

## Astrology Angles Decoded Archived Q&A

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***Q: In a progressed composite chart Neptune is on the ASC (2 degrees orb) and Venus is in the IC (5 degrees); in a synastry chart natal Saturn of person A is on the progressed ASC of person B, and this progressed ASC of person B is exactly on the IC of person A. Progressed Moon and Venus of person A is exactly on the progressed IC of the person B. In both synastry and their individual natal charts Saturn, Venus and Moon are important (and make multiple contacts to each other) for both people. How best to understand this set of interplays? What is primary and what is secondary in importance? What is stronger? Thank you!***

A: Neptune on the Asc and Venus on the IC - I would say those orbs are too big (I stick to 1 degree orbs with progressed contacts), and I'd be a little worried about the Neptune aspect too (Neptune obscures, clouds judgment, brings the fog, colors your vision - while Neptune does show spiritual connections, it's also so challenging to manage reality!).

Actually that Saturn might be an issue too (Saturn is restricting energy, so can feel suffocating in relationships, and the natal Saturn person may restrict, limit, overwhelm the progressed Asc person; this may depend on how comfortable they are with Saturn). The Moon and Venus seems positive, helping with emotional connection. The strongest and most important would be whatever is closest to being exact. Also note this: comparing one person's natal chart to another person's progressed chart shows how they natal person interacts and connects with who the progressed person has evolved into and is growing into (since the progressed chart reflects our maturation and growth). When there are strong connections between them, you can feel a strong connection - but it's often temporary because the progressed chart is changing. I have seen it where as the progressed chart changes, the relationship doesn't feel right anymore.

***Q: Having whizzed through your excellent course material and related it to that of my chart, the mother of my son and our tempestuous relationship I have then proceeded to analyse our current situation via a progressed composite chart and we are certainly at a major crossroads - our ASC/DSC axis is at the 0 critical degrees of Aries/Libra and our IC/MC axis is at the anaretic degrees of Gemini/Sagittarius. Combined with my natal Mars Aries (12th intercepted) being conjunct our composite progressed first house moon and her progressed Mars Gemini (7th house) being exactly conjunct our composite progressed IC it would appear that the explosive tension between us this past year or so is now approaching its climax and my question is therefore seeking your own interpretation of this scenario as the course only offered aspects with composite planets rather than natal?***

A: Definitely explosive! But also seems to point to a change in the relationship. Progressed houses moving into new signs reflect a change in that part of your life or of the relationship, and when the progressed angles move into new signs around the same time, that shows a complete shift in the foundation where all of the pivotal parts are moving toward a new focus. So while it may be fiery in the interim, once the IC/MC has entered Cancer/Capricorn (or more like a year after that since they'll still be critical), and once the progressed Moon moves off of your natal Mars (which should be fastest), and once her progressed Mars moves out of orb conjunct the IC (that'll likely take the longest but may also make it more important for her), then it passes (but a lot to wait through in the meantime!).

***Q: In the book page 92, How to calculate the angles of the returned planets aspecting the returned asc/mc? Use Solar return chart ? In Astro seek there is only a table for return planets aspecting birth planets.***

A: On astro.com, the Solar and Lunar Returns charts that are created show the aspects to the return angles in the table in the lower right of the chart (the guide showing how to create charts should help).

***Q: Is the descendant sign the same as your sun sign? If not, is there any significance to having both be in the same sign?***

A: Not always, they're the same sign if you were born with the Sun in the same sign as your Descendant (which would usually mean you were born around sunset). Having your Sun in the same sign as any of your angles will make that angle more important to you, your personality, and life. Having your Descendant and Sun in the same signs would show a strong tendency toward being around others, giving others attention, wanting company, preferring being coupled up instead of being alone, etc. (since the DC is others; unless there are stronger factors showing challenges, of course).

***Q: Nobody has ever been able to tell me what Vesta, which is conjunct exactly to my ascendant means. I've done some searching too. Do you have any ideas?***

A: Anything conjunct your Ascendant can be apart of your personality (at least outwardly) and the way you come across, so you may come across in Vesta-like ways. You'll want to read up on the mythology of Vesta and see how you identify with it personally; in general, Vesta is associated with the home and hearth (is family or your home life very important to you?), the inner flame (are you always pushed by something inside of you? highly ambitious? do you shine light for others?), dedicated and focused (are you someone who always gets things done and isn't easily swayed?), and is very female-centric (so women may play a big role in your life).

