secondary progressions

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Earth's orbital motion about Sun gives rise to secondary motion. From the point of view of an earthbound observer, secondary motion is perceived as Earth remaining at rest while Sun and other direct-motion planets move forward along the zodiac. The **method of secondary progressions** is a technique that uses secondary motion to predict events. According to this technique, each mean solar day after birth corresponds to one completed sidereal year of the native's life. Therefore, the

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native's life at *A* sidereal years of age is revealed by what is happening astrologically when they are *A* days old. For example, the native's life at age 90 is revealed by an astrological chart that is cast for when the native is 90 days old.

If we take age 90 to be the human life span, then we can examine the native's entire life based on what is happening astrologically during the first 3 months after their birth.

Let SP1 denote the Ascendant of the secondary-progression (SP) chart. In order to examine the native's life at a given time, it is useful to consider the following in both the natal and SP charts: [1] SP1 and major aspects to it, [2] planets in the house location of SP1, and [3] the SP1 ruler and its major aspects.

Firstly, SP1 refers to the native's situation at the time of interest. Moreover, planets that make major aspects to SP1 indicate factors that further describe the native's situation at the time of interest. Secondly, planets in the house location of SP1 further describe the native's situation at the time of interest. Thirdly, the SP1 ruler represents the native at the time of interest, and its house location indicates where the native gives great attention and great effort. Moreover, planets that make major aspects with the SP1 ruler indicate factors that affect it for good or for bad.

FIGURE 4.4a: SP1 in King's natal chart

(PC12) 15:45 WS12 PI	(PC11) 10:33 Ve 17:42 Mo 26:44 WS11 AQ	Su 02:16 (PC10) 05:21 Me 18:54 WS10 CP	Sa 02:30 <K2> 05:54 (PC9) 10:33 WS9 SA	(PC8) 15:45 WS8 SC
Ju 08:19 (PC1) 20:57 WS1 AR	**Martin Luther King Jr.** Natal Chart (Sidereal Zodiac) Tuesday, 15 JAN 1929 at 12:00 CST Atlanta, GA (33° 45′ N; 84° 23′ W)			(PC7) 20:57 WS7 LI
(PC2) 15:45 Ma 29:02 R WS2 TA	(PC3) 10:33 WS3 GE	(PC4) 05:21 WS4 CN	<K3> 09:15 (PC5) 10:33 WS5 LE	(PC6) 15:45 <K1> 29:03 WS6 VI

In this section, we will use secondary progressions together with hindsight in order to examine three particular events in the life of Martin Luther King Jr. These events are: Event #K1 (King's wedding day in 1953), Event #K2 (King's DC speech in 1963), and Event #K3 (King's passing in 1968).

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EVENT #K1 (King's wedding day in 1953)

On Thursday, 18 June 1953, Martin Luther King Jr. married Coretta Scott, who would later become a civil-rights leader in her own right. In Section 4.3, we found that King's sidereal age on the event date was about $24.42120\ yrs$. For $A \approx 24.42120$, we get

$$A\ days \approx 24.42120\ days \approx 24\ days + 10\ hr + 6\ min + 32\ sec$$

as the chart-addition term.

On adding the chart-addition term to King's time of birth (Tuesday, 15 January 1929 at 12:00 pm, CST), we get Friday, 08 February 1929 at 10:06:32 pm, CST. FIGURE 4.4b presents King's SP chart according to the sidereal zodiac. The *ayanāṃśa* here is 22° 51′ 17″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra. The SP Ascendant (SP1) is at Virgo 29° 03′ 33″.

FIGURE 4.4b: SP chart for Event #K1

(PC11) 00:31 (PC12) 29:47 WS12 LE	(PC10) 01:16 WS11 CN	(PC9) 00:31 WS10 GE	Ma 29:05 WS9 TA	Ju 10:54 (PC8) 29:47 WS8 AR
(SP1) 29:03 WS1 VI	**Martin Luther King Jr.** Secondary Progression Chart (Sidereal) Friday, 08 FEB 1929 at 22:06:32 CST Atlanta, GA (33° 45′ N; 84° 23′ W)			Ve 13:51 (PC7) 29:03 WS7 PI
(PC2) 29:47 WS2 LI	WS3 SC	(PC3) 00:31 Sa 04:54 WS4 SA	(PC4) 01:16 Mo 20:23 Me 22:38 R Su 27:05 WS5 CP	(PC5) 00:31 (PC6) 29:47 WS6 AQ

Let's examine the natal chart. In FIGURE 4.4a, SP1 (denoted there as 'K1') lies in the intersection of PH6 and Virgo WS6, both houses referring to being of service to others. Sun is making a dexter square to SP1. As previously found for Event #K1 in Section 4.3, natal Sun refers to King as gaining prestige by being a good husband according to spiritual standards. Mars is making a sinister trine to SP1. As previously found in Section 4.2, Mars refers to King as enthusiastically engaging in self-betterment. In the context of marriage, natal Mars refers to King as acquiring his 'better half' (a friendly reference to the spouse with whom one shares one's life).

Mercury (the SP1 ruler) is the lord of PH3 (relatives) and PH6 (being of service to others), and it is the natural representative of clever action. Mercury lies in the intersection of PH10 and Capricorn WS10, both houses referring to achieving something significant and to head persons.

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In the context of marriage, natal Mercury refers to King as using his wits to be a good servant leader.

Let's examine the SP chart. In FIGURE 4.4b, Sun is making a dexter trine to SP1 (the native's well-being), and so it is making a sinister sextile to PC7 (marriage). Sun is the lord of PH11 (comrades and shared interests) and PH12 (trying situations), and it is the natural representative of husbands. Sun lies in the intersection of PH4 (comfort and security) and Capricorn WS5 (personal interests). In light of the foregoing, SP Sun refers to King as being a husband in a marriage that offers comfort and security.

Mercury (the SP1 ruler) is making a dexter trine to SP1 (the native's well-being), and so it is making a sinister sextile to PC7 (marriage). Mercury is the lord of PH1 (the native's well-being) and PH9 (spiritual or professional know-how). Mercury lies in the intersection of PH4 (comfort and security) and Capricorn WS5 (personal interests). In light of the foregoing, SP Mercury refers to King's marriage as a spiritual endeavor that offers comfort and security.

There is a Moon-Mercury-Sun conjunction that lies in the intersection of PH4 (comfort and security) and Capricorn WS5 (personal interests). Moon is the lord of PH10 (achieving something significant), and it is the natural representative of wives. As previously found, Sun refers to King as being a husband in a marriage that offers comfort and security. Moreover, as previously found, Mercury refers to King's marriage as a spiritual endeavor that offers comfort and security. In light of the foregoing, the SP Moon-Mercury-Sun conjunction refers to King's marriage as a union between husband and wife that offers spiritually fulfillment.

EVENT #K2 (King's DC speech in 1963)

On Wednesday, 28 August 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "I Have A Dream" speech during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. In Section 4.3, we found that King's sidereal age on the event date was about $34.61405\ yrs$. For $A \approx 34.61405$, we get

$$A\ days \approx 34.61405\ days \approx 34\ days + 14\ hr + 44\ min + 14\ sec$$

as the chart-addition term.

On adding the chart-addition term to King's time of birth (Tuesday, 15 January 1929 at 12:00 pm, CST), we get Tuesday, 19 February 1929 at 02:44:14 am, CST. FIGURE 4.4c presents King's SP chart according to the sidereal zodiac. The *ayanāṃśa* here is 22° 51′ 21″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra. The SP Ascendant (SP1) is at Sagittarius 05° 54′ 05″.

Let's examine the natal chart. In FIGURE 4.4a, SP1 (denoted there as 'K2') lies in the intersection of PH8 (an ending that facilitates transformation) and Sagittarius WS9 (spiritual or professional know-how).

Jupiter (the SR1 ruler) is making a dexter trine to SP1. As previously found in Section 4.2, natal Jupiter refers to King as achieving a high position by boldly dealing with trying situations through spiritual guidance.

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Sun is applying to a sinister square with Jupiter. As previously found in Section 4.2, natal Sun refers to King as achieving recognition through diligent leadership efforts involving spiritual know-how. Saturn is in PH8 (an ending that facilitates transformation) in conjunction to SP1, and it is applying to a sinister trine with Jupiter. As previously found in Section 4.2, natal Saturn refers to King as achieving something significant through transformative spiritual leadership to further the common good.

Let's examine the SP chart. In FIGURE 4.4c, Sun is making a dexter sextile to SP1. Sun is the lord of PH9 (spiritual or professional know-how), and it is the natural representative of leaders and social recognition. Sun lies in the intersection of PH2 (supportive persons or things) and Aquarius WS3 (community). In the context of King's DC speech, SP Sun refers to King as being a spiritual leader of his community.

FIGURE 4.4c: SP chart for Event #K2

(PC12) 11:55 WS12 SC	(PC11) 17:56 WS11 LI	(PC10) 23:57 WS10 VI	(PC9) 17:56 WS9 LE	(PC8) 11:55 WS8 CN
Sa 05:43 (SP1) 05:54 WS1 SA	**Martin Luther King Jr.** Secondary Progression Chart (Sidereal) Tuesday, 19 FEB 1929 at 02:44:14 CST Atlanta, GA (33° 45′ N; 84° 23′ W)			Ma 01:04 (PC7) 05:54 Mo 08:20 WS7 GE
(PC2) 11:55 Me 16:02 st WS2 CP	Su 07:22 (PC3) 17:56 WS3 AQ	Ve 23:37 (PC4) 23:57 WS4 PI	Ju 12:25 (PC5) 17:56 WS5 AR	(PC6) 11:55 WS6 TA

Jupiter (the SP1 ruler) is the lord of PH1 (the native) and PH4 (comfort and security), and it is the natural representative of noble-minded action, high social position, and religion/spirituality. In the context of King's DC speech, SP Jupiter refers to King as taking spiritual action in order to bring comfort and security.

Moon is applying to a dexter sextile with Jupiter. Moon is the lord of PH8 (an ending that facilitates change), and it is the natural representative of stages of change. Moon lies in the intersection of PH7 and Gemini WS7, both houses referring to partnerships and divine cooperation. In the context of King's DC speech, SP Moon refers to King as working with others to further social change according to divine standards.

Mercury is stationary and making a square with Jupiter. Mercury is the lord of PH7 (partnerships; divine cooperation) and PH10 (achieving something significant; gaining prestige; head persons),

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and it is the natural representative of clever action, speech, and expertise. Mercury lies in the intersection of PH2 and Capricorn WS2, both houses referring to supportive persons or things. In the context of King's DC speech, SP Mercury refers to King as being a voice of spiritual advocacy on behalf of his supporters.

Sun is applying to a sinister sextile with Jupiter. As previously found, Sun refers to King as being a spiritual leader of his community. Saturn is the lord of PH2 (supportive persons or things) and PH3 (community), and it is the natural representative of sober-minded action. Saturn lies in the intersection of PH12 (trying situations) and Sagittarius WS1 (the native). In the context of King's DC speech, SP Saturn refers to King as taking sober-minded action on behalf of his community.

EVENT #K3 (King's passing in 1968)

On Thursday, 04 April 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. In Section 4.3, we found that King's sidereal age on the event date was about $39.21629\ yrs$. For $A \approx 39.21629$, we get

$$A\ days \approx 39.21629\ days \approx 39\ days + 5\ hr + 11\ min + 27\ sec$$

as the chart-addition term.

On adding the chart-addition term to King's time of birth (Tuesday, 15 January 1929 at 12:00 pm, CST), we get Saturday, 23 February 1929 at 05:11:27 pm, CST. FIGURE 4.4d presents King's SP chart according to the sidereal zodiac. The *ayanāṃśa* here is 22° 51′ 23″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra. The SP Ascendant (SP1) is at Leo 09° 15′ 10″.

Let's examine the natal chart. In FIGURE 4.4a, SP1 (denoted there as 'K3') lies in the intersection of PH4 (being gravebound) and Leo WS5 (supportive factors to being gravebound). Note that with respect to the 4th House (being gravebound), the 5th House is the derived 2nd House (supportive persons or things).

Jupiter is applying a sinister trine to SP1. Jupiter is the lord of PH9 (being subject to deadly influences) and PH12 (hidden enemies), and it is the natural representative of high social position. Note that with respect to the 4th House (being gravebound), the 9th House is the derived 6th House (being subject to unwholesome influences). Jupiter lies in the intersection of PH12 (hidden enemies) and Aries WS1 (the native's well-being). In the context of King's assassination, natal Jupiter refers to King's bodily death as being related to enemies in high places.

Saturn is making a dexter trine to SP1. Saturn is the lord of PH10 (being bound for bodily death) and PH11 (being bound for bodily death), and it is the natural representative of death. Note that with respect to the 4th House (being gravebound), the 10th House is the derived 7th House (bodily death or bodily harm), and the 11th House is the derived 8th House (bodily death). Saturn lies in the intersection of PH8 (bodily death) and Sagittarius WS9 (supportive factors to bodily death). Note that with respect to the 8th House (bodily death), the 9th House is the derived 2nd House (supportive persons or things). In light of the foregoing, natal Saturn refers to King as facing the threat of bodily death.

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Sun (the SP1 ruler) is the lord of PH5 (supportive factors to being gravebound). Note that with respect to the 4th House (being gravebound), the 5th House is the derived 2nd House (supportive persons or things). Sun lies in the intersection of PH9 (being subject to deadly influences) and Capricorn WS10 (being bound for bodily death). Note that with respect to the 4th House (being gravebound), the 9th House is the derived 6th House (being subject to unwholesome influences), and the 10th House is the derived 7th House (bodily death or bodily harm). In the context of King's assassination, natal Sun refers to bodily death as a result of deadly influences.

Sun is applying a sinister square with Jupiter. As previously found, natal Jupiter refers to King's bodily death as being related to enemies in high places.

Let's examine the SP chart. In the SP chart (FIGURE 4.4d), Moon is making a conjunction to SP1. Moon is the lord of PH12 (hidden enemies). Moon lies in the intersection of PH1 and Leo WS1, both houses referring to the native's well-being. In the context of King's assassination, SP Moon refers to hidden enemies that threaten King's well-being.

FIGURE 4.4d: SP chart for Event #K3

(PC12) 08:14 WS12 CN	Ma 02:16 (PC11) 07:12 WS11 GE	(PC10) 06:11 WS10 TA	(PC9) 07:12 Ju 13:11 WS9 AR	(PC8) 08:14 Ve 27:41 WS8 PI
(SP1) 09:15 Mo 14:17 WS1 LE	**Martin Luther King Jr.** Secondary Progression Chart (Sidereal) Saturday, 23 FEB 1929 at 17:11:27 CST Atlanta, GA (33° 45′ N; 84° 23′ W)			(PC7) 09:15 Su 12:00 WS7 AQ
(PC2) 08:14 WS2 VI	(PC3) 07:12 WS3 LI	(PC4) 06:11 WS4 SC	Sa 06:03 (PC5) 07:12 WS5 SA	(PC6) 08:14 Me 17:02 WS6 CP

Mars is making a sinister sextile to SP1. Mars is the lord of PH4 (being gravebound) and PH9 (being subject to deadly influences), and it is the natural representative of bodily injury. Note that with respect to the 4th House (being gravebound), the 9th House is the derived 6th House (being subject to unwholesome influences). Mars lies in the intersection of PH10 (being bound for bodily death) and Gemini WS11 (being bound for bodily death). Note that with respect to the 4th House (being gravebound), the 10th House is the derived 7th House (bodily death or bodily harm), and the 11th House is the derived 8th House (bodily death). In the context of King's assassination, SP Mars refers to King's bodily death as being related to unwholesome people.

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Saturn is making a dexter trine to SP1. Saturn is the lord of PH6 (being subject to unwholesome influences) and PH7 (bodily death or bodily harm), and it is the natural representative of death. Saturn lies in the intersection of PH4 (being gravebound) and Sagittarius WS5 (supportive factors to being gravebound). Note that with respect to the 4th House (being gravebound), the 5th House is the derived 2nd House (supportive persons or things). In the context of King's assassination, SP Saturn refers to King's bodily death as being related to unwholesome people.

Sun (the SP1 ruler) is making an opposition to SP1 (bodily life or bodily health), and so it is making a conjunction to PC7 (bodily death or bodily harm). Sun is the lord of PH1 (the native's well-being), and it is the natural representative of vitality. Sun lies in the intersection of PH7 and Aquarius WS7, both houses referring to bodily death or bodily harm. In the context of King's assassination, the SP Sun-SP1 opposition (or equivalently, the SP Sun-PC7 conjunction) refers to bodily life as encountering bodily death.

Moon is separating from an opposition with Sun. As previously found, SP Moon refers to hidden enemies that threaten King's well-being. Saturn is applying to a sinister sextile with Sun. As previously found, SP Saturn refers to King's bodily death as being related to unwholesome people.

Jupiter is separating from a dexter sextile with Sun. Jupiter is the lord of PH5 (supportive factors to being gravebound) and PH8 (bodily death), and it is the natural representative of high social position. Note that with respect to the 4th House (being gravebound), the 5th House is the derived 2nd House (supportive persons or things). Jupiter lies in the intersection of PH9 and Aries WS9, both houses referring to being subject to deadly influences. Note that with respect to the 4th House (being gravebound), the 9th House is the derived 6th House (being subject to unwholesome influences). In the context of King's assassination, SP Jupiter refers to King's bodily death as being related to unwholesome people in high places.

4.5 Solar returns

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The native's **solar return** is Sun's annual return to its natal position. This return occurs on or close to the native's birthday. A solar-return year spans the time interval from one solar return to the next one. In astrology, the noun '**transit**' refers to the ongoing movement of a planet across the sky. In working with transits, we look at current planetary positions. A **solar-return chart** is a transit chart that is cast for the time when a solar return occurs, and we take it to represent the entire associated solar-return year.

There is disagreement among astrologers about the location for which a return chart should be cast. Some believe that the chart should be cast for the native's location at the time of the return. Others believe that the return chart should be cast for the native's birthplace, regardless of the native's location at the time of the return. We side with the latter group.

