

Astrology Angles Decoded Q&A

Q: Can Plutonian relationship work?

A: Of course! You will have to use the Pluto energy properly though, and not give in to obsession or struggles over power, or let anger/hatred/jealousy rule. A lot of it will depend on how well each of you interacts with Plutonian energy (so if both of you have strong Pluto/8th house/Scorpio energy natively, and you've learned how to work with it, then this energy can strengthen your connection). It is usually a passionate, powerful connection, no matter what!

Q: In synergy if one partner has many planets in Scorpio, does this mean they are more attracted to and comfortable in Plutonian relationships than people who are not plutonic?

A: (guessing this is the same person!) Yes, if you have lots of Scorpio or 8th house planets or a strong natal Pluto, you can be more comfortable and attract Plutonian relationships. But it'll only be positive if you use that energy properly.

Q: If synergy is good but composite is not so good, relationship will work out or not? What to look for in our natal chart to know we might be able to handle a relationship with not so good composite.

A: (assuming you mean synastry?) This is definitely a pickle. Having good synastry but a bad composite can be an indicator of a relationship where it seems like the two of you should be good for one another, but the relationship just isn't. We've all seen that before! You can take a look at the synastry between each person and the composite. You can not only compare natal charts to one another, you can also compare each

natal chart to the composite chart. If you both have good synastry with the composite chart even though it's challenging, this can help. But if one or both of you have challenging synastry too, then it's likely not going to work.

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 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: As a newbie, what advice can you give as far as good sources for interpretations, and am I correct in assuming that this information is completely subjective based on an astrologer's own observations over time working with clients in addition to what they have learned and accepted for themselves to be accurate? At the moment I am just googling and reading various blog posts regarding specific interpretations because I am working through your How To Read Your Birth Chart workbook (i.e. I might google "Sun conjunct Chiron" and read articles from the top three websites and take whatever info resonates). I know that anyone can throw up a blog post on what they think this aspect means so I want to feel confident about where I get my information from.

A: Well, not *completely* subjective, there are parameters for the definitions of signs, houses, planets, aspects, etc. and what they can potentially show. But the downfall with general interpretations is they are just general and don't consider the whole chart, so they're more meant to be a starting point rather than an ending point. Whole chart analysis is what astrologers are for!

Q: What is the significance of a yod in your chart (what your lessons are, how to predict lessons in transits, etc), as well as how it may be amplified when any of the yod points are created by stelliums? (I have a pretty intense yod in my natal chart: 2 of the points are opposing stelliums, so that it's more like 3 yods in one...yikes! The top point is a

10th house Gemini stellium of Mercury (R), Venus & Jupiter; the bottom right point is 5th house Capricorn stellium of Saturn (R), Uranus (R), and Neptune (R). The left point is Pluto(R) in 4th house Scorpio, which sits directly on my IC. (My moon in Libra/3rd house also forms a separate yod with those two stelliums).

A: I wish I was better with yods because I do get asked about them a lot! (probably because very few seem to be good with yods, they are pretty perplexing - damn quincunxes) So I don't have much to tell ya, but it does seem like your whole chart revolves around that! Maybe you should become one of the few yod experts ;)

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 sign same 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 idea?

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).