***Q: I use Solar Fire. Do you want me to use the charts made on astro.com?***

A: You can use any software or website to create charts (I just always reference astro.com since it's free and pretty robust, and the vast majority of people don't need to buy software unless they're going to do this professionally).

***Q: What is the significance of the angles in relation to each other? Sometimes, for example, a person is born with the MC and AC a relatively short distance away from each other, making the houses between quite thin and others quite large. What would be the impact on the person's life?***

A: There are many different ways of calculating the positions of the houses (called house systems), and so houses will vary in size with each system. Now, the angles should be the same though, and you'll usually find they're close together for people born near the poles (the house systems haven't really been able to address those locations!), in which case Equal or Whole Sign houses are normally used. Using those systems, you can also focus on the houses the angles fall in, and assess how they tie into the angle. I can't say I've ever seen anything about the distance between the AC and MC, ; in an evenly divided chart, they'll be about square one another, but in uneven charts, they can be sextile or trine (you can imagine that would help each angle support one another like that!).

***Q: Can you outline how planets aspecting the angles have different qualities if they are approaching rather than moving away? For instance, if Neptune is in the 12th conjunct the Ascendant how is it different from in the first house. Same with other aspects. If Uranus is conjunct the Descendant, how is it different in the 6th vs 7th house?***

A: Planets conjunct the Ascendant from the 12th house side can bring some subconscious energy into the way they're manifested in your personality; planets conjunct the Descendant from the 6th house side can bring some practical energy to relationships; planets conjunct the Midheaven from the 9th house side can bring a more expansive attitude to practical matters; planets conjunct the Imum Coeli from the 3rd house side can bring more need for expression with emotion (and the one that usually matters the most and has the most impact is planets conjunct the Ascendant from the 12th house side, the others will be much more subtle).

***Q: How to tell which sign is on the Ascendant when the cusp is either 1 degree Scorpio or 29 degrees Libra? Birth certificate reads 3:30 am and mother says closer to 3. / Is there a way to tell which sign is on the Ascendant when birth time is questioned. Birth certificate time is 3:30 am and the mother says it's really 3:15 am. Since the Ascendant is either 1 degree Scorpio or 29 degrees Libra it makes a significant difference in analyzing the chart. The time difference causes a shift of the intercepted second house with a stellium to another house with no planets.***

A: (was submitted as 2 questions but seems to be the same person so putting them together!) You have to do a rectification. Rectification involves studying the transits made to your chart to pinpoint the time of birth more exactly. Follow transits to the cusps and to the rulers (since they'll be different depending on the time) and after a while, you can figure out which is correct. (rectification is pretty advanced though so you may want to work with an astrologer to get it right)

***Q: I was wondering what version of the composite chart you use on astro.com as there are several versions, also do you use solar returns as a stand alone, or take into consideration the natal aspects when doing an analysis.***

A: I use the midpoint version for composite charts (that's the standard for composite charts). For solar returns, you can use them in both ways. They're a snapshot of a single event you can analyze by itself, and you can assess it with the other aspects going on over the year it's in effect.

***Q: Anything to indicate past lives with a family member through angles?***

A: Past life connections are usually seen through the planet Neptune, the 12th house, and the Lunar Nodes (specifically the South Node). If you have natal Neptune or South Node conjunct one of their personal planets, Ascendant, Descendant, or Imum Coeli, or their natal Neptune or South Node conjuncts one of yours; or if they have personal planets in your 12th house or you have personal planets in their 12th house. This may also be seen in the composite chart instead of in synastry (so the composite chart has Neptune conjunct an angle or one of the personal planets, has the South Node conjunct an angle or one of the personal planets or in the 1st house, or has lots of planets in the 12th house).

***Q: When a new or full moon is conjunct an angle, is the impact different from when the new or full moon is in that house?***

A: Yes and no. The overall effect is the same (since it's the same house), but the impact of it is much stronger. Also, when a new or full moon conjuncts an angle, it'll go exact at some point, and around that time, it'll be super strong (whereas when it just occurs in the house, it's pretty subtle during the new or full moon period).

***Q: My progressed ascendant recently changed signs and is now in the same sign as my natal Sun. It won't conjunct for another 6 years though. When should I feel the effect?***

A: You may be feeling it already! Generally speaking, with progressions, you start to feel aspects 1 degree before and after (sometimes 2 but usually 1). But I do find with your natal Sun, you can start feeling that change with the progressed angle right away when it enters your Sun sign, because you feel your Sun so personally (it is you, after all!).