Let SR1 denote the Ascendant of the solar-return (SR) chart. In order to examine the native's life during a solar-return year, it is useful to consider the following in both the natal and SR charts:

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[1] SR1 and major aspects to it, [2] planets in the house location of SR1, and [3] the SR1 ruler and its major aspects.

Firstly, SR1 refers to the native's situation in the solar-return year of interest. Moreover, planets that make major aspects to SR1 indicate factors that further describe the native's situation in the solar-return year of interest. Secondly, planets in the house location of SR1 further describe the native's situation in the solar-return year of interest. Thirdly, the SR1 ruler represents the native in the solar-return year of interest, and its house location indicates where the native gives great attention and great effort. Moreover, planets that make major aspects with the SR1 ruler indicate factors that affect it for good or for bad.

FIGURE 4.5a: SR1 in King's natal chart

(PC12) 15:45 WS12 PI	(PC11) 10:33 Ve 17:42 Mo 26:44 WS11 AQ	Su 02:16 (PC10) 05:21 Me 18:54 WS10 CP	Sa 02:30 (PC9) 10:33 <K2> 11:07 WS9 SA	(PC8) 15:45 WS8 SC
Ju 08:19 (PC1) 20:57 <K3> 21:16 WS1 AR	**Martin Luther King Jr.** Natal Chart (Sidereal Zodiac) Tuesday, 15 JAN 1929 at 12:00 CST Atlanta, GA (33° 45′ N; 84° 23′ W)			(PC7) 20:57 WS7 LI
(PC2) 15:45 Ma 29:02 R WS2 TA	(PC3) 10:33 <K1> 16:51 WS3 GE	(PC4) 05:21 WS4 CN	(PC5) 10:33 WS5 LE	(PC6) 15:45 WS6 VI

In this section, we will use SR1 together with hindsight in order to examine three particular events in the life of Martin Luther King Jr. These events are: Event #K1 (King's wedding day in 1953), Event #K2 (King's DC speech in 1963), and Event #K3 (King's passing in 1968).

EVENT #K1 (King's wedding day in 1953)

On Thursday, 15 January 1953, King reached age 24. In order to find the time of the SR chart, we will make use of tropical ecliptic longitudes as a means to an end. At King's birth time, Sun's sidereal ecliptic longitude is 272° 16′ 59″. At King's 1953 SR time, Sun's sidereal ecliptic longitude is the natal value of 272° 16′ 59″, and the *ayanāṃśa* is 23° 11′ 10″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra. On adding this *ayanāṃśa* to Sun's sidereal ecliptic longitude, we get the SR tropical value of 295° 28′ 09″. We find that Sun's tropical ecliptic longitude is 295° 28′ 09″ on Thursday, 15 January 1953 at 04:35:00 pm, EST. FIGURE 4.5b presents King's 1953 SR chart according to the sidereal zodiac. The SR Ascendant (SR1) is at Gemini 16° 51′ 41″.

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On Thursday, 18 June 1953, Martin Luther King Jr. married Coretta Scott, who would later become a civil-rights leader in her own right. Let's see how this event shows up astrologically in the natal and SR charts.

Let's examine the natal chart. In FIGURE 4.5a, SR1 (denoted there as 'K1') lies in the intersection of PH3 and Gemini WS3, both houses referring to relatives. The Latin name for Gemini means 'twins'. In the context of marriage, SR1 refers to Martin and Coretta as becoming relatives by marriage. Venus is making a sinister trine to SR1. As previously found for Event #K1 in Section 4.3, natal Venus refers to King as working together with his wife in order to further a wholesome marital union.

As previously found for Event #K1 in Section 4.4, natal Mercury (the SR1 ruler) refers to King as using his wits to be a good servant leader.

Let's examine the SR chart. In FIGURE 4.5b, Jupiter is making a sinister sextile to SR1. Jupiter is the lord of PH7 (marriage) and PH10 (achieving something significant; gaining prestige), and it is the natural representative of noble-minded action, high social position, and religion/spirituality. Jupiter lies in the intersection of PH11 and Aries WS11, both houses referring to comrades and shared interests. In the context of marriage, SR Jupiter refers to King's marital union as holy matrimony (that is, a marital union that is blessed by God).

FIGURE 4.5b: King's 1953 SR chart

(PC12) 11:28 WS12 TA	(PC11) 06:05 Ju 17:58 WS11 AR	(PC10) 00:42 WS10 PI	(PC9) 06:05 Ve 18:29 Ma 19:07 WS9 AQ	Su 02:16 Mo 06:35 (PC8) 11:28 WS8 CP
(SR1) 16:51 WS1 GE	**Martin Luther King Jr.** Solar-Return Chart for Age 24 (Sidereal) Thursday, 15 JAN 1953 at 16:35:00 EST Atlanta, GA (33° 45′ N; 84° 23′ W)			(PC7) 16:51 Me 20:58 WS7 SA
(PC2) 11:28 WS2 CN	(PC3) 06:05 WS3 LE	(PC4) 00:42 WS4 VI	Sa 03:45 (PC5) 06:05 WS5 LI	(PC6) 11:28 WS6 SC

Mercury (the SR1 ruler) is the lord of PH1 (the native's well-being) and PH4 (comfort and security), and it is the natural representative of clever action. Mercury lies in the intersection of PH7 and Sagittarius WS7, both houses referring to marriage. Mercury is making a conjunction to PC7 (marriage). In the context of marriage, SR Mercury refers to King's marriage as requiring clever action in order to bring forth comfort and security.

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Mercury is separating from a sinister sextile with Venus. According to the principle of overcoming, Mercury dominates this sextile aspect. Venus is the lord of PH5 (personal interests) and PH12 (trying situations), and it is the natural representative of friendly action and intimate relationships. Venus lies in the intersection of PH9 and Aquarius WS9, both houses referring to spiritual or professional know-how. In the context of marriage, SR Venus refers to King's marital union as a trying situation that requires spiritual guidance.

EVENT #K2 (King's DC speech in 1963)

On Tuesday, 15 January 1963, King reached age 34. In order to find the time of the SR chart, we will make use of tropical ecliptic longitudes as a means to an end. At King's birth time, Sun's sidereal ecliptic longitude is 272° 16′ 59″. At King's 1968 SR time, Sun's sidereal ecliptic longitude is the natal value of 272° 16′ 59″, and the *ayanāṃśa* is 23° 19′ 33″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra. On adding this *ayanāṃśa* to Sun's sidereal ecliptic longitude, we get the SR tropical value of 295° 36′ 32″. We find that Sun's tropical ecliptic longitude is 295° 36′ 31″ on Wednesday, 16 January 1963 at 06:23:40 am, EST. FIGURE 4.5c presents King's 1963 SR chart according to the sidereal zodiac. The SR Ascendant (SR1) is at Sagittarius 11° 12′ 04″.

On Wednesday, 28 August 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "I Have A Dream" speech during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. In his speech, King addressed the issue of racial inequality in America, and he argued that racial justice is in accord with God's will. Let's see how this event shows up astrologically in the natal and SR charts.

Let's examine the natal chart. In FIGURE 4.5a, SR1 (denoted there as 'K2') lies in the intersection of PH9 and Sagittarius WS9, both houses referring to spiritual or professional know-how. At his best, masculine Sagittarius is not afraid to go beyond his comfort zone and to take risks in order to achieve worthy goals. In the context of King's DC speech, SR1 refers to King as taking spiritual action in order to eliminate racial inequality in America.

Venus is making a dexter sextile to SR1. As previously found in Section 4.2, natal Venus refers to King as working together with others in order to further the common good. Jupiter (the SR1 ruler) is making a dexter trine to SR1. As previously found in Section 4.2, natal Jupiter refers to King as achieving a high position by boldly dealing with trying situations through spiritual guidance.

Saturn is applying to a sinister trine with Jupiter. According to the principle of overcoming, Saturn dominates this trine aspect. As previously found in Section 4.2, natal Saturn refers to King as achieving something significant through transformative spiritual leadership to further the common good.

Sun is applying to a sinister square with Jupiter. According to the principle of overcoming, Sun dominates this square aspect. As previously found in Section 4.2, natal Sun refers to King as achieving recognition through diligent leadership efforts involving spiritual know-how.

Let's examine the SR chart. In FIGURE 4.5c, Moon is making a sinister square to SR1. Moon is the lord of PH8 (an ending that facilitates transformation), and it is the natural representative of

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stages of change. Moon lies in the intersection of PH9 (spiritual or professional know-how) and Virgo WS10 (achieving something significant). In the context of King's DC speech, SR Moon refers to King as taking transformative spiritual action.

FIGURE 4.5c: King's 1963 SR chart

Ve 15:37 (PC12) 17:30 WS12 SC	(PC10) 00:08 (PC11) 23:49 WS11 LI	Mo 17:16 WS10 VI	(PC9) 23:49 WS9 LE	(PC8) 17:30 Ma 28:28 R WS8 CN
(SR1) 11:12 WS1 SA	**Martin Luther King Jr.** Solar-Return Chart for Age 34 (Sidereal) Wednesday, 16 JAN 1963 at 06:23:40 EST Atlanta, GA (33° 45′ N; 84° 23′ W)			(PC7) 11:12 WS7 GE
Su 02:16 Me 10:58 R (PC2) 17:30 Sa 18:21 WS2 CP	Ju 18:37 (PC3) 23:49 WS3 AQ	WS4 PI	(PC4) 00:08 (PC5) 23:49 WS5 AR	(PC6) 17:30 WS6 TA

Jupiter (the SR1 ruler) is the lord of PH1 (the native's well-being) and Pisces WS4 (comfort and security), and it is the natural representative of noble-minded action, high social position, and religion/spirituality. Jupiter lies in the intersection of PH2 (supportive persons or things) and Aquarius WS3 (community). In the context of King's DC speech, SR Jupiter as refers to King as taking noble-minded action on behalf of his community.

Venus is applying to a sinister square with Jupiter. According to the principle of overcoming, Venus dominates this square aspect. Venus is the lord of PH6 (being of service to others), PH10 (achieving something significant), PH11 (comrades and shared interests), and it is the natural representative of friendly action and intimate relationships. Venus lies in the intersection of PH11 (comrades and shared interests) and Scorpio WS12 (trying situations). In the context of King's DC speech, SR Venus refers to King as working together with others in order to further the common good under trying circumstances.

EVENT #K3 (King's passing in 1968)

On Monday, 15 January 1968, King reached age 39. In order to find the time of the SR chart, we will make use of tropical ecliptic longitudes as a means to an end. At King's birth time, Sun's sidereal ecliptic longitude is 272° 16′ 59″. At King's 1968 SR time, Sun's sidereal ecliptic longitude is the natal value of 272° 16′ 59″, and the *ayanāṃśa* is 23° 23′ 44″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra. On adding this *ayanāṃśa* to Sun's sidereal ecliptic longitude, we get the SR tropical value of 295° 40′ 43″. We find that Sun's tropical ecliptic longitude is 295° 40′ 43″ on

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Tuesday, 16 January 1968 at 01:00:30 pm, EST. FIGURE 4.5d presents King's 1968 SR chart according to the sidereal zodiac. The SR Ascendant (SR1) is at Aries 21° 16′ 46″.

On Thursday, 04 April 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. Let's see how this event shows up astrologically in the natal and SR charts.

Let's examine the natal chart. In FIGURE 4.5a, SR1 (denoted there as 'K3') lies in the intersection of PH1 and Aries WS1, both houses referring to bodily life or bodily health. In the context of King's assassination, SR1 refers to concerns about King's bodily life or bodily health. Moon is making a sinister sextile to SR1. As previously found for Event #K3 in Section 4.3, natal Moon refers to King as being bound for bodily death because of his efforts to further the common good.

As previously found for Event #K3 in Section 4.3, natal Mars (the SR1 ruler) refers to death as coming to that which physically supports King's life. Moon is applying to a sinister square with Mars. As previously found for Event #K3 in Section 4.3, natal Moon refers to King as being bound for bodily death because of his efforts to further the common good.

Let's examine the SR chart. In FIGURE 4.5d, Moon is making a dexter square to SR1. Moon is the lord of PH4 (being gravebound), and it is the natural representative of stages of change. Moon lies in the intersection of PH4 and Cancer WS4, both houses referring to being gravebound. In the context of King's assassination, SR Moon refers to King as being gravebound.

FIGURE 4.5d: King's 1968 SR chart

(PC12) 16:00 Sa 13:33 WS12 PI	(PC11) 10:43 Ma 12:19 WS11 AQ	Su 02:16 (PC10) 05:27 Me 14:02 WS10 CP	(PC9) 10:43 WS9 SA	(PC8) 16:00 Ve 24:27 WS8 SC
(SR1) 21:16 WS1 AR	**Martin Luther King Jr.** Solar-Return Chart for Age 39 (Sidereal) Tuesday, 16 JAN 1968 at 13:00:30 EST Atlanta, GA (33° 45′ N; 84° 23′ W)			(PC7) 21:16 WS7 LI
(PC2) 16:00 WS2 TA	(PC3) 10:43 WS3 GE	(PC4) 05:27 Mo 15:18 WS4 CN	(PC5) 10:43 Ju 11:25 R WS5 LE	(PC6) 16:00 WS6 VI

Mars (the SR1 ruler) is the lord of PH1 (the native) and PH8 (bodily death), and it is the natural representative of bodily injury. Mars lies in the intersection of PH11 and Aquarius WS11, both houses referring to being bound for bodily death. Note that with respect to the 4th House (being

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gravebound), the 11th House is the derived 8th House (bodily death). In the context of King's assassination, SR Mars refers to King as being bound for bodily death.

4.6 Guessing a birth time

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On Wednesday, 16 July 1862, Ida Bell Wells was the first child born to James Madison Wells and his wife Elizabeth Wells in Holly Springs, Mississippi. At the time of Ida's birth, the Wells family was considered to be the enslaved property of architect Spires Boling. Slavery was legally abolished on Wednesday, 06 December 1865 with the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution. During the subsequent Reconstruction period, Ida's parents became very active in the African American community.

The late Ida B. Wells was a civil-rights leader and investigative journalist who campaigned against racial injustice in America. Wells famously said: "The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them." Moreover, she famously said: "Somebody must show that the Afro-American race is more sinned against than sinning, and it seems to have fallen upon me to do so."

The birth time of Ida B. Wells is generally unknown. In this section, we will use the Profected Ascendant (PR1) to get a ballpark estimate of Wells's birth time. Firstly, we will examine PR1 for each of four particular events in Wells's life: Event #W1 (the passing of Wells's parents in 1878), Event #W2 (Wells's publication of *Southern Horrors* in 1892), Event #W3 (Wells's wedding day in 1895), and Event #W4 (Wells's passing in 1931). Secondly, we will look for a trial natal chart that makes sense with regard to our four chosen events.

EVENT #W1 (the passing of Wells's parents in 1878)

Wells's parents passed away during the yellow fever epidemic of 1878. Her father passed away on Thursday, 26 September, and her mother passed away on Friday, 27 September. Around this time, one of Wells's brothers also passed away from the epidemic. By this time, Wells had lived through 4 leap days (namely, those of 1864, 1868, 1872, and 1876). It follows that on the date of her mother's passing, Wells's sidereal age was about

$$\frac{[(4 \times 366) + (12 \times 365) + 15 + 31 + 27]\ days}{365.256363\ days/yr} \approx 16.19958\ yrs\ .$$

For $A \approx 16.19958$, we get

$$\text{profection addition term} = (30 \times A)\ deg \approx 485.98740\ deg \approx 485°\ 59'\ 15''$$

$$= 360° + 125°\ 59'\ 15'' \equiv 125°\ 59'\ 15'' = 4 \times 30° + 05°\ 59'\ 15''\ ,$$

and so PR1 is the result of moving the natal Ascendant forward by at least 4 signs (and therefore 4 whole-sign houses).

If the sign degree of the natal Ascendant is less than 24° 00′ 45″, then PR1 will lie 4 whole-sign houses ahead, that is, in WS5. If the sign degree of the natal Ascendant is greater than 24° 00′ 45″,

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then PR1 will lie 5 whole-sign houses ahead, that is, in WS6. If PR1 lies in WS6, then its sign degree cannot exceed 05° 59′ 15″.

WS5 refers to children. WS6 refers to stress. After Ida's parents passed away, friends and relatives considered separating the surviving Wells children and sending them to foster homes. Ida resisted this proposition and arranged for herself to become the primary caretaker of her siblings in order to keep them together. In this regard, Ida's younger siblings became her 'children'.

EVENT #W2 (Wells's publication of *Southern Horrors* in 1892)

On Wednesday, 26 October 1892, Ida B. Wells began publishing her research on the lynching of African Americans in a pamphlet titled *Southern Horrors: Lynch Law in All Its Phases*. By this date, Wells had lived through 8 leap days (namely, those of 1864, 1868, 1872, 1876, 1880, 1884, 1888, and 1892). It follows that on the date of his mother's passing, Wells's sidereal age was about

$$\frac{[(8 \times 366) + (22 \times 365) + 15 + 31 + 30 + 26]\ days}{365.256363\ days/yr} \approx 30.28010\ yrs\ .$$

For $A \approx 30.28010$, we get

$$\text{profection addition term} = (30 \times A)\ deg \approx 908.40300\ deg \approx 908°\ 24'\ 11''$$
$$= 2 \times 360° + 188°\ 24'\ 11'' \equiv 188°\ 24'\ 11'' = 6 \times 30° + 08°\ 24'\ 11''\ ,$$

and so PR1 is the result of moving the natal Ascendant forward by at least 6 signs (and therefore 6 whole-sign houses).

If the sign degree of the natal Ascendant is less than 21° 35′ 49″, then PR1 will lie 6 whole-sign houses ahead, that is, in WS7. If the sign degree of the natal Ascendant is greater than 21° 35′ 49″, then PR1 will lie 7 whole-sign houses ahead, that is, in WS8. If PR1 lies in WS8, then its sign degree cannot exceed 08° 24′ 11″.

WS7 refers to partnerships and divine cooperation. WS8 refers to an ending that facilitates transformation and to dealing with another's passing. The subject of *Southern Horrors* was the lynching of African Americans, and Wells said that she wrote it in order "to arouse the conscience of America".

EVENT #W3 (Wells's wedding day in 1895)

On Thursday, 27 June 1895, Ida Bell Wells married Ferdinand Lee Barnett, who was a prominent attorney, civil-rights activist, and journalist. By this date, Wells had lived through 8 leap days (namely, those of 1864, 1868, 1872, 1876, 1880, 1884, 1888, and 1892). It follows that on her wedding day, Wells's sidereal age was about

$$\frac{[(8 \times 366) + (25 \times 365) - 16 - 3]\ days}{365.256363\ days/yr} \approx 32.94672\ yrs\ .$$

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For $A \approx 32.94672$, we get

$$\text{profection addition term} = (30 \times A)\ deg \approx 988.40160\ deg \approx 988^\circ\ 24'\ 06''$$
$$= 2 \times 360^\circ + 268^\circ\ 24'\ 06'' \equiv 268^\circ\ 24'\ 06'' = 8 \times 30^\circ + 28^\circ\ 24'\ 06''\ ,$$

and so PR1 is the result of moving the natal Ascendant forward by at least 8 signs (and therefore 8 whole-sign houses).

If the sign degree of the natal Ascendant is less than 01° 35′ 54″, then PR1 will lie 8 whole-sign houses ahead, that is, in WS9. If the sign degree of the natal Ascendant is greater than 01° 35′ 54″, then PR1 will lie 9 whole-sign houses ahead, that is, in WS10. If PR1 lies in WS10, then its sign degree cannot exceed 28° 24′ 06″.

WS9 refers to spiritual or professional know-how. WS10 refers to one's calling or career and to achieving something significant. Ida's husband Ferdinand supported her career at a time when a married woman was expected to give up working outside the home. Both Ida and Ferdinand were journalists as well as civil-rights activists, and their careers were intertwined. It was important to Ida to balance her family life and her activism.

EVENT #W4 (Wells's passing in 1931)

On Thursday, 25 March 1931, Ida B. Wells-Barnett passed away from kidney disease. By this date, Wells had lived through 16 leap days (namely, those of 1864, 1868, 1872, 1876, 1880, 1884, 1888, 1892, 1896, 1904, 1908, 1912, 1916, 1920, 1924, and 1928). It follows that on the day of her passing, Wells's sidereal age was about

$$\frac{[(16 \times 366) + (53 \times 365) - 16 - 30 - 31 - 30 - 6]\ days}{365.256363\ days/yr} \approx 68.68600\ yrs\ .$$

For $A \approx 68.68600$, we get

$$\text{profection addition term} = (30 \times A)\ deg \approx 2060.58000\ deg = 2060^\circ\ 34'\ 48''$$
$$= 5 \times 360^\circ + 260^\circ\ 34'\ 48'' \equiv 260^\circ\ 34'\ 48'' = 8 \times 30^\circ + 20^\circ\ 34'\ 48''\ ,$$

and so PR1 is the result of moving the natal Ascendant forward by at least 8 signs (and therefore 8 whole-sign houses).

If the sign degree of the natal Ascendant is less than 09° 25′ 12″, then PR1 will lie 8 whole-sign houses ahead, that is, in WS9. If the sign degree of the natal Ascendant is greater than 09° 25′ 12″, then PR1 will lie 9 whole-sign houses ahead, that is, in WS10. If PR1 lies in WS10, then its sign degree cannot exceed 20° 34′ 48″.

With respect to the 4th House (being gravebound), the 9th House is the derived 6th House (acute illness), and the 10th House is the derived 7th House (bodily death or bodily harm).

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LOOKING FOR A TRIAL NATAL CHART

Event #W1 refers to the passing of Wells's parents and of one of her brothers. Let's use this event to help us to generate a trial natal chart. The 11th House refers to a parent passing away because it is the derived 8th House (bodily death) with respect to the 4th House (the parents). In order for PR1 to refer to the passing of Wells's parents, it makes sense for: [1] PR1 to be in the domicile of the WS11 lord, or [2] PR1 to be in the same house as the WS11 lord, or [3] the WS11 lord to be making a major aspect to PR1. The 10th House refers to a sibling passing away because it is the derived 8th House (bodily death) with respect to the 3rd House (siblings). In order for PR1 to refer to the passing of one of Wells's brothers, it makes sense for: [1] PR1 to be in the domicile of the WS10 lord, or [2] PR1 to be in the same house as the WS10 lord, or [3] the WS10 lord to be making a major aspect to PR1.

On supposing that the WS11 lord is the same as the WS10 lord, we get WS10 being tied to Capricorn, WS11 being tied to Aquarius, and the Ascendant being in Aries. By trial and error, we find that an Aries Ascendant occurs between 12:00 am, LMT and about 12:49 am, LMT. Local Mean Time (LMT) is a longitude-dependent time scale that is based on the notion of a mean solar day (which is exactly 24 hours long by definition). LMT was the civil standard for timekeeping in the 19th century before time zones were introduced in the late 19th century.

FIGURE 4.6: Wells's trial natal chart

Mo 02:54 Ma 13:31 (PC12) 16:48 WS12 PI	(PC11) 11:26 WS11 AQ	(PC10) 06:04 <W4> 12:30 <W3> 20:34 WS10 CP	(PC9) 11:26 WS9 SA	<W2> 00:34 (PC8) 16:48 WS8 SC
(PC1) 22:10 WS1 AR	**Ida Bell Wells** Natal Chart (Sidereal Zodiac) Wednesday, 16 JUL 1862 at 00:25:00 LMT Holly Springs, MS (34° 46′ N; 89° 27′ W)			(PC7) 22:10 WS7 LI
(PC2) 16:48 Ve 25:09 WS2 TA	(PC3) 11:26 Me 15:14 WS3 GE	Su 01:28 (PC4) 06:04 WS4 CN	(PC5) 11:26 Sa 26:42 <W1> 28:09 WS5 LE	Ju 00:51 (PC6) 16:48 WS6 VI

Let's choose the sign degree of the natal Ascendant to be less than 24° 00′ 45″ so that PR1 will be in WS5 for Event #W1. Consequently, a suitable Aries Ascendant occurs before about 12:30 am, LMT. Moreover, let's choose the sign degree of the natal Ascendant to be greater than 21° 35′ 49″ so that PR1 will be in WS8 for Event #W2. Consequently, a suitable Aries Ascendant occurs after about 12:24 am, LMT.

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FIGURE 4.6 presents our trial natal chart for Ida Bell Wells. Here we are taking the estimated birth time to be Wednesday, 16 July 1862 at 12:25:00 am, LMT. The *ayanāṃśa* here is 21° 55′ 24″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra. The Ascendant is at Aries 22° 10′ 12″.

Event #W1 refers to the passings of Wells's parents and of one of her brothers. For this event, PR1 (denoted in FIGURE 4.6 as 'W1') is at 28° 09′ 27″. PR1 lies in the intersection of PH5 and Leo WS5 (children), both houses referring to children. At his best, masculine Leo acts nobly and safeguards those for whom he is responsible. Saturn is making a conjunction to PR1. Saturn is the lord of PH10 (a sibling passing away) and PH11 (a parent passing away), and it is the natural representative of death. Sun (the PR1 ruler) is the natural representative of leaders and bosses, and it lies in the intersection of PH3 (siblings) and Cancer WS4 (parents). After her parents passed away, Wells stepped up to become the mother figure for her younger siblings.

Event #W2 refers to Wells's publishing of the pamphlet *Southern Horrors*. For this event, PR1 (denoted in FIGURE 4.6 as 'W2') is at Scorpio 00° 34′ 23″. PR1 lies in the intersection of PH7 (someone else) and Scorpio WS8 (an ending that facilitates transformation; dealing with another's passing). At her best, feminine Scorpio is driven by a deep sense of purpose, and she is not easily deterred by obstacles or setbacks. Jupiter is making a sinister sextile to PR1. Jupiter is the lord of PH9 (spiritual or professional know-how) and PH12 (trying situations). As a journalist and civil-rights activist, Wells campaigned strongly against the lynching of African Americans.

Event #W3 refers to Wells's wedding. For this event, PR1 (denoted in FIGURE 4.6 as 'W3') is at Capricorn 20° 34′ 18″. PR1 lies in the intersection of PH10 and Capricorn WS10, both houses referring to one's calling or career and to achieving something significant. Venus is making a dexter trine to PR1. Venus is the lord of PH2 (supportive persons or things) and PH7 (marriage), and it is the natural representative of friendly action and intimate relation. Ida and her husband Ferdinand enjoyed a happy marriage as well as a career partnership of ideas and actions.

Event #W4 refers to Wells's passing. For this event, PR1 (denoted in FIGURE 4.6 as 'W4') is at Capricorn 12° 30′ 12″. PR1 lies in the intersection of PH10 and Capricorn WS10, both houses referring to being bound for bodily death. Mars is making a dexter sextile to PR1. Mars is the lord of PH1 (the native) and PH8 (bodily death), and it is the natural representative of bodily injury. Ida B. Wells-Barnett passed away from kidney disease.

IMPORTANT COMMENTS: Our ballpark estimate of Wells's birth time is Wednesday, 16 July 1862 at 12:25:00 am, LMT. This estimate is not conclusive. I am inclined here to mention the following astrological rule:

> **The Rule of Three:** If something is indicated once, then the outcome is possible. If it is indicated twice, then the outcome is likely. If it is indicated three times, then the outcome is certain.

In this regard, I would use various pertinent astrological techniques to test our trial natal chart.

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4.7 Frankland's cusp-derived points

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In his book *Secrets of Predictive Astrology*, astrologer Anthony Louis speaks extensively about the work of William Frankland, who was a London-based astrologer who published two books in the late 1920s that introduced new techniques of predictive astrology.

In his 1928 book *New Measures in Astrology*, Frankland presents a technique involving the use of Placidus house cusps to generate sensitive points that carry house meaning. Like the Porphyry house system that we have been using in our book, the Placidus house system is a quadrant-house system. In order to generate Frankland's cusp-derived points, we will be using Porphyry house cusps instead of Placidus house cusps.

Here are three ways to generate Frankland's cusp-derived points:

- In order to examine Porphyry House n when the native has A sidereal years of age, do the following. Add the ecliptic longitudes of PC1 (the Ascendant) and PCn, and then add on A degrees. We may take PC1 here to mean 'regarding the native'.
- In order to examine Porphyry House n when the native has A sidereal years of age, do the following. Add the ecliptic longitudes of PC4 (the Imum Coeli) and PCn, and then add on A degrees. We may take PC4 here to mean 'being rooted in'.
- In order to examine the combination of Porphyry Houses n_1 and n_2 when the native has A sidereal years of age, do the following. Add the ecliptic longitudes of PCn_1 and PCn_2, and then add on A degrees.

In applying any of these ways, we may go further by adding on the ecliptic longitude of a pertinent planet. In order to examine a cusp-derived point, it is useful to consider its house location and major aspects to it.

In this section, we will use cusp-derived points together with hindsight in order to examine four particular events in my life: Event #B1 (my father's passing in 1986), Event #B2 (my graduation in 1987), Event #B3 (my spiritual initiation in 1997), and Event #B4 (my mother's passing in 2012).

For Events #B1 and #B4, we will use Frankland's **Point of Dangerous Illness** (PDI). Frankland used PC6 (acute illness) and PC8 (bodily death) to generate PDI, which is a point that refers to the native's dangerous illness. But in each of the two passings, the dangerous illness refers to a parent, not to me (the native). Therefore, let's adapt PDI to a parent's dangerous illness. With respect to the 4th House (parents), the 9th House is the derived 6th House (acute illness), and the 11th House is the derived 8th House (bodily death). In this regard, we may use PC9 and PC11 to generate a point referring to a parent's dangerous illness.

For Events #B2 and #B3, we will use Frankland's **Point of Honor and Upliftment** (PHU). Frankland used PC1 (the native), PC10 (achieving something significant; gaining prestige), and Jupiter (noble-minded action; high social position) to generate PHU, which is a point that refers to honor and upliftment to the highest point.

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FIGURE 4.7: Cusp-derived points in my natal chart

<B2> 20:18 WS12 TA	Ma 13:57 (PC12) 28:09 WS11 AR	<B4> 07:21 (PC11) 19:54 WS10 PI	<B1> 11:18 (PC10) 11:40 Su 24:08 WS9 AQ	Ve 11:15 (PC9) 19:54 Me 26:49 WS8 CP
<B3> 00:16 (PC1) 06:24 Ju 26:46 R (PC2) 28:09 WS1 GE	**Aakhut Em Bak** Natal Chart (Sidereal Zodiac) Tuesday, 08 MAR 1955 at 11:15 CST Chicago, IL (41° 51′ N; 87° 39′ W)			(PC7) 06:24 (PC8) 28:09 WS7 SA
(PC3) 19:54 WS2 CN	(PC4) 11:40 Mo 24:55 WS3 LE	(PC5) 19:54 WS4 VI	Sa 27:54 R (PC6) 28:09 WS5 LI	WS6 SC

Let's move on!

EVENT #B1 (my father's passing in 1986)

On Wednesday, 03 September 1986, my father passed away from illness. By this date, I had lived through 8 leap days (namely, those of 1956, 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972, 1976, 1980, and 1984). It follows that on the date of my father's passing, my sidereal age was about

$$\frac{[(8 \times 366) + (23 \times 365) + 23 + 30 + 31 + 30 + 31 + 31 + 3]\ days}{365.256363\ days/yr} \approx 31.49021\ yrs\ .$$

We may use PC9 and PC11 to generate a point that refers to a parent's dangerous illness. Let's use this Point of Dangerous Illness (PDI) for Event #B1.

PC9 is at Capricorn 19° 54′ 47″, and so its ecliptic longitude is 289° 54′ 47″. PC11 is at Pisces 19° 54′ 47″, and so its ecliptic longitude is 349° 54′ 47″. For $A \approx 31.49021$, we find that

$$A\ deg \approx 31.49021\ deg \approx 31°\ 29'\ 24''\ .$$

The ecliptic longitude of PDI is

$$289°\ 54'\ 47'' + 349°\ 54'\ 47'' + 31°\ 29'\ 24'' = 671°\ 18'\ 58'' = 360° + 311°\ 18'\ 58''$$

$$\equiv 311°\ 18'\ 58'' = 300° + 11°\ 18'\ 58''\ ,$$

which is Aquarius 11° 18′ 58″.

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PDI (denoted in FIGURE 4.7 as 'B1') lies in the intersection of PH9 and Aquarius WS9, both houses referring to a parent's illness. Note that with respect to the 4th House (parents), the 9th House is the derived 6th House (acute illness). Mars is making a dexter sextile to PDI. Mars is the lord of PH12 (trying situations), and it is the natural representative of bodily injury. In light of the foregoing, Mars refers to me as undergoing a trying situation because of my father's passing.

Saturn (PDI's dispositor) is the lord of PH9 (a parent's illness) and PH10 (a parent's bodily death or bodily harm), and it is the natural representative of death. Note that with respect to the 4th House (parents), the 9th House is the derived 6th House (acute illness), and the 10th House is the derived 7th House (bodily death or bodily harm). Saturn lies in the intersection of PH5 and Libra WS5, both houses referring to supportive factors to being gravebound. Note that with respect to the 4th House (being gravebound), the 5th House is the derived 2nd House (supportive persons or things). In light of the foregoing, Saturn refers to a parent passing away from illness.

EVENT #B2 (my graduation in 1987)

On Monday, 01 June 1987, I graduated from MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) with a doctoral degree in Physics. By this date, I had lived through 8 leap days (namely, those of 1956, 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972, 1976, 1980, and 1984). It follows that on the date of my graduation, my sidereal age was about

$$\frac{[(8 \times 366) + (24 \times 365) + 23 + 30 + 31 + 1]\, days}{365.256363\, days/yr} \approx 32.23216\, yrs\,.$$

Frankland used PC1, PC10, and Jupiter to generate a point that refers to honor and upliftment to the highest point. Let's use this Point of Honor and Upliftment (PHU) for Event #B2.

PC1 is at Gemini 06° 24′ 11″, and so its ecliptic longitude is 66° 24′ 11″. PC10 is at Aquarius 11° 40′ 06‴, and so its ecliptic longitude is 311° 40′ 06″. For $A \approx 32.23216$, we find that

$$A\, deg \approx 32.23216\, deg \approx 32°\, 13'\, 55''\,.$$

The ecliptic longitude of PHU is

$$66°\, 24'\, 11'' + 311°\, 40'\, 06'' + 32°\, 13'\, 55'' = 410°\, 18'\, 12'' = 360° + 50°\, 18'\, 12''$$
$$\equiv 50°\, 18'\, 12'' = 30° + 20°\, 18'\, 12''\,,$$

which is Taurus 20° 18′ 12″.

PHU (denoted in FIGURE 4.7 as 'B2') lies in the intersection of PH12 and Taurus WS12, both houses referring to trying situations. Moon is making a dexter square to PHU. Moon is the lord of PH3 (community), and it is the natural representative of nurturing. Moon lies in the intersection of PH4 (upbringing) and Leo WS3 (community). In light of the foregoing, Moon refers to me as being developed to become an accepted member of a community. In the context of my graduation, the community is of a professional nature.

Sun is making a sinister square to PHU. Sun is the lord of PH4 (upbringing), and it is the natural representative of leaders and social recognition. Sun lies in the intersection of PH10 (achieving

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something significant; gaining prestige) and Aquarius WS9 (spiritual or professional know-how). In light of the foregoing, Sun refers to me as achieving recognition through applying spiritual or professional know-how for the common good.

Mercury is making a sinister trine to PHU. Mercury is the lord of PH1 (the native) and PH5 (personal interests), and it is the natural representative of clever action, speech, and expertise. Mercury lies in the intersection of PH9 (spiritual or professional know-how) and Capricorn WS8 (an ending that facilitates transformation). In light of the foregoing, Mercury refers to me as diligently applying know-how that involves clever action, speech, and spiritual or professional expertise.

Venus (PHU's dispositor) is the lord of PH6 (being of service to others), and it is the natural representative of friendly action and intimate relationships. Venus lies in the intersection of PH8 and Capricorn WS8, both houses referring to an ending that facilitates transformation. In light of the foregoing, Venus refers to me as undertaking a transformative endeavor of service.

EVENT #B3 (my spiritual initiation in 1997)

In May of 1997, I went to Nigeria in order to get initiated into *Ifá*, which is a traditional African system of spiritual cultivation. The prominent day of the initiation period was Thursday, 22 May 1997. By this date, I had lived through 11 leap days (namely, those of 1956, 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972, 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992, and 1996). It follows that during my initiation period, my sidereal age was about

$$\frac{[(11 \times 366) + (31 \times 365) + 23 + 30 + 22]\ days}{365.256363\ days/yr} \approx 42.20597\ yrs\ .$$

Frankland used PC1, PC10, and Jupiter to generate a point that refers to honor and upliftment to the highest point. Let's use this Point of Honor and Upliftment (PHU) for Event #B3.

PC1 is at Gemini 06° 24′ 11″, and so its ecliptic longitude is 66° 24′ 11″. PC10 is at Aquarius 11° 40′ 06‴, and so its ecliptic longitude is 311° 40′ 06″. For $A \approx 42.20597$, we find that

$$A\ deg \approx 42.20597\ deg \approx 42°\ 12'\ 21''\ .$$

The ecliptic longitude of PHU is

$$66°\ 24'\ 11'' + 311°\ 40'\ 06'' + 42°\ 12'\ 21'' = 420°\ 16'\ 38'' = 360° + 60°\ 16'\ 38''$$
$$\equiv 60°\ 16'\ 38'' = 60° + 00°\ 16'\ 38''\ ,$$

which is Gemini 00° 16′ 38″.

PHU (denoted in FIGURE 4.7 as 'B3') lies in the intersection of PH12 (trying situations) and Gemini WS1 (the native's well-being). Moon is making a dexter square to PHU. As previously found for Event #B2, Moon refers to me as being developed to become an accepted member of a community. In the context of my initiation, the community is of a spiritual nature. Sun is making a sinister square to PHU. As previously found for Event #B2, Sun refers to me as achieving recognition through applying spiritual or professional know-how.

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Mercury (PHU's dispositor) is making a sinister trine to PHU. As previously found for Event #B2, Mercury refers to me as diligently applying know-how that involves clever action, speech, and spiritual or professional expertise.

EVENT #B4 (my mother's passing in 2012)

On Thursday, 20 September 2012, my mother passed away from illness. By this date, I had lived through 15 leap days (namely, those of 1956, 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972, 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, and 2012). It follows that on the date of my mother's passing, my sidereal age was about

$$\frac{[(15 \times 366) + (42 \times 365) + 23 + 30 + 31 + 30 + 31 + 31 + 20]\ days}{365.256363\ days/yr} \approx 57.53767\ yrs\ .$$

We may use PC9 and PC11 to generate a point that refers to a parent's dangerous illness. Let's use this Point of Dangerous Illness (PDI) for Event #B4.

PC9 is at Capricorn 19° 54′ 47″, and so its ecliptic longitude is 289° 54′ 47″. PC11 is at Pisces 19° 54′ 47″, and so its ecliptic longitude is 349° 54′ 47″. For $A \approx 57.53767$, we find that

$$A\ deg \approx 57.53767\ deg \approx 57°\ 32'\ 15''\ .$$

The ecliptic longitude of PDI is

$$289°\ 54'\ 47'' + 349°\ 54'\ 47'' + 57°\ 32'\ 15'' = 697°\ 21'\ 49'' = 360° + 337°\ 21'\ 49''$$
$$\equiv 337°\ 21'\ 49'' = 330° + 07°\ 21'\ 49''\ ,$$

which is Pisces 07° 21′ 49″.

PDI (denoted in FIGURE 4.7 as 'B4') lies in the intersection of PH10 and Pisces WS10, both houses referring to a parent's bodily death or bodily harm. Note that with respect to the 4th House (parents), the 10th House is the derived 7th House (bodily death or bodily harm). Venus is making a sinister sextile to PDI. Venus is the lord of PH6 (acute illness). Venus lies in the intersection of PH8 and Capricorn WS8, both houses referring to dealing with another's passing. In light of the foregoing, Venus refers to me as undergoing a trying situation because of another's passing.

Jupiter (PDI's dispositor) is the lord of PH7 (a parent being gravebound), PH8 (a parent overdoing pleasure), and PH11 (a parent's bodily death). Note that with respect to the 4th House (parents), the 7th House is the derived 4th House (being gravebound), the 8th House is the derived 4th House (being gravebound), and the 11th House is the derived 8th House (bodily death). Jupiter lies in the intersection of PH1 and Gemini WS1, both houses referring to the native. In light of the foregoing, Jupiter refers to a parent passing away from illness caused by abusing food or drink.

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5. Some Mundane Astrology

5.1 Introduction

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Mundane astrology is a system of astrology that is based on the belief that the affairs of a large group of people (such as a nation, a state, or a city) can be examined by casting the natal chart of its leader or by casting suitable event charts. An **event chart** is an astrological chart that is cast for the time and place of an occurrence of interest. Mundane astrologers cast event charts for a group's inception (that is, its beginning), astronomical phenomena (such as eclipses, comets, and planetary conjunctions), and astrological ingresses (such as Sun's entry into particular zodiacal signs).

As declared in Section 1.6, we will be using the sidereal zodiac, Porphyry houses primarily, and whole-sign houses secondarily. Regarding the Porphyry house system, we will be using the denotation 'PH*n*' to mean 'Porphyry House *n*' and the denotation 'PC*n*' to refer to its cusp. Regarding the whole-sign house system, we will be using the denotation 'WS*n*' to mean 'whole-sign House *n*'.

Each Porphyry house of an astrological chart is represented by its **house lord**, which is the planet that rules the sign of the house's cusp. For example, if PC9 lies in Saturn-ruled Aquarius, then Saturn is the PH9 lord. Each classical planet serves as the representative of its house(s) via its accidental role as the house lord. Moreover, each classical planet is the natural representative of some subset of persons, places, or things. We will follow astrologer Mychal A. Bryan by interpreting what a planet means firstly as an accidental representative and secondly as a natural representative. Note that the adjective 'accidental' here means 'occurring according to circumstances'.

5.2 The Declaration of Independence

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The Continental Congress began as the provisional government for the Thirteen Colonies of Great Britain. After the American Revolutionary War began in 1775, the Congress became the governing body by which the Thirteen Colonies (then known as the United Colonies) coordinated their resistance to British rule.

On Tuesday, 02 July 1776, the Continental Congress passed the Lee Resolution, which was the following decision:

> Resolved – That these United Colonies are, and, of right ought to be, free and independent states, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them, and the state of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved.

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After passing the Lee Resolution, the Continental Congress directed its attention to producing a written document that declared the independence of the United Colonies. The Declaration of Independence was written mainly by congressional member Thomas Jefferson, and its final revision was ratified on Thursday, 04 July 1776.

Congressional member John Adams took Tuesday, 02 July 1776 to be the birth of the United States of America. On Wednesday, 03 July 1776, he wrote a letter to his wife Abigail, saying:

> The second day of July 1776 will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding generations, as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.

Nevertheless, the date of Thursday, 04 July 1776 has come to be taken as America's birth. Topmost in the Declaration of Independence is the phrase: "IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776". Consequently, Americans have celebrated independence in following years on 04 July. It is interesting that John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both passed away on Tuesday, 04 July 1826, the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. We will take the ratification of the Declaration of Independence to be the birth of the United States of America (USA).

On Thursday, 29 September 1774, John Adams wrote a letter to his wife Abigail, describing a typical day for congressional members:

> I shall be killed with kindness in this place. We go to Congress at nine, and there we stay most earnestly engaged in debates upon the most abstruse mysteries of state until three in the afternoon, then we adjourn, and go to dinner with some of the nobles of Pennsylvania at four, and feast upon ten thousand delicacies, and sit drinking Madeira, Claret, and Burgundy till six or seven, and then go home, fatigued to death with business, company, and care.

According to *Journals of the Continental Congress*,[5] the Congress was scheduled to begin its business of Thursday, 04 July 1776 at 09:00 am. Consideration of the Declaration was the second item of business. After ratifying the Declaration and ordering it to be printed, the Congress's third item of business involved a congressional committee appointed to confer on the defense of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. In his article *Time and Temperature: Philadelphia, July 4, 1776*, historian Paul H. Smith[6] presents a photograph of a letter written later that day by the appointed committee. The letter begins: "Gentleman, the Congress this morning directed us to confer …" Smith goes on to write:

> Examination of all available evidence provides no reason to doubt that the committee had indeed been appointed the morning of July 4, and since considerable time undoubtedly elapsed between adoption of the Declaration and the appointment of the committee, one is forced to the conclusion that the vote on the Declaration was probably taken some time before 11:00 am.

The Congress went on to consider many other matters of business before adjourning.

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[5] *Journals of the Continental Congress, Vol. V*, United States Government Publishing Office (1906).
[6] *The Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress, Vol. 33, No. 4*, October 1976.

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5.3 An inception chart for America

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The Declaration of Independence was ratified at some time between 09:00 am, LAT and probably 11:00 am, LAT. Local Apparent Time (LAT) was the civil standard for timekeeping in the United Colonies in 1776. LAT is sundial time, which is a longitude-dependent time scale that is based on the actual position of Sun in the local sky. The length of an apparent (or actual) solar day varies during the course of a year, and so it is convenient to use Local Mean Time (LMT), which is based on the notion of a mean solar day (which is exactly 24 hours long by definition). Over the course of a year, LAT ranges from about 14 minutes slower to about 16 minutes faster than LMT. On the morning of Thursday, 04 July 1776, LAT was about 4 minutes behind LMT.

During the Congress's morning of business, we find (by trial and error) that a Leo Ascendant occurs before about 10:20:47 am, LMT and that a Virgo Ascendant occurs afterward. Moreover, a Mars-PC10 conjunction was occurring while the Continental Congress was in the process of ratifying the Declaration of Independence. This conjunction became exact at about 10:28:50 am, LMT.

FIGURE 5.3: Our USA inception chart

(PC12) 01:13 WS12 LE	(PC11) 00:50 Me 03:35 R Ra 15:52 D WS11 CN	Ma 00:27 Ve 12:02 Ju 15:08 Su 22:19 WS10 GE	(PC9) 00:50 WS9 TA	(PC8) 01:13 LFo 11:41 WS8 AR
(PC1) 01:36 Sa 24:04 WS1 VI	**United States of America** Inception Chart (Sidereal Zodiac) Thursday, 04 JUL 1776 at 10:28:50 LMT Philadelphia, PA (39° 57′ N; 75° 10′ W)			(PC7) 01:36 WS7 PI
(PC2) 01:13 WS2 LI	(PC3) 00:50 WS3 SC	(PC4) 00:27 WS4 SA	(PC5) 00:50 Ke 15:52 D LSp 21:31 WS5 CP	(PC6) 01:13 Mo 02:25 LRe 13:59 WS6 AQ

An **inception chart** is an event chart pertaining to the beginning of an endeavor – it is the endeavor's natal chart. FIGURE 5.3 presents our inception chart for the United States of America.

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Here we are taking the estimated birth time to be Thursday, 04 July 1776 at 10:28:50 am, LMT, which is the time of the aforementioned Mars-PC10 conjunction. The *ayanāṃśa* here is 20° 43′ 28″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra. The Ascendant is at Virgo 01° 36′ 19″. True *Rāhu* is in direct motion, lying at Cancer 15° 52′ 02″.

As previously stated, a Mars-PC10 conjunction was occurring while the Continental Congress was in the process of ratifying the Declaration of Independence. In this regard, we find the following for Mars:

> **Mars in PH10:** Mars is the lord of PH3 (relatives) and PH8 (an ending that facilitates transformation), and it is the natural representative of hostile action and of things that are sharp or cutting. Mars lies in the intersection of PH10 and Gemini WS10, both houses referring to achieving something significant and to being on top of a situation. The Latin name for Gemini means 'twins'. In light of the foregoing, Mars refers to the United Colonies as severing ties with their British kinfolk in order to have self-determination.

The conjunction here refers to Mars as being helpful to PC10 (achieving something significant; being on top of a situation).

Let's take a look at the USA inception chart by: [1] examining PH1, [2] examining the Lots of Fortune, Spirit, and Retribution, and [3] looking for interesting astrological configurations.

EXAMINING PH1

PH1 refers to America's identity (that is, the set of characteristics by which America is recognizable or known) and to America's well-being. In the USA inception chart, PC1 (the Ascendant) is at Virgo 01° 36′ 19″. For Virgo as the rising sign, we find the following:

> **Virgo Ascendant:** The sign Virgo expresses Mercury in a feminine way. As an earth sign, Virgo is grounded and focused on material stability. As a dual sign, Virgo is adaptable and embraces change. Virgo has a keen eye for detail, which enables her to approach problems with logic and efficiency. Being analytical and pragmatic, she can adjust to changing circumstances while keeping a focus on detail and order. Like a virgin, Virgo sets a high standard for herself. If she sets her expectations too high, then she faces disappointment and a pessimistic outlook on life. At her best, feminine Virgo uses calculated thinking to determine how to make life run more smoothly for everyone.

The Declaration of Independence sets a high standard by proclaiming:

> We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The Ascendant refers to the nation's central personality traits.

Mercury is making a sinister sextile to PC1:

> **Mercury in PH11:** Mercury is the lord of PH1 (the nation's well-being) and PH10 (achieving something significant; gaining prestige), and it is the natural representative of things of mixed

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composition. Mercury lies in the intersection of PH11 and Cancer WS11, both houses referring to comrades and shared interests and to fulfilling one's hopes. At her best, feminine Cancer safeguards those who are near and dear. In light of the foregoing, Mercury refers to America as exemplifying its traditional Latin motto *E pluribus unum* ('out of many, one'), by which people from diverse backgrounds blend into a single unit.

Mercury is malefic because its dispositor is malefic waning Moon. Mercury lies zodiacally ahead of Sun, and so it is nocturnal. As a nocturnal malefic lying above the horizon, Mercury is unhappy. Therefore, Mercury brings difficulties that require great effort to overcome. PH11 allows 50% quadrant-house strength, and so Mercury a brings difficulties at a relatively good pace.

Mars is making a sinister square to PC1:

Mars in PH10: Mars is the lord of PH3 (community) and PH8 (an ending that facilitates transformation), and it is the natural representative of energetic assertive action. Mars lies in the intersection of PH10 and Gemini WS10, both houses referring to achieving something significant. At his best, masculine Gemini seeks to learn and communicate in order to further wholesome social development. But on a negative note, Gemini's twinness may refer to two-facedness in the sense of hypocrisy (that is, professing standards that are contrary to one's actual behavior). In light of the foregoing, Mars refers to America's ongoing effort to "form a more perfect union" by fixing its flaws over time and by strengthening social bonds.

As a nocturnal malefic lying above the horizon, Mars is unhappy. Therefore, Mars brings difficulties that require great effort to overcome. PH10 allows 100% quadrant-house strength, and so Mars quickly brings difficulties.

Planets that make major aspects to the Ascendant indicate factors that add to the nation's central personality traits.

Let's now consider planets in PH1, which further indicate factors that add to the nation's central personality traits. Saturn is in PH1. On a positive note, we find the following for Saturn:

[Positive] Saturn in PH1: Saturn is the lord of PH5 (personal interests) and PH6 (being of service to others), and it is the natural representative of sober-minded action. Saturn lies in the intersection of PH1 and Virgo WS1, both houses referring to the nation's well-being. At her best, feminine Virgo uses calculated thinking to determine how to make life run more smoothly for everyone. In light of the foregoing, Saturn refers to America as taking a national interest in furthering not only its own well-being, but also that of the world at large.

Many see America as being a 'shining city on a hill', that is, a beacon of hope for the world. On a negative note, we find the following for Saturn:

[Negative] Saturn in PH1: Saturn is the lord of PH5 (personal interests) and PH6 (sickness and servitude), and it is the natural representative of restraints and limitations and of hierarchical organization. Saturn lies in the intersection of PH1 and Virgo WS1, both houses referring to the nation's well-being. On a negative note, feminine Virgo may use calculated thinking to plot against others. In light of the foregoing, Saturn refers to America as being morally ill by creating a power differential by which Caucasians mistreat other ethno-racial groups.

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> As a diurnal malefic lying below the horizon, Saturn is unhappy. Therefore, Saturn brings difficulties that require great effort to overcome. PH1 allows 100% quadrant-house strength, and so Saturn quickly brings difficulties.

In his famous 1852 speech 'What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?', the African-American abolitionist Frederick Douglass said: "The existence of slavery in this country brands your republicanism as a sham, your humanity as a base pretense, and your Christianity as a lie."

Let's now consider the PH1 lord and its major aspects. Because PC1 lies in Mercury rules Aries, Mercury is the PH1 lord. As previously found, Mercury refers to America as exemplifying its traditional Latin motto *E pluribus unum* ('out of many, one'), by which people from diverse backgrounds blend into a single unit.

Planets that make major aspects with the PH1 lord indicate factors that affect it for good or for bad. There is nothing in this regard.

EXAMINING THE LOTS OF FORTUNE, SPIRIT, AND RETRIBUTION

See Appendix C for pertinent details. In the USA inception chart, the Ascendant is at Virgo 01° 36′ 19″, Sun is at Gemini 22° 19′ 58″, Moon is at Aquarius 02° 25′ 03″, and Saturn is at Virgo 24° 04′ 22″. On making use of TABLE 2.1, we find that

$$Asc = 151° \, 36' \, 19'' \,, \qquad Sun = 82° \, 19' \, 58'' \,,$$
$$Moon = 302° \, 25' \, 03'' \,, \qquad Saturn = 174° \, 04' \, 22''$$

are the pertinent ecliptic longitudes.

For the Lot of Fortune, we get

$$LFo = Asc + Moon - Sun = 151° \, 36' \, 19'' + 302° \, 25' \, 03'' - 82° \, 19' \, 58''$$
$$= 371° \, 41' \, 24'' = 360° + 11° \, 41' \, 24'' \equiv 11° \, 41' \, 24'' = 0° + 11° \, 41' \, 24'' \,,$$

which is Aries 11° 41′ 24″. Therefore, Mars is the Lot's dispositor.

For the Lot of Spirit, we get

$$LSp = Asc + Sun - Moon = 151° \, 36' \, 19'' + 82° \, 19' \, 58' - 302° \, 25' \, 03''$$
$$= -68° \, 28' \, 46'' \equiv -68° \, 28' \, 46'' + 360° = 291° \, 31' \, 14'' = 270° + 21° \, 31' \, 14'' \,,$$

which is Capricorn 21° 31′ 14″. Therefore, Saturn is the Lot's dispositor.

For the Lot of Retribution, we get

$$LRe = Asc + Saturn - LFo = 151° \, 36' \, 19'' + 174° \, 04' \, 22'' - 11° \, 41' \, 24''$$
$$= 313° \, 59' \, 17'' = 300° + 13° \, 59' \, 17'' \,,$$

which is Aquarius 13° 59′ 17″. Therefore, Saturn is the Lot's dispositor.

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The Lot of Fortune indicates how and where one can attract good luck to support their efforts. The USA natal Lot of Fortune lies in the intersection of PH8 and Aries WS8, both houses referring to an ending that facilitates transformation. At his best, masculine Aries has the courage to jump into action in order to enthusiastically pursue worthy goals. As previously found, Mars (the Lot's dispositor) refers to America's ongoing effort to "form a more perfect union" by fixing its flaws over time and by strengthening social bonds. In light of the foregoing, America can attract good luck by being a force for positive transformation.

The Lot of Spirit indicates how and where one can wholesomely develop their life potential. The USA natal Lot of Spirit lies in the intersection of PH5 and Capricorn WS5, both houses referring to personal interests. At her best, feminine Capricorn is diligent – she gives steady, meticulous attention to ongoing tasks. As previously found, Saturn (the Lot's dispositor) refers to America as taking a personal interest in furthering not only its own well-being, but also that of the world at large. In light of the foregoing, America can wholesomely develop its life potential by being a beacon of hope for the world.

The Lot of Retribution indicates how and where one can meet their downfall. The USA natal Lot of Retribution lies in the intersection of PH6 and Aquarius WS6, both houses referring to sickness and servitude. At his best, masculine Aquarius is unselfish and makes improvements for the common good. As previously found, Saturn (the Lot's dispositor) refers to America as being morally ill by creating a power differential by which Caucasians mistreat other ethno-racial groups. In this regard, the Lot of Retribution refers to America as meeting its downfall because of the chattel slavery of people of African ancestry, the genocide of American Indians, and ongoing practices that impede the wholesome efforts of non-Caucasians.

LOOKING FOR INTERESTING ASTROLOGICAL CONFIGURATIONS

Let's now look for interesting astrological configurations in the USA inception chart. A **stellium** is a concentration of planetary energy in which three or more planets are grouped together in the same sign or same house. Venus, Sun, Mars, and Jupiter form a stellium in the intersection of PH10 and Gemini WS10, both houses referring to achieving something significant, gaining prestige, head persons, and being on top of a situation. At his best, masculine Gemini seeks to learn and communicate in order to further wholesome social development. But on a negative note, Gemini's twinness may refer to two-facedness in the sense of hypocrisy (that is, professing standards that are contrary to one's actual behavior). The USA stellium indicates that America can be truly great if it lives up to the good things that it professes.

Let's examine the constituents of the USA stellium. For Venus, we find the following:

> **Venus in PH10:** Venus is the lord of PH2 (supportive persons or things) and PH9 (spiritual or professional know-how; foreign countries or foreign people), and it is the natural representative of friendly action and intimate relationships. Venus refers to America as applying its know-how to further shared purposes at home and abroad.

For Sun, we find the following:

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Sun in PH10: Sun is the lord of PH12 (unpleasant limitations; self-undoing), and it is the natural representative of leaders and bosses. Sun refers to America as professing legal principles of good governance, while legally accommodating an inferior status for some of its inhabitants.

For Mars, we find the following:

Mars in PH10: As previously found, Mars refers to America's ongoing effort to "form a more perfect union" by fixing its flaws over time and by strengthening social bonds.

For Jupiter, we find the following:

Jupiter in PH10: Jupiter is the lord of PH4 (comfort and security) and PH7 (partnerships; social contracts), and it is the natural representative of noble-minded action. Jupiter refers to America as entering into partnerships and social contracts in order to further its way of life.

As previously stated, the USA stellium indicates that America can be truly great if it lives up to the good things that it professes.

5.4 Some profections

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In this section, we will use the Profected Ascendant (PR1) together with hindsight in order to examine four particular events in America's history: Event #A1 (the Constitution becoming operational in 1789), Event #A2 (the Battle of Fort Sumter in 1861), Event #A3 (the Attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941), and Event #A4 (the Civil Rights Act of 1964).

FIGURE 5.4: PR1 in the USA inception chart

(PC12) 01:13 WS12 LE	(PC11) 00:50 Me 03:35 R WS11 CN	Ve 12:02 <A3> 14:08 Ju 15:08 Su 22:19 WS10 GE	(PC9) 00:50 <A4> 01:10 WS9 TA	(PC8) 01:13 WS8 AR
(PC1) 01:36 <A1> 21:33 Sa 24:04 <A2> 24:38 WS1 VI	**United States of America** Inception Chart (Sidereal Zodiac) Thursday, 04 JUL 1776 at 10:28:50 LMT Philadelphia, PA (39° 57′ N; 75° 10′ W)			(PC7) 01:36 WS7 PI
(PC2) 01:13 WS2 LI	(PC3) 00:50 WS3 SC	(PC4) 00:27 WS4 SA	(PC5) 00:50 WS5 CP	(PC6) 01:13 Mo 02:25 WS6 AQ

Note that Mars is at Gemini 00° 27′ 40″ in the USA inception chart (FIGURE 5.4).

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EVENT #A1 (the Constitution becoming operational in 1789)

After being drafted in 1787 and being ratified mostly in 1788, the Constitution of the United States became operational on Wednesday, 04 March 1789. By this date, America had lived through 3 leap days (namely, those of 1780, 1784, and 1788). It follows that on the date of the Constitutional becoming operational, America's sidereal age was about

$$\frac{[(3 \times 366) + (10 \times 365) - 4 - 30 - 31 - 30 - 27]\ days}{365.256363\ days/yr} \approx 12.66508\ yrs\ .$$

For $A \approx 12.66508$, we get

$$\text{profection addition term} = (30 \times A)\ deg \approx 379.95240\ deg \approx 379^\circ\ 57'\ 09''$$
$$= 360^\circ + 19^\circ\ 57'\ 09'' \equiv 19^\circ\ 57'\ 09''\ .$$

The natal Ascendant is at Virgo 01° 36′ 19″, and so its ecliptic longitude is 151° 36′ 19″. We find that the ecliptic longitude of PR1 is

$$151^\circ\ 36'\ 19'' + 19^\circ\ 57'\ 09'' = 171^\circ\ 33'\ 28'' = 150^\circ + 21^\circ\ 33'\ 28''\ ,$$

and so the Profected Ascendant (PR1) is at Virgo 21° 33′ 28″.

Firstly, let's consider PR1 and major aspects to it. PR1 refers to the nation's situation at the time of interest. PR1 (denoted in FIGURE 5.4 as 'A1') lies in the intersection of PH1 and Virgo WS1, both houses referring to the nation's identity and to the nation's well-being. At her best, feminine Virgo uses calculated thinking to determine how to make life run more smoothly for everyone. Regarding America's identity, the Constitution aims to establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty for all Americans now and forever.

Planets that make major aspects to PR1 indicate factors that further describe the nation's situation at the time of interest. Sun and Jupiter are making a sinister square to PR1. As previously found in Section 5.3, Sun refers to America as professing legal principles of good governance, while legally accommodating an inferior status for some of its inhabitants. Moreover, as previously found in Section 5.3, Jupiter refers to America as entering into partnerships and social contracts in order to further its way of life.

Secondly, let's consider planets in the house location of PR1, which further describe the nation's situation at the time of interest. Saturn is in PH1 with PR1. On a positive note, we found in Section 5.3 that Saturn refers to America as taking a personal interest in furthering not only its own well-being, but also that of the world at large. On a negative note, we found in Section 5.3 that Saturn refers to America as being morally ill by creating a power differential by which Caucasians mistreat other ethno-racial groups.

Thirdly, let's consider the PR1 ruler and its major aspects. The PR1 ruler represents the nation at the time of interest, and its house location indicates where the nation gives great attention and great effort. As previously found in Section 5.3, Mercury (the PR1 ruler) refers to America as

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exemplifying its traditional Latin motto *E pluribus unum* ('out of many, one'), by which people from diverse backgrounds blend into a single unit.

Planets that make major aspects with the PR1 ruler indicate factors that affect it for good or for bad. There is nothing in this regard.

EVENT #A2 (the Battle of Fort Sumter in 1861)

The American Civil War began on Friday, 12 April 1861 at 04:30 am, LMT, when South Carolina militia fired on Fort Sumter near Charleston, South Carolina. By this date, America had lived through 20 leap days (5 leap days in the 1700s and 15 leap days in the 1800s). It follows that at the start of the Civil War, America's sidereal age was about

$$\frac{[(20 \times 366) + (65 \times 365) - 4 - 30 - 31 - 18]\ days}{365.256363\ days/yr} \approx 84.76786\ yrs\ .$$

For $A \approx 84.76786$, we get

$$\text{profection addition term} = (30 \times A)\ deg \approx 2543.03580\ deg \approx 2543°\ 02'\ 09''$$
$$= 7 \times 360° + 23°\ 02'\ 09'' \equiv 23°\ 02'\ 09''\ .$$

The natal Ascendant is at Virgo 01° 36′ 19″, and so its ecliptic longitude is 151° 36′ 19″. We find that the ecliptic longitude of PR1 is

$$151°\ 36'\ 19'' + 23°\ 02'\ 09'' = 174°\ 38'\ 28'' = 150° + 24°\ 38'\ 28''\ ,$$

and so the Profected Ascendant (PR1) is at Virgo 24° 38′ 28″.

Firstly, let's consider PR1 and major aspects to it. PR1 refers to the nation's situation at the time of interest. PR1 (denoted in FIGURE 5.4 as 'A2') lies in the intersection of PH1 and Virgo WS1, both houses referring to the nation's well-being. On a negative note, feminine Virgo may use calculated thinking to plot against others. The origins of the Civil War were rooted in the desire of America's Southern states to maintain the chattel slavery of people of African ancestry, something that was detrimental to America's well-being.

Planets that make major aspects to PR1 indicate factors that further describe the nation's situation at the time of interest. Sun is making a sinister square to PR1. As previously found in Section 5.3, Sun refers to America as professing legal principles of good governance, while legally accommodating an inferior status for some of its inhabitants.

Secondly, let's consider planets in the house location of PR1, which further describe the nation's situation at the time of interest. Saturn is in PH1 with PR1 and is making a conjunction to it. On a negative note, we found in Section 5.3 that Saturn refers to America as being morally ill by creating a power differential by which Caucasians mistreat other ethno-racial groups.

Thirdly, let's consider the PR1 ruler and its major aspects. The PR1 ruler represents the nation at the time of interest, and its house location indicates where the nation gives great attention and great effort. As previously found in Section 5.3, Mercury (the PR1 ruler) refers to America as

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exemplifying its traditional Latin motto *E pluribus unum* ('out of many, one'), by which people from diverse backgrounds blend into a single unit.

Planets that make major aspects with the PR1 ruler indicate factors that affect it for good or for bad. There is nothing in this regard.

EVENT #A3 (the Attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941)

On Sunday, 07 December 1941, the Empire of Japan attacked the American naval base at Pearl Harbor in Oahu, Hawaii. By this date, America had lived through 39 leap days (5 leap days in the 1700s, 24 leap days in the 1800s, and 10 leap days in the 1900s). It follows that on the date of the attack, America's sidereal age was about

$$\frac{[(39 \times 366) + (126 \times 365) + 27 + 31 + 30 + 31 + 30 + 7]\ days}{365.256363\ days/yr} \approx 165.41806\ yrs\ .$$

For $A \approx 165.41806$, we get

$$\text{profection addition term} = (30 \times A)\ deg \approx 4962.54180\ deg \approx 4962°\ 32'\ 30''$$
$$= 13 \times 360° + 282°\ 32'\ 30'' \equiv 282°\ 32'\ 30''\ .$$

The natal Ascendant is at Virgo 01° 36′ 19″, and so its ecliptic longitude is 151° 36′ 19″. We find that the ecliptic longitude of PR1 is

$$151°\ 36'\ 19'' + 282°\ 32'\ 30'' = 434°\ 08'\ 49'' = 360° + 74°\ 08'\ 49''$$
$$\equiv 74°\ 08'\ 49'' = 60° + 14°\ 08'\ 49''\ ,$$

and so the Profected Ascendant (PR1) is at Gemini 14° 08′ 49″.

Firstly, let's consider PR1 and major aspects to it. PR1 refers to the nation's situation at the time of interest. PR1 (denoted in FIGURE 5.4 as 'A3') lies in the intersection of PH10 and Gemini WS10, both houses referring to achieving something significant and on being on top of a situation. At his best, masculine Gemini seeks to learn and communicate in order to further wholesome social development. The Attack on Pearl Harbor ended American isolationism and led to America becoming one of the 'Big Four' allied powers in World War II. The war helped to transform America into a global superpower.

Planets that make major aspects to PR1 indicate factors that further describe the nation's situation at the time of interest. Venus and Jupiter are making a conjunction to PR1. As previously found in Section 5.3, Venus refers to America as applying its know-how to further shared purposes at home and abroad. Moreover, as previously found in Section 5.3, Jupiter refers to America as entering into partnerships and social contracts in order to further its way of life. In the context of World War II, Venus and Jupiter each refer to America as allying itself with other nations in order to prevail over the Axis powers (Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, and Imperial Japan).

Secondly, let's consider planets in the house location of PR1, which further describe the nation's situation at the time of interest. Sun is in PH10 with PR1. Sun is the lord of PH12 (trying

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situations), and it is the natural representative of leaders and bosses. In the context of World War II, Sun refers to America as gaining prestige by mobilizing its economy (thereby ending the Great Depression), fighting across two fronts (the European and Pacific Theatres), and helping to defeat the Axis powers.

Thirdly, let's consider the PR1 ruler and its major aspects. The PR1 ruler represents the nation at the time of interest, and its house location indicates where the nation gives great attention and great effort. As previously found in Section 5.3, Mercury (the PR1 ruler) refers to America as exemplifying its traditional Latin motto *E pluribus unum* ('out of many, one'), by which people from diverse backgrounds blend into a single unit. In the context of World War II, people from diverse countries blended into a single fighting force.

Planets that make major aspects with the PR1 ruler indicate factors that affect it for good or for bad. There is nothing in this regard.

EVENT #A4 (the Civil Rights Act of 1964)

On Thursday, 02 July 1964, President Lyndon Baines Johnson signed a historic civil rights and labor bill into law. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national identity. By the date of the bill's enactment, America had lived through 45 leap days (5 leap days in the 1700s, 24 leap days in the 1800s, and 16 leap days in the 1900s). It follows that on date of the bill's enactment, America's sidereal age was about

$$\frac{[(45 \times 366) + (143 \times 365) - 2]\ days}{365.256363\ days/yr} \approx 187.98577\ yrs\ .$$

For $A \approx 187.98577$, we get

$$\text{profection addition term} = (30 \times A)\ deg \approx 5639.57310\ deg = 5639°\ 34'\ 23''$$
$$= 15 \times 360° + 239°\ 34'\ 23'' \equiv 239°\ 34'\ 23''\ .$$

The natal Ascendant is at Virgo 01° 36′ 19″, and so its ecliptic longitude is 151° 36′ 19″. We find that the ecliptic longitude of PR1 is

$$151°\ 36'\ 19'' + 239°\ 34'\ 23'' = 391°\ 10'\ 42'' = 360° + 31°\ 10'\ 42''$$
$$\equiv 31°\ 10'\ 42'' = 30° + 01°\ 10'\ 42''\ ,$$

and so the Profected Ascendant (PR1) is at Taurus 01° 10′ 42″.

Firstly, let's consider PR1 and major aspects to it. PR1 refers to the nation's situation at the time of interest. PR1 (denoted in FIGURE 5.4 as 'A4') lies in the intersection of PH9 and Taurus WS9, both houses referring to spiritual or professional know-how. At her best, feminine Taurus is doggedly determined to make tangible progress in achieving a better quality of life. In the context of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (and the subsequent Voting Rights Act of 1965), SR1 refers to the American government as exercising its legal might to dismantle legal Jim Crow segregation, thereby helping to create a level playing field for African Americans.

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Planets that make major aspects to PR1 indicate factors that further describe the nation's situation at the time of interest. Moon is making a sinister square to PR1. Moon is the lord of PH11 (comrades and shared interests), and it is the natural representative of nurturers. Moon lies in the intersection of PH6 and Aquarius WS6, both houses referring to being of service to others. At his best, masculine Aquarius is unselfish and makes improvements for the common good. In light of the foregoing, Moon refers to a coalition of people who work at furthering the common good. In the context of the Civil Rights Act, Moon refers to the coalition of civil-rights activists, labor organizers, and political leaders who worked to eliminate unfair treatment of people.

Mercury is making a dexter sextile to PR1. As previously found in Section 5.3, Mercury (the PR1 ruler) refers to America as exemplifying its traditional motto *E pluribus unum* (Latin: 'out of many, one'), by which people from diverse backgrounds blend into a single unit.

Secondly, let's consider planets in the house location of PR1, which further describe the nation's situation at the time of interest. There is nothing in this regard.

Thirdly, let's consider the PR1 ruler and its major aspects. The PR1 ruler represents the nation at the time of interest, and its house location indicates where the nation gives great attention and great effort. As previously found in Section 5.3, Venus refers to America as applying its know-how to further shared purposes at home and abroad. In the context of the Civil Rights Act, Venus refers to the American government as exercising its legal might to further wholesome societal development.

Planets that make major aspects with the PR1 ruler indicate factors that affect the PR1 ruler for good or for bad. Venus is applying to a conjunction with Jupiter. As previously found for Event #A1, Jupiter refers to America as entering into partnerships and social contracts in order to further its way of life.

5.5 Some secondary progressions

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In this section, we will use secondary progressions together with hindsight in order to examine four particular events in America's history: Event #A1 (the Constitution becoming operational in 1789), Event #A2 (the Battle of Fort Sumter in 1861), Event #A3 (the Attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941), and Event #A4 (the Civil Rights Act of 1964).

EVENT #A1 (the Constitution becoming operational in 1789)

After being drafted in 1787 and being ratified mostly in 1788, the Constitution of the United States became operational on Wednesday, 04 March 1789. In Section 5.4, we found that America's sidereal age on the event date was about $12.66508\ yrs$. For $A \approx 12.66508$, we get

$$A\ days \approx 12.66508\ days \approx 12\ days + 15\ hr + 57\ min + 43\ sec$$

as the chart-addition term.

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On adding the chart-addition term to America's time of birth (Thursday, 04 July 1776 at 10:28:50 am, LMT), we get Wednesday, 17 July 1776 at 02:26:33 am, CST. FIGURE 5.5b presents America's SP chart according to the sidereal zodiac. The *ayanāṃśa* here is 20° 43′ 25″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra. The SP Ascendant (SP1) is at Gemini 03° 18′ 15″. Note that SP Jupiter is at Gemini 17° 59′ 19″ and that SP Venus is at Gemini 27° 34′ 57″.

FIGURE 5.5a: SP1 in the USA inception chart

(PC12) 01:13 WS12 LE	(PC11) 00:50 Me 03:35 R <A3> 24:29 WS11 CN	Ma 00:27 <A1> 03:18 Ve 12:02 Ju 15:08 WS10 GE	(PC9) 00:50 WS9 TA	(PC8) 01:13 WS8 AR
<A2> 01:35 (PC1) 01:36 Sa 24:04 WS1 VI	**United States of America** Inception Chart (Sidereal Zodiac) Thursday, 04 JUL 1776 at 10:28:50 LMT Philadelphia, PA (39° 57′ N; 75° 10′ W)			(PC7) 01:36 WS7 PI
(PC2) 01:13 WS2 LI	(PC3) 00:50 WS3 SC	(PC4) 00:27 WS4 SA	(PC5) 00:50 WS5 CP	(PC6) 01:13 Mo 02:25 <A4> 23:15 WS6 AQ

Let's examine the inception chart. In FIGURE 5.5a, SP1 (denoted there as 'A1') lies in the intersection of Gemini WS10 and PH10, which is the region of the USA stellium. As stated in Section 5.2, the USA stellium indicates that America can be truly great if it lives up to the good things that it professes.

Moon is making a sinister trine to SP1. As previous found for Event #A4 in Section 5.4, Moon refers to a coalition of people who work at furthering the common good. In the context of the Constitution, natal Moon refers to America's Founding Fathers as aiming to establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty for all Americans now and forever.

Venus is making a conjunction to SP1. As previously found in Section 5.3, Venus refers to America as applying its know-how to further shared purposes at home and abroad. In the context of the Constitution, natal Venus refers to America's Founding Fathers as using their expertise to craft a framework of good governance for the nation.

As previously found in Section 5.3, natal Mercury (the SP1 ruler) refers to America as exemplifying its traditional motto *E pluribus unum* (Latin: 'out of many, one'), by which people from diverse backgrounds blend into a single unit.

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Let's examine the SP chart. In FIGURE 5.5b, Mars is making a conjunction to SP1. Mars is the lord of PH12 (trying situations), and it is the natural representative of energetic assertive action. Mars lies in the intersection of PH1 and Gemini WS1, both houses referring to the nation's identity and to the nation's well-being. In the context of the Constitution, SP Mars refers to America's Founding Fathers as aiming to establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty for all Americans now and forever.

FIGURE 5.5b: SP chart for Event #A1

WS12 TA	(PC12) 25:22 WS11 AR	(PC11) 17:26 WS10 PI	(PC10) 09:30 WS9 AQ	(PC9) 17:26 WS8 CP
(SP1) 03:18 Ma 09:02 (PC2) 25:22 Me 26:09 R WS1 GE	**United States of America** Secondary Progression Chart (Sidereal) Wednesday, 17 JUL 1776 at 02:26:33 LMT Philadelphia, PA (39° 57′ N; 75° 10′ W)			(PC7) 03:18 (PC8) 25:22 WS7 SA
Su 04:24 (PC3) 17:26 Mo 23:23 WS2 CN	(PC4) 09:30 WS3 LE	(PC5) 17:26 Sa 24:34 WS4 VI	(PC6) 25:22 WS5 LI	WS6 SC

Mercury (the SP1 ruler) is the lord of PH1 (the nation's well-being) and PH5 (national interests), and it is the natural representative of clever action, speech, and expertise. Mercury lies in the intersection of PH2 (supportive persons or things) and Gemini WS1 (the nation's well-being). In the context of the Constitution, SP Mercury refers to America's Founding Fathers as using their expertise to craft a framework of good governance for the nation.

Mercury is separating from a conjunction with Venus (at Gemini 27° 34′ 57″). Venus is the lord of PH6 (sickness and servitude), and it is the natural representative of social activities. Venus lies in the intersection of PH2 (supportive persons or things) and Gemini WS1 (the nation's well-being). In the context of the Constitution, SP Venus refers to the American government as professing a constitutional social contract that was not initially supportive to people of African ancestry.

Mercury is applying to a sinister square with Saturn. According to the principle of overcoming, Mercury dominates this square aspect. Saturn is the lord of PH9 (spiritual or professional know-how) and PH10 (achieving something significant; head persons), and it is the natural representative of sober-minded action, rules and regulations, and hierarchical organization. Saturn lies in the intersection of PH5 (national interests) and Virgo WS4 (comfort and security). In the context of

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the Constitution, SP Saturn refers to America as crafting a representative democracy, which was practically nonexistent in the 18th century. Instead of governing by the rule of a sovereign, the Constitution dictates rule by popular consent with laws drafted by the people's representatives.

EVENT #A2 (the Battle of Fort Sumter in 1861)

The American Civil War began on Friday, 12 April 1861 at 04:30 am, LMT, when South Carolina militia fired on Fort Sumter near Charleston, South Carolina. In Section 5.4, we found that America's sidereal age on the event date was about $84.76786\ yrs$. For $A \approx 84.76786$, we get

$$A\ days \approx 84.76786\ days \approx 84\ days + 18\ hr + 25\ min + 43\ sec$$

as the chart-addition term.

On adding the chart-addition term to America's time of birth (Thursday, 04 July 1776 at 10:28:50 am, LMT), we get Friday, 27 September 1776 at 04:54:33 am, LMT. FIGURE 5.5c presents America's SP chart according to the sidereal zodiac. The *ayanāṃśa* here is 20° 43′ 17″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra. The SP Ascendant (SP1) is at Virgo 01° 35′ 32″.

Let's examine the inception chart. In FIGURE 5.5a, SP1 (denoted there as 'A2') lies in the intersection of Virgo WS1 (the nation's well-being) and PH12 (unpleasant limitations; self-undoing). On a negative note, feminine Virgo may use calculated thinking to plot against others. The origins of the Civil War were rooted in the desire of America's Southern states to maintain the chattel slavery of people of African ancestry, which was detrimental to America's well-being.

Mercury (the SP1 ruler) is making a sinister sextile to SP1. As previously found in Section 5.3, Mercury refers to America as exemplifying its traditional Latin motto *E pluribus unum* ('out of many, one'), by which people from diverse backgrounds blend into a single unit. In the context of the Civil War, natal Mercury refers to America as working to preserve its unity of states.

Mars is making a sinister trine to SP1. As previously found in Section 5.3, natal Mars refers to America's ongoing effort to "form a more perfect union" by fixing its flaws over time and by strengthening social bonds. Moreover, natal Mars refers to the Southern Confederacy (officially known as the Confederate States of America) as severing ties with its northern kinfolk in order to have self-determination.

Let's examine the SP chart. In FIGURE 5.5c, Jupiter is making a sinister sextile to SP1. Jupiter is the lord of PH4 (comfort and security) and PH7 (partnerships; opponents), and it is the natural representative of that which is large or spreading. Jupiter lies in the intersection of PH11 and Cancer WS11, both houses referring to comrades and shared interests. In the context of the Civil War, SP Jupiter refers to both the Union and the Southern Confederacy as seeking to spread their respective ways of life into an expanding America.

Mercury (the SP ruler) is separating from a dexter square with Jupiter. According to the principle of overcoming, Jupiter dominates this square aspect. Mercury is the lord of PH1 (the nation's well-being) and PH10 (being on top of a situation), and it is the natural representative of clever action. Mercury lies in the intersection of PH2 and Libra WS2, both houses referring to supportive

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persons or things. In the context of the Civil War, SP Mars refers to both the Union and the Southern Confederacy as preparing for war by mobilizing their respective armies.

FIGURE 5.5c: SP chart for Event #A2

(PC12) 01:12 WS12 LE	(PC11) 00:49 Ju 01:25 Ma 25:16 WS11 CN	(PC10) 00:26 WS10 GE	(PC9) 00:49 WS9 TA	(PC8) 01:12 WS8 AR
(SP1) 01:35 Su 14:05 Ve 26:51 WS1 VI	**United States of America** Secondary Progression Chart (Sidereal) Friday, 27 SEP 1776 at 04:54:33 LMT Philadelphia, PA (39° 57′ N; 75° 10′ W)			(PC7) 01:35 Mo 10:24 WS7 PI
Sa 01:05 (PC2) 01:12 Me 05:56 WS2 LI	(PC3) 00:49 WS3 SC	(PC4) 00:26 WS4 SA	(PC5) 00:49 WS5 CP	(PC6) 01:12 WS6 AQ

Mercury is separating from a conjunction with Saturn. Saturn is the lord of PH5 (national interests) and PH6 (sickness and servitude), and it is the natural representative of restraints and limitations and of hierarchical organization. Saturn lies in the intersection of PH1 (the nation's well-being) and Libra WS2 (supportive persons or things). In the context of the Civil War, SP Saturn refers to America as being morally ill by creating a power differential by which Caucasians mistreat other ethno-racial groups.

EVENT #A3 (the Attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941)

On Sunday, 07 December 1941, the Empire of Japan attacked the American naval base at Pearl Harbor in Oahu, Hawaii. In Section 5.4, we found that America's sidereal age on the event date was about $165.41806\ yrs$. For $A \approx 165.41806$, we get

$$A\ days \approx 165.41806\ days \approx 165\ days + 10\ hr + 2\ min + 0\ sec$$

as the chart-addition term.

On adding the chart-addition term to America's time of birth (Thursday, 04 July 1776 at 10:28:50 am, LMT), we get Monday, 16 December 1776 at 08:30:50 pm, LMT. FIGURE 5.5d presents America's SP chart according to the sidereal zodiac. The *ayanāṃśa* here is 20° 43′ 39″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra. The SP Ascendant (SP1) is at Cancer 24° 49′ 36″.

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Let's examine the inception chart. In FIGURE 5.5a, SP1 (denoted there as 'A3') lies in the intersection of PH11 and Cancer WS11, both houses referring to comrades and shared interests. The Attack on Pearl Harbor ended American isolationism and led to America becoming one of the 'Big Four' allied powers in World War II. The war helped to transform America into a global superpower.

Saturn is making a dexter sextile to SP1. On a positive note, we found in Section 5.3 that natal Saturn refers to America as taking a personal interest in furthering not only its own well-being, but also that of the world at large.

As previous found for Event #A4 in Section 5.4, Moon (the SP1 ruler) refers to a coalition of people who work at furthering the common good. In the context of World War II, natal Moon refers to America as allying itself with other nations in order to prevail over the Axis powers (Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, and Imperial Japan).

Let's examine the SP chart. In FIGURE 5.5d, Mercury is making a dexter trine to SP1. Mercury is the lord of PH3 (community) and PH12 (trying situations), and it is the natural representative of clever action. Mercury lies in the intersection of PH5 and Scorpio WS5, both houses referring to national interests. In the context of World War II, SP Mercury refers to America as using the war to pursue its national interests. The war drove America to mobilize its economy, thereby ending the Great Depression. Moreover, the war helped to transform America into a global superpower.

FIGURE 5.5d: SP chart for Event #A3

(PC12) 21:43 WS12 GE	(PC11) 18:38 WS11 TA	(PC10) 15:32 WS10 AR	(PC9) 18:38 WS9 PI	Mo 20:29 (PC8) 21:43 WS8 AQ
Ju 02:29 R (SP1) 24:49 WS1 CN	**United States of America** Secondary Progression Chart (Sidereal) Monday, 16 DEC 1776 at 20:30:50 LMT Philadelphia, PA (39° 57′ N; 75° 10′ W)			Ve 06:56 (PC7) 24:49 WS7 CP
(PC2) 21:43 WS2 LE	Ma 09:42 (PC3) 18:38 WS3 VI	Sa 10:08 (PC4) 15:32 WS4 LI	(PC5) 18:38 Me 26:48 WS5 SC	Su 05:04 (PC6) 21:43 WS6 SA

Moon (the SP1 ruler) is applying to a dexter square with Mercury. According to the principle of overcoming, Mercury dominates this square aspect. Moon is the lord of PH1 (the nation's well-being), and it is the natural representative of compliant people. Moon lies in the intersection of PH7 (partnerships; opponents) and Aquarius WS8 (an ending that facilitates transformation). In

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the context of World War II, SP Moon refers to America as allying itself with other nations in order to prevail over the Axis powers (Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, and Imperial Japan).

EVENT #A4 (the Civil Rights Act of 1964)

On Thursday, 02 July 1964, President Lyndon Baines Johnson signed a historic civil rights and labor bill into law. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national identity. In Section 5.4, we found that America's sidereal age on the event date was about $187.98577\ yrs$. For $A \approx 187.98577$, we get

$$A\ days \approx 187.98577\ days \approx 187\ days + 23\ hr + 39\ min + 31\ sec$$

as the chart-addition term.

On adding the chart-addition term to America's time of birth (Thursday, 04 July 1776 at 10:28:50 am, LMT), we get Wednesday, 08 January 1777 at 10:08:21 am, LMT. FIGURE 5.5e presents America's SP chart according to the sidereal zodiac. The *ayanāṃśa* here is 20° 43′ 50″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra. The SP Ascendant (SP1) is at Aquarius 23° 15′ 59″.

Let's examine the inception chart. Note that Sun is at Gemini 22° 19′ 58″ in the USA inception chart. In FIGURE 5.5a, SP1 (denoted there as 'A4') lies in the intersection of PH6 and Aquarius WS6, both houses referring to sickness and servitude. In the context of the Civil Rights Act, SP1 refers to the morally sick Jim Crow segregation system of second-class citizenship for African Americans.

Sun is making a dexter trine to SP1. As previously found in Section 5.3, Sun refers to America as professing legal principles of good governance, while legally accommodating an inferior status for some of its inhabitants. Sun is applying to a sinister square with Saturn (the SP1 ruler). According to the principle of overcoming, Sun dominates this square aspect. On a negative note, we found in Section 5.3 that natal Saturn refers to America as being morally ill by creating a power differential by which Caucasians mistreat other ethno-racial groups.

Let's examine the SP chart. In FIGURE 5.5e, Sun is making a sinister sextile to SP1. Sun is the lord of PH7 (social contracts), and it is the natural representative of leaders and bosses. Sun lies in the intersection of PH10 (achieving something significant; head persons; being on top of a situation) and Sagittarius WS11 (comrades and shared interests). In the context of the Civil Rights Act, SP Sun refers to the coalition of civil-rights activists, labor organizers, and political leaders who worked to eliminate unfair treatment of people.

Jupiter is making a dexter trine to SP1. Jupiter is the lord of PH2 (supportive persons or things), PH10 (achieving something significant; head persons; being on top of a situation), and PH11 (comrades and shared interests), and it is the natural representative of noble-minded action. Jupiter lies in the intersection of PH5 and Gemini WS5, both houses referring to national interests. In the context of the Civil Rights Act, SP Jupiter refers to the coalition of civil-rights activists, labor organizers, and political leaders who worked to eliminate unfair treatment of people.

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FIGURE 5.5e: SP chart for Event #A4

Me 02:57 (PC12) 25:42 WS12 CP	(PC10) 00:36 Mo 15:12 Su 28:04 (PC11) 28:09 WS11 SA	WS10 SC	Sa 11:45 (PC9) 28:09 WS9 LI	Ma 19:09 (PC8) 25:42 WS8 VI
Ve 04:35 (SP1) 23:15 WS1 AQ	**United States of America** Secondary Progression Chart (Sidereal) Wednesday, 08 JAN 1777 at 10:08:21 LMT Philadelphia, PA (39° 57′ N; 75° 10′ W)			(PC7) 23:15 WS7 LE
(PC2) 25:42 WS2 PI	(PC3) 28:09 WS3 AR	WS4 TA	(PC4) 00:36 (PC5) 28:09 Ju 29:39 R WS5 GE	(PC6) 25:42 WS6 CN

Saturn (the SP1 ruler) is the lord of PH1 (the nation's well-being) and PH12 (unpleasant limitations; self-undoing), and it is the natural representative of sober-minded action. Saturn lies in the intersection of PH8 (an ending that facilitates transformation) and Libra WS9 (spiritual or professional know-how). At his best, masculine Libra inclines toward justice and strives for fairness in all situations. In the context of the Civil Rights Act, SP Saturn refers to the American government as exercising its legal might to dismantle legal Jim Crow segregation, thereby helping to create a level playing field for African Americans.

Moon is separating from a dexter sextile with Saturn. According to the principle of overcoming, Saturn dominates this sextile aspect. Moon is the lord of PH6 (being of service to others), and it is the natural representative of compliant people. Moon lies in the intersection of PH10 (achieving something significant; head persons; being on top of a situation) and Sagittarius WS11 (comrades and shared interests). At his best, masculine Sagittarius is not afraid to go beyond his comfort zone and to take risks in order to achieve worthy goals. In the context of the Civil Rights Act, SP Moon refers to the coalition of civil-rights activists, labor organizers, and political leaders who worked to eliminate unfair treatment of people.

5.6 An American president

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Donald John Trump has served as America's 45th and 47th president. On Friday, 14 June 1946, Trump was born at 10:54 am, EDT in Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, which is located in Queens, New York. FIGURE 5.6 presents Trump's natal chart according to the sidereal zodiac. The *ayanāṃśa* here is 23° 05′ 49″ according to True Chitrā 0° Libra. True *Rāhu* is in direct motion, lying at Taurus 27° 42′ 24″.

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FIGURE 5.6: Trump's natal chart

Sa 00:43 Ve 02:38 (PC12) 04:58 WS12 CN	(PC11) 03:06 Me 15:45 WS11 GE	(PC10) 01:14 Ra 27:42 D Su 29:49 WS10 TA	(PC9) 03:06 WS9 AR	(PC8) 04:58 WS8 PI
Ma 03:40 Regul 05:59 (PC1) 06:50 WS1 LE	**Donald John Trump** Natal Chart (Sidereal Zodiac) Friday, 14 JUN 1946 at 10:54 EDT Queens, NY (40° 41′ N; 73° 50′ W)			LFo 05:07 (PC7) 06:50 LSp 08:34 WS7 AQ
(PC2) 04:58 Ju 24:21 st WS2 VI	(PC3) 03:06 WS3 LI	(PC4) 01:14 Ke 27:42 D Mo 28:06 WS4 SC	(PC5) 03:06 WS5 SA	LRe 02:26 (PC6) 04:58 WS6 CP

In this section, we will take a look at Trump's natal chart by: [1] examining PH1, [2] examining the Lots of Fortune, Spirit, and Retribution, [3] looking for interesting astrological configurations, and [4] examining PH10.

EXAMINING PH1

In Trump's natal chart, PC1 (the Ascendant) is at Leo 06° 50″ 37″. For Leo as the rising sign, we find the following:

> **Leo Ascendant:** The sign Leo expresses Sun, which is the masculine luminary. As a fire sign, Leo is desirous, energetic, and forthright. As a fixed sign, Leo is determined and resistant to change. Like the roaring kingly lion, Leo wants others to take notice of him and to somehow revolve around him. Leo likes things to be done his way, takes pride in his achievements, and seeks due recognition. If he becomes conceited, domineering, or ostentatious, then he loses the goodwill and admiration that he enjoys. At his best, masculine Leo acts nobly and safeguards those for whom he is responsible.

The Ascendant refers to the native's central personality traits.

Mars is making a conjunction to PC1:

> **Mars in Leo WS1:** Mars is the lord of PH4 (comfort and security) and PH9 (irregular practices), and it is the natural representative of energetic assertive action. Note that with respect to the 4th House (comfort and security), the 9th House is the derived 6th House (being subject to unwholesome influences). Mars lies in the intersection of PH12 (self-undoing) and Leo WS1 (the native). Masculine Leo likes things to be done his way. In light of the foregoing, Mars refers to Trump as following his own rules to get whatever he wants.

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As a nocturnal malefic lying above the horizon, Mars is unhappy. Therefore, Mars brings difficulties that require great effort to overcome. PH12 allows 25% quadrant-house strength, and so Mars brings difficulties at a very slow pace.

Planets that make major aspects to the Ascendant indicate factors that add to the native's central personality traits.

Planets in PH1 further indicate factors that add to the native's central personality traits. There is nothing in this regard.

Because PC1 lies in Sun-ruled Leo, Sun is the PH1 lord. For Sun, we find the following:

Sun in PH10: Accidentally speaking, Sun is the lord of PH1 (the native's well-being), and it is the natural representative of leaders and bosses and of social recognition. Sun lies in the intersection of PH10 and Taurus WS10, both houses referring to achieving something significant, gaining prestige, and head persons. Feminine Taurus is inclined to getting absorbed in acquiring material comforts and in indulging herself. In light of the foregoing, Sun refers to Trump as rising to a position of leadership through which he indulges his material interests.

Sun represents something negative here, and so it is functionally malefic. As a diurnal malefic lying above the horizon, Sun brings difficulties that require great effort to overcome. PH10 allows 100% quadrant-house strength, and so Sun quickly brings difficulties.

The PH1 lord represents the native, and its house location indicates where the native gives great attention and great effort.

Moon is applying to an opposition with Sun. For Moon, we find the following:

Moon in PH4: Moon is the lord of PH12 (self-undoing), and it is the natural representative of emotions. Moon lies in the intersection of PH4 and Scorpio WS4, both houses referring to comfort and security. If feminine Scorpio feels threatened, then she is inclined to become angry and vengeful. In light of the foregoing, Moon refers to Trump as working against himself by pursuing revenge.

Waxing Moon is benefic. As a nocturnal benefic lying below the horizon, Moon is happy. Therefore, Moon greatly facilitates progress or improvement. PH4 allows 100% quadrant-house strength, and so Moon quickly facilitates progress or improvement.

For the aspect here, we find the following:

Moon-Sun opposition: As previously found, Moon refers to Trump as working against himself by pursuing revenge. Moreover, as previously found, Sun refers to Trump as rising to a position of leadership through which he indulges his material interests. The opposition aspect here refers to Trump as working against himself. Note that the Moon-Sun opposition here indicates a nearly full Moon.

Sun is applying to a sinister sextile with Mars:

Sun-Mars sextile: As previously found, Sun refers to Trump as rising to a position of leadership through which he indulges his material interests. Moreover, as previously found,

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Mars refers to Trump as following his own rules to get whatever he wants. According to the principle of overcoming, Sun dominates the aspect here. The sextile here indicates that Sun is helpful to Mars.

Sun is separating from a sinister trine with Jupiter. For Jupiter, we find the following:

Jupiter in PH2: Jupiter is the lord of PH5 (personal interests) and PH8 (gaining or losing via another's efforts), and it is the natural representative of high social position. Jupiter lies in the intersection of PH2 and Virgo WS2, both houses referring to supportive persons or things. On a negative note, feminine Virgo may use calculated thinking to plot against others. In light of the foregoing, Jupiter refers to Trump as achieving a high position through which he pursues his personal interests at any cost.

As a diurnal benefic lying below the horizon, Jupiter is unhappy. Therefore, Jupiter moderately facilitates progress or improvement. PH2 allows 25% quadrant-house strength, and so Jupiter facilitates progress or improvement at a very slow pace.

For the aspect here, we find the following:

Sun-Jupiter trine: As previously found, Sun refers to Trump as rising to a position of leadership through which he indulges his material interests. Moreover, as previously found, Jupiter refers to Trump as achieving a high position through which he pursues his personal interests at any cost. According to the principle of overcoming, Sun dominates the aspect here. The trine here indicates that Sun is helpful to Jupiter.

Planets that make major aspects with the PH1 lord indicate factors that affect it for good or for bad.

EXAMINING THE LOTS OF FORTUNE, SPIRIT, AND RETRIBUTION

See Appendix C for pertinent details. In Trump's natal chart, the Ascendant is at Leo 06° 50′ 37″, Sun is at Taurus 29° 49′ 53″, Moon is at Scorpio 28° 06′ 24″, and Saturn is at Cancer 00° 43′ 07″. On making use of TABLE 2.1, we find that

$$Asc = 126°\,50'\,37'' , \qquad Sun = 59°\,49'\,53'' ,$$
$$Moon = 238°\,06'\,24'' , \qquad Saturn = 90°\,43'\,07''$$

are the pertinent ecliptic longitudes.

For the Lot of Fortune, we get

$$LFo = Asc + Moon - Sun = 126°\,50'\,37'' + 238°\,06'\,24'' - 59°\,49'\,53''$$
$$= 305°\,07'\,08'' = 300° + 05°\,07'\,08'' ,$$

which is Aquarius 05° 07′ 08″. Therefore, Saturn is the Lot's dispositor.

For the Lot of Spirit, we get

$$LSp = Asc + Sun - Moon = 126°\,50'\,37'' + 59°\,49'\,53'' - 238°\,06'\,24''$$
$$= -51°\,25'\,54'' \equiv -51°\,25'\,54'' + 360° = 308°\,34'\,06'' = 300° + 08°\,34'\,06'' ,$$

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which is Aquarius 08° 34′ 06″. Therefore, Saturn is the Lot's dispositor.

For the Lot of Retribution, we get

$$LRe = Asc + Saturn - LFo = 126° 50' 37'' + 90° 43' 07'' - 305° 07' 08''$$
$$= -87° 33' 24'' \equiv -87° 33' 24'' + 360° = 272° 26' 36'' = 270° + 02° 26' 36'' ,$$

which is Capricorn 02° 26′ 36″. Therefore, Saturn is the Lot's dispositor.

The Lot of Fortune indicates how and where one can attract good luck to support their efforts. Trump's natal Lot of Fortune lies in the intersection of PH6 (being of service to others) and Aquarius WS7 (partnerships; divine cooperation). At his best, masculine Aquarius is unselfish and makes improvements for the common good. For Saturn (the Lot's dispositor), we find the following:

> **Saturn in PH11:** Saturn is the lord of PH6 (being of service to others) and PH7 (partnerships; divine cooperation), and it is the natural representative of sober-minded action. Saturn lies in the intersection of PH11 (comrades and shared interests) and Cancer WS12 (trying situations). At her best, feminine Cancer safeguards those who are near and dear. In light of the foregoing, Saturn calls on Trump to serve the common good according to divine standards.

In light of the foregoing, Trump can attract good luck by unselfishly working for the common good according to divine standards.

The Lot of Spirit indicates how and where one can wholesomely develop their life potential. Trump's natal Lot of Spirit lies in the intersection of PH7 and Aquarius WS7, both houses referring to partnerships and divine cooperation. At his best, masculine Aquarius is unselfish and makes improvements for the common good. As previously found, Saturn (the Lot's dispositor) calls on Trump to serve the common good according to divine standards. In light of the foregoing, Trump can wholesomely develop his life potential by unselfishly working for the common good according to divine standards.

The Lot of Retribution indicates how and where one can meet their downfall. Trump's natal Lot of Retribution lies in the intersection of PH5 (personal interests) and Capricorn WS6 (being subject to unwholesome influences). If feminine Capricorn gets absorbed in her pursuits, then she tends to become unconcerned about anyone and anything perceived as inconsequential to her success. Saturn (the Lot's dispositor) is the natural representative of restraints and limitations. In light of the foregoing, the Lot of Retribution warns Trump against going beyond proper bounds when pursuing his personal interests.

EXAMINING INTERESTING ASTROLOGICAL CONFIGURATIONS

For the configuration of the lunar nodes *Rāhu* and *Ketú*, we find the following:

> **Ketú in PH4 and Rāhu in PH10:** *Ketú* in PH4 (parents; upbringing; comfort and security) often indicates detachment from home and family, usually because of some deep emotional wound caused in childhood. *Rāhu* in PH10 (one's calling or career; achieving something

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> significant; gaining prestige) often leads to fame, success, and a relentless drive for professional growth. Detachment from home life and from emotional connections may push the person here toward career ambitions and public recognition. Their emotional trauma inclines them to operate from a deep sense of insecurity and a lack of compassion. By wholesomely healing this trauma, the person here will not misuse their advantage or position of power over others.

See Appendix B for pertinent details.

In his book *The Candid Guide to Neo-Vedic Astrology*, astrologer Hogarth Neville Brown states that:

> The 10th House is full of name, fame, and prestige, which are things [that] *Rāhu* adores. Many politicians have this placement, which has confirmed my long suspicion that many who seek influence and power over others usually have deep-seated mommy issues.

In an issue of Politico Magazine (Sunday, 13 May 2018), Peter Lovenheim published an issue entitled *Donald Trump's Mommy Issues*. Lovenheim states that:

> The biographical record is fairly strong on Trump's failure to develop a healthy emotional attachment to either of his parents. It may have contributed to his tumultuous personal life, but it also endowed him with some traits that made him well-suited to his late-career entry into politics.

Lovenheim mentions the traits of excessive self-reliance and of a high level of independence.

Trump was born on the day of a lunar eclipse in which Sun was in conjunction with *Rāhu*, while Moon was in conjunction with *Ketú*. Figurative speaking, to eclipse something is to overshadow it (that is, to make it less important by comparison) or to overpower it (that is, to affect it so strongly as to make it inadequate). An eclipse may represent a significant gain in power that enables one to somehow overshadow others. There is the danger of becoming overwhelmed by this gain in power, and so one ought to guard against overstepping fitting limits.

The fixed star Regulus is making a conjunction to PC1. Regulus lies at Leo 05° 59′, and it is the brightest star of the Leo constellation. See Appendix D for pertinent details. In her book *Brady's Book of Fixed Stars*, astrologer Bernadette Brady states that:

> Regulus indicates power and success and so is active in the charts of successful people. But the higher this star takes a person, the more they must guard against revenge.

Regulus ignites the desire to rule, and it enhances the potential for ambitions to be fulfilled. But if one is spiteful or vengeful, then one could lose all that one has gained.

EXAMINING PH10

We can learn about Trump as being a president by examining his natal PH10. In order to do so, it is useful to consider: [1] the Midheaven and major aspects to it, [2] planets in PH10, and [3] the PH10 lord and its major aspects.

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The Midheaven refers to the native in high position. In Trump's natal chart, PC10 (the Midheaven) is at Taurus 01° 14″ 13″. Feminine Taurus is inclined to getting absorbed in acquiring material comforts and in indulging herself.

Planets that make major aspects to the Midheaven indicate factors that further describe the native in high position. Venus is making a dexter sextile to PC10:

> **Venus in PH11:** Venus is the lord of PH3 (community) and PH10 (head persons), and it is the natural representative of friendly action and intimate relationships. Venus lies in the intersection of PH11 (comrades and shared interests) and Cancer WS12 (trying situations). At her best, feminine Cancer safeguards those who are near and dear. In light of the foregoing, Venus refers to Trump as using his position of leadership to further the interests of his peer group.
>
> As a nocturnal benefic lying above the horizon, Venus is unhappy. Therefore, Venus moderately facilitates progress or improvement. PH11 allows 50% quadrant-house strength, and so Venus facilitates progress or improvement at a relatively good pace.

Mars is making a dexter square to PC10. As previously found, Mars refers to Trump as following his own rules to get whatever he wants. Saturn is making a dexter sextile to PC10. As previously found, Saturn calls on Trump to serve the common good according to divine standards.

Sun is in PH10. As previously found, Sun refers to Trump as rising to a position of leadership through which he indulges his material interests. Planets in PH10 further describe the native in high position.

Because PC10 lies in Venus-ruled Taurus, Venus is the PH10 lord, and it represents the native in high position. As previously found, Venus refers to Trump as using his position of leadership to further the interests of his peer group. Feminine Taurus is inclined to getting absorbed in acquiring material comforts and in indulging herself.

Planets that make major aspects with the PH10 lord indicate factors that affect it for good or for bad. Venus is separating from a conjunction with Saturn. As previously found, Saturn calls on Trump to serve the common good according to divine standards.

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APPENDIX A
Measuring time
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UNITS OF TIME

The **second** is the basic unit of time measurement. One **minute** is 60 seconds, and one **hour** is 60 minutes. A **sidereal day** is the time taken by Earth to complete a single rotation relative to the fixed stars, and it consists of approximately 23 hours, 56 minutes, and 4.0905 seconds (which is about 1436.068175 minutes). A sidereal day is a few minutes short of a **mean solar day**, which is the time taken by Earth to complete a single rotation and to advance about one degree along its orbital path about Sun. A mean solar day is exactly 24 hours, and it is the basis of the 24-hour civil day.

A **sidereal year** is the time taken by Earth to complete its orbit about Sun relative to the fixed stars, and it consists of 365 mean solar days, 6 hours, 9 minutes, and 9.8 seconds (which is about 365.256363 mean solar days). A **mean tropical year** is the time taken by Earth to complete its annual cycle of seasons, and it consists of 365 mean solar days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 45.1 seconds (which is about 365.242189 mean solar days).

TIME ZONES

Local Apparent Time (LAT) is sundial time, which is a longitude-dependent time scale that is based on the actual position of Sun in the local sky. The length of an apparent (or actual) solar day varies during the course of a year, and so it is convenient to use **Local Mean Time** (LMT), which is based on the notion of a mean solar day (which is exactly 24 hours long by definition). Over the course of a year, LAT ranges from about 14 minutes slower to about 16 minutes faster than LMT.

Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) is the local mean time at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, England. **Coordinated Universal Time** (UTC) is the effective successor of GMT, and it is the primary standard used globally to regulate clocks and time. A **time zone** is a region that observes a uniform standard time. The time zone that uses UTC is designated as UTC+00.00.

A time zone is usually designated according to the integer difference between its standard time and UTC. For a time zone lying west of UTC+00.00, the pertinent difference is a negative integer. For a time zone lying east of UTC+00.00, the pertinent difference is a positive integer. The contiguous United States lies west of UTC+00.00, and its basic time zones are Pacific Standard Time (PST, which is UTC-08.00), Mountain Standard Time (MST, which is UTC-07.00), Central Standard Time (CST, which is UTC-06.00), and Eastern Standard Time (EST, which is UTC-05.00). The country of Egypt lies east of UTC+00.00, and its basic time zone is Egypt Standard Time, which is UTC+02.00.

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APPENDIX B
The lunar nodes
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A **lunar node** is an astrological point at which the orbit of Moon intersects the ecliptic. There are two lunar nodes, and they are longitudinally 180° apart. **Rāhu** (also known as the North Node or the Ascending Node) is where Moon crosses the ecliptic from south to north. **Ketú** (also known as the South Node or the Descending Node) is where Moon crosses the ecliptic from north to south. *Rāhu* and *Ketú* are the names given to the lunar nodes in *Jyotiṣa* (the Indian tradition of astrology).

The lunar nodes are eclipse points. A solar eclipse can occur only when new Moon is near either node, that is, when Moon and Sun are near the same node. A lunar eclipse can occur only when full Moon is near either node, that is, when Moon is near one node and Sun is near the opposite node.

Figurative speaking, to eclipse something is to overshadow it (that is, to make it less important by comparison) or to overpower it (that is, to affect it so strongly as to make it inadequate). Astrologically speaking, each lunar node refers to an influence that overshadows or overpowers.

Rāhu amplifies desire in whichever house that it occupies. Moreover, wherever *Rāhu* lies, things happen suddenly and intensely. *Rāhu* pushes one toward worldly gain, which refers to the accumulation of material possessions, status, power, recognition, and other temporal pleasures and achievements that are part of one's earthly life. The influence of *Rāhu* may lead to greed, deceptive behavior, or obsession with worldly desires.

Ketú creates detachment, spiritual inclination, or sudden losses regarding the house that it occupies. *Ketú* pushes one toward spiritual gain, which refers to the enrichment and advancement of one's inner life, character, and connection with God. The influence of *Ketú* may lead to dissatisfaction or disinterest in material life, responsibilities, and relationships.

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Let's examine the lunar nodes when lying in the angular houses. Here are some possible interpretations.

Rāhu in PH1 and Ketú in PH7: *Rāhu* in PH1 (self-identity) drives high ambition, self-focus, and the determination to establish a strong identity. *Ketú* in PH7 (partnerships; someone else) leads to detachment from relationships. With time and experimentation and multiple changes, spiritual work, or self-development, the person here begins to discover their true identity and to live authentically. Consequently, they may discover that they have outgrown old relationship styles and patterns that no longer fit their authentic identity. The person's relationships need to evolve in order to fit the person's new reality. By having the courage to live authentically, the person here becomes powerful and able to inspire others to become their authentic selves.

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Ketú in PH1 and Rāhu in PH7: *Ketú* in PH1 (self-identity) indicates possession of spiritual wisdom and a deep understanding of self. *Rāhu* in PH7 (partnerships; someone else) drives a strong desire for meaningful relationships. We are each a divine being having a human experience. This fundamental truth is known to the person here, but not known to many of those around them. The person here begins to lose hope in humanity as they see most people becoming engrossed in worldly gain. By embracing the notion of 'being in the world, but not of it', the person here can wholesomely participate in earthly life while being mindful of divine standards.

Rāhu in PH4 and Ketú in PH10: *Rāhu* in PH4 (parents; upbringing; comfort and security) drives a restless quest for increased emotional security. *Ketú* in PH10 (one's calling or career; achieving something significant; gaining prestige) leads to detachment from career ambitions or disinterest in public achievements. The person here struggles to find their true heart's desire (that is, a longing that is in tune with one's godself). Consequently, they have problems in achieving life goals and in developing wholesome relationships. By quieting the mind, the person here can listen to their inner knowing and then discover their true heart's desire.

Ketú in PH4 and Rāhu in PH10: *Ketú* in PH4 (parents; upbringing; comfort and security) often indicates detachment from home and family, usually because of some deep emotional wound caused in childhood. *Rāhu* in PH10 (one's calling or career; achieving something significant; gaining prestige) often leads to fame, success, and a relentless drive for professional growth. Detachment from home life and from emotional connections may push the person here toward career ambitions and public recognition. Their emotional trauma inclines them to operate from a deep sense of insecurity and a lack of compassion. By wholesomely healing this trauma, the person here will not misuse their advantage or position of power over others.

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IMPORTANT COMMENTS: Some of the information presented in this appendix is based on material presented in: [1] the book *The Candid Guide to Neo-Vedic Astrology* by astrologer Hogarth Neville Brown, [2] the blog post *Decoding Rahu and Ketu: The Karmic Nodes of the Moon* (05 January 2025) on <https://astroassured.com/blog/>, and [3] the blog post *Rahu and Ketu Effects by House Placement: A Complete Guide* (08 June 2026) on < https://www.astrosewa.com/blogs>.

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APPENDIX C
Some Hellenistic lots

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The noun 'lot' may be used to refer to a divinatory tool. The Hellenistic tradition of astrology made use of a number of calculated points as lots. The two most important Hellenistic lots involve the Ascendant, Sun, and Moon. The **Lot of Fortune** (or **Part of Fortune**) is an astrological point that is calculated according to the formula

$$LFo = Asc + Moon - Sun\,.$$

The **Lot of Spirit** (or **Part of Spirit**) is an astrological point that is calculated according to the formula

$$LSp = Asc + Sun - Moon\,.$$

The quantities in these formulas are the pertinent ecliptic longitudes.

Intrinsically speaking, Sun refers to activity that follows from one's volition, while Moon refers to things that are beyond willful control (and hence things to which one must submit). Let's use these notions to interpret the formulas for the Lots of Fortune and Spirit.

The Greek noun *túkhē* (fortune) refers to luck, which is the occurrence of favorable or unfavorable events that are beyond willful control. Regarding the Lot of Fortune, Sun refers to willed efforts, and Moon refers to good luck. Therefore, the mathematical difference '*Moon* minus *Sun*' figuratively represents traveling the distance from one's willed efforts (Sun) to good luck (Moon). Adding this difference to the Ascendant makes the journey pertain to oneself specifically. In summary, the Lot of Fortune indicates how and where one can attract good luck to support their efforts.

The Greek noun *daímōn* (spirit) refers to a divine guardian spirit. Regarding the Lot of Spirit, Moon refers to latent, inborn abilities, and Sun represents willed display. Therefore, the mathematical difference '*Sun* minus *Moon*' figuratively represents traveling the distance from one's abilities as being potential (Moon) to one's abilities as being realized (Sun). Adding this difference to the Ascendant makes the journey pertain to oneself specifically. In summary, the Lot of Spirit indicates how and where one can wholesomely develop their life potential.

The **Lot of Retribution** is an astrological point that is calculated according to the formula

$$LRe = Asc + Saturn - LFo\,,$$

where the quantities in this formula are the pertinent ecliptic longitudes. The Greek noun *némesis* (retribution) refers to punishment administered in return for wrongdoing. The Lot of Retribution refers to that which brings a justly deserved penalty. The mathematical difference '*Saturn* minus *LFo*' figuratively represents traveling the distance from good luck (Lot of Fortune) to unpleasant limitations (Saturn). Adding this difference to the Ascendant makes the journey pertain to oneself

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specifically. In summary, the Lot of Retribution indicates how and where one can meet their downfall.

FIGURE C: My natal chart again

WS12 TA	Ma 13:57 LRe 27:07 (PC12) 28:09 WS11 AR	(PC11) 19:54 WS10 PI	(PC10) 11:40 Su 24:08 WS9 AQ	Ve 11:15 (PC9) 19:54 Me 26:49 WS8 CP
(PC1) 06:24 Ke 09:15 R Ju 26:46 R (PC2) 28:09 WS1 GE	**Aakhut Em Bak** Natal Chart (Sidereal Zodiac) Tuesday, 08 MAR 1955 at 11:15 CST Chicago, IL (41° 51′ N; 87° 39′ W)			LSp 05:37 (PC7) 06:24 LFo 07:11 (PC8) 28:09 WS7 SA
(PC3) 19:54 WS2 CN	(PC4) 11:40 Mo 24:55 WS3 LE	(PC5) 19:54 WS4 VI	Sa 27:54 R (PC6) 28:09 WS5 LI	WS6 SC

As a calculation example, let's determine my natal Lots of Fortune, Spirit, and Retribution. In my natal chart (FIGURE C), the Ascendant is at Gemini 06° 24′ 11″, Sun is at Aquarius 24° 08′ 37″, Moon is at Leo 24° 55′ 32″, and Saturn is at Libra 27° 54′ 33″. For your information, true *Rāhu* is in retrograde motion, lying at Sagittarius 09° 15′ 59″.

On making use of TABLE 2.1, we find that

$$Asc = 60° + 06°\,24'\,11'' = 66°\,24'\,11'' ,$$

$$Sun = 300° + 24°\,08'\,37'' = 324°\,08'\,37'' ,$$

$$Moon = 120° + 24°\,55'\,32'' = 144°\,55'\,32'' ,$$

$$Saturn = 180° + 27°\,54'\,33'' = 207°\,54'\,33''$$

are the pertinent ecliptic longitudes.

For the Lot of Fortune, we get

$$LFo = Asc + Moon - Sun = 66°\,24'\,11'' + 144°\,55'\,32'' - 324°\,08'\,37''$$
$$= -112°\,48'\,54'' .$$

Here we have encountered an angle that lies outside the customary range of values for ecliptic longitude (which is from 0° up to 360°). In such cases, we add or subtract 360° as many times as necessary in order to get an angle that lies within the customary range. In this regard, we find that

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$$LFo = -112° \, 48' \, 54'' \equiv -112° \, 48' \, 54'' + 360° = 247° \, 11' \, 06'' = 240° + 07° \, 11' \, 06'' \, ,$$

which is Sagittarius 07° 11′ 06″ according to TABLE 2.1. Note that the mathematical symbol '≡' means 'is equivalent to'. Two angles are equivalent if they differ by some nonzero integer multiple of 360°.

For the Lot of Spirit, we get

$$LSp = Asc + Sun - Moon = 66° \, 24' \, 11'' + 324° \, 08' \, 37'' - 144° \, 55' \, 32''$$
$$= 245° \, 37' \, 16'' = 240° + 05° \, 37' \, 16'' \, ,$$

which is Sagittarius 05° 37′ 16″ according to TABLE 2.1.

For the Lot of Retribution, we get

$$LRe = Asc + Saturn - LFo = 66° \, 24' \, 11'' + 207° \, 54' \, 33'' - 247° \, 11' \, 06''$$
$$= 27° \, 07' \, 38'' = 0° + 27° \, 07' \, 38'' \, ,$$

which is Aries 27° 07′ 38″ according to TABLE 2.1.

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APPENDIX D
Some zodiacal fixed stars
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In traditional astrology, astrologers have assigned classical planetary attributes to fixed stars. For example, a Jupiter star has the attributes of the planet Jupiter, thereby indicating gains in wealth and status. Many fixed stars have assignments that are an ordered arrangement of two planets. One possible interpretation is that the first planet indicates initial situations, while the second planet indicates the outcomes. For example, a Jupiter-Saturn star indicates benefits and rising status that are followed by losses or refinement over many years, whereas a Saturn-Jupiter star indicates difficulties and losses that are followed by benefits. Another possible interpretation is that the first planet indicates the foremost aspect of the situation, while the second planet indicates pertinent circumstances.

Each fixed star belongs to some constellation, and so it chiefly has the attributes of that constellation. We will take each fixed star to be described by its assigned planetary attributes taken within the context of its constellational attributes.

The **apparent magnitude** of a star is a measure of how bright that star appears to an earthbound observer. The apparent-magnitude scale is reverse logarithmic, and so the brighter a star appears, the lower its magnitude number. A difference of 1.0 in apparent magnitude corresponds to a brightness ratio of $100^{1/5} \approx 2.51188643$. For example, a magnitude-3.0 star is about 2.51188643 times as bright as a magnitude-4.0 star. The faintest stars that are visible to the naked eye have apparent magnitudes of about $+6.5$. In descending order of brightness, the six brightest stars within the zodiac are *Aldebaran*, *Antares*, *Spica*, *Pollux*, *Regulus*, and *Castor*.

In this section, we will examine some fixed stars within the zodiac. These stars are *Aldebaran*, *Antares*, *Castor* and *Pollux*, *Elnath*, *Regulus*, *Skat*, and *Spica*. Regarding aspects that are made with a fixed star, we will take the conjunction to be the only aspect that is worth considering, with 01° as the margin of inexactness.

ALDEBARAN

Aldebaran (*Alpha Tauri*) is a red giant star lying at Taurus 15° 56′ with an ecliptic latitude of $-05°\ 27'$. Aldebaran has an apparent magnitude of $+0.86$, and it is the brightest star of the Taurus constellation. Longitudinally speaking, Aldebaran and Antares are about 180° apart. The name *Aldebaran* is derived from the Arabic phrase *ʾal-dabarān* (the one who trails behind), and it refers to Aldebaran as trailing behind the Pleiades star cluster across the night sky.

As a Taurus star, Aldebaran has Taurus attributes. Like a charging bull focused on his target, feminine Taurus stays set on her course. She wants to see tangible results from her efforts, and so she is inclined to getting absorbed in acquiring material comforts and in indulging herself. As a Jupiter-Mars star, Aldebaran indicates gains in wealth and status that are followed by struggles to

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hold on to these gains. In this regard, Mars is nobly expressed whenever one has the courage to take right action.

Aldebaran presents not only great success, but also moral choices that challenge one's integrity. Any compromising of integrity will lead to negative results, and all that has been gained could be lost very rapidly.

ANTARES

Antares (*Alpha Scorpii*) is a red supergiant star lying at Scorpio 15° 54′ with an ecliptic latitude of −04° 34′. Antares has an apparent magnitude of +0.91, and it is the brightest star of the Scorpio constellation. Longitudinally speaking, Aldebaran and Antares are about 180° apart. The Greek name *Antárēs* is derived from the words *anti-* (rival) and *Árēs* (Mars), and it refers to Antares as rivalling the planet Mars in reddish color.

As a Scorpio star, Antares has Scorpio attributes. Feminine Scorpio carries her goals to fruition with unshakable resolve. If she feels threatened, then she is inclined to become angry and vengeful. As a Mars-Jupiter star, Antares indicates battles to gain justice that are followed by gains in wealth and status. In this regard, Mars is nobly expressed whenever one has the courage to take right action.

Antares ignites the desire to strive for success, and it enhances the potential for ambitions to be fulfilled. But if one is headstrong, rash, or vengeful, then one could lose all that one has gained.

CASTOR AND POLLUX

Castor (*Alpha Geminorum*) is a sextuple star system lying at Gemini 26° 23′ with an ecliptic latitude of +10° 05′. Castor has an apparent magnitude of +1.58, and it is the second-brightest star of the Gemini constellation. Pollux (*Beta Geminorum*) is a red giant star lying at Gemini 29° 22′ with an ecliptic latitude of +06° 41′. Pollux has an apparent magnitude of +1.14, and it is the brightest star of the Gemini constellation. The names *Castor* and *Pollux* belong to twin brothers appearing in Greek and Roman mythologies. In some accounts, Castor was mortal, while Pollux was immortal.

As Gemini stars, Castor and Pollux have Gemini attributes. Masculine Gemini is curious, is quick to learn, and can do many things competently. He enjoys communicating his thoughts and feelings with others. As a Mercury star, Castor indicates heightened intellectual skills. As a Mars star, Pollux indicates boldly assertive efforts.

Castor furthers measured action, and it benefits any situation that requires slow, careful thinking, but not any situation that requires spontaneous action, quick decision, or daring. Pollux furthers fearlessness, and it benefits any situation that requires spontaneous action, quick decision, or daring, but not any situation that requires slow, careful thinking.

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ELNATH

Elnath (*Beta Tauri*) is a blue giant star lying at Taurus 28° 44′ with an ecliptic latitude of +05° 23′. Elnath has an apparent magnitude of +1.65, and it is the second-brightest star of the Taurus constellation. The name *Elnath* is derived from the Arabic phrase *ʔal-naṭḥ* (the butting), and it refers to Elnath as being at the tip of the northern horn of the Taurus bull.

As a Taurus star, Elnath has Taurus attributes. Like a charging bull focused on his target, feminine Taurus stays set on her course. She wants to see tangible results from her efforts, and so she is inclined to getting absorbed in acquiring material comforts and in indulging herself. As a Mars-Mercury star, Elnath indicates boldly assertive efforts that are supported by clever action and speech.

Elnath furthers aggressive action (especially via the tongue) that is aimed at prodding people to respond.

REGULUS

Regulus (*Alpha Leonis*) is a quadruple-star system lying at Leo 05° 59′ with an ecliptic latitude of +00° 27′. Regulus has an apparent magnitude of +1.40, and it is the brightest star of the Leo constellation. The Latin name *Rēgulus* means 'little king'.

As a Leo star, Regulus has Leo attributes. Like the roaring kingly lion, masculine Leo wants others to take notice of him and to somehow revolve around him. Leo likes things to be done his way, takes pride in his achievements, and seeks due recognition. If he becomes conceited, domineering, or ostentatious, then he loses the goodwill and admiration that he enjoys. As a Jupiter-Mars star, Regulus indicates gains in wealth and status that are followed by struggles to hold on to these gains. In this regard, Mars is nobly expressed whenever one has the courage to take right action.

Regulus ignites the desire to rule, and it enhances the potential for ambitions to be fulfilled. But if one is spiteful or vengeful, then one could lose all that one has gained.

SKAT

Skat (*Delta Aquarii*) is a binary star system lying at Aquarius 15° 01′ with an ecliptic latitude of −08° 11′. Skat has an apparent magnitude is +3.28, and it is the third-brightest star of the Aquarius constellation. The name *Skat* is possibly derived from the Arabic phrase *ʔal-šīʔat* (the hope), and it refers to something that is wished for and considered possible.

As an Aquarius star, Skat has Aquarius attributes. Masculine Aquarius desires to make a positive impact on the world, and he thinks often about how to improve people's lives. As a Saturn-Jupiter star, Skat indicates difficulties and losses that are followed by benefits.

Skat inspires altruistic action that leads to eventual blessings.

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SPICA

Spica (*Alpha Virginis*) is a triple-star system lying at Virgo 29° 59′ with an ecliptic latitude of $-02° 03'$. Spica has an apparent magnitude of $+0.97$, and it is the brightest star of the Virgo constellation. The star's name is derived from the Latin phrase *spīca virginis* (the virgin's ear of wheat grain).

As a Virgo star, Spica has Virgo attributes. Feminine Virgo can adjust to changing circumstances while keeping a focus on detail and order. Like a virgin, she sets high standards for herself. The Virgo virgin is a harvest maiden, that is, a figure representing the culmination of the growing season and the abundance of the land. As a Venus-Mars star, Spica indicates heightened powers of attraction and fertility that are followed by just efforts. In this regard, Mars is nobly expressed whenever one has the courage to take right action.

Spica helps to turn one's potential into fruitful efforts, and it rewards according to how well one uses one's abilities for what is right (that is, morally obligatory) and good (that is, beneficial).

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