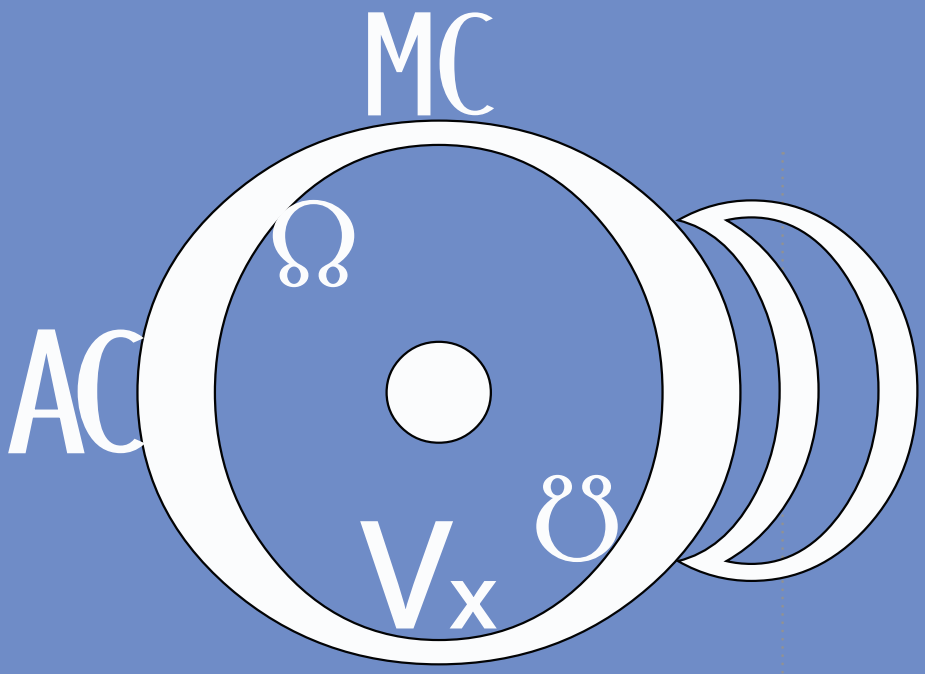
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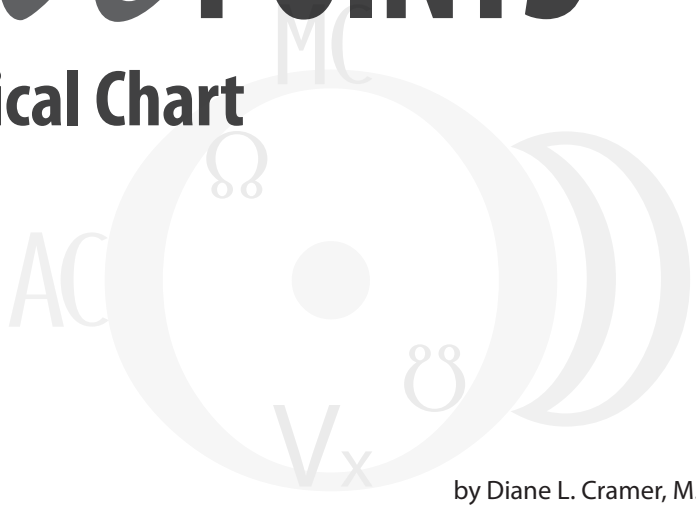


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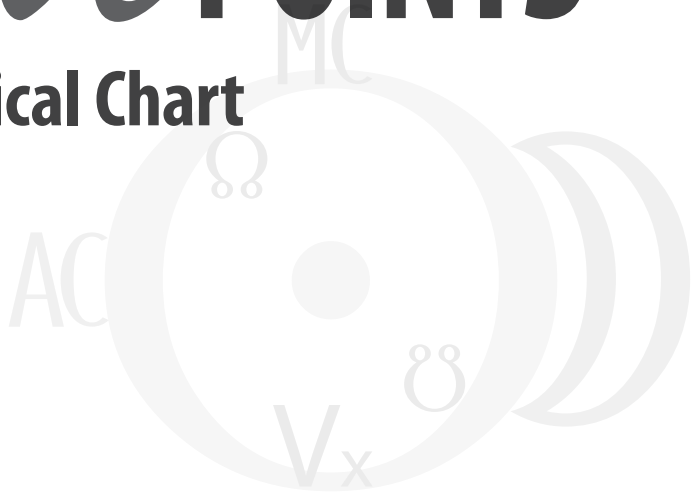
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This lecture is geared to both beginners and advanced astrology students to help you understand the sensitive points in the natal chart. These points are the Ascendant, Midheaven, the Sun, the Moon, the Nodes and the Vertex.

The information on the Nodes and the Vertex is more advanced, but I am going to make it as simple as possible in terms of the Sun, the Moon, the Ascendant and the MC. It is impossible to simplify everything in astrology. The lecture is called "The Sensitive Points in the Chart." These points are considered sensitive, but you can also refer to them as personal points. To a large extent, these points are personally descriptive as except for the Nodes, they are based on the moment of birth.

Whereas the Sun can be in the same degree for a day and the Moon for two hours, the points that move the quickest are the most sensitive and personal in the chart. Because these points move very quickly they help to distinguish one birth chart from

another and one person from another. Somebody born four minutes before or after you can have a different emphasis in their chart from yours. This becomes more obvious when you get into advanced astrology and the study of harmonics and midpoints. It sometimes explains the difference in the lives of twins. Every minute in a chart can make a difference.

Now the outer planets, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto and/or Saturn have a strong influence in your life when they are in aspect with one of these personal points—the Sun, Moon, Ascendant, MC or the Vertex. I am not calling the North Node of the Moon a personal point but it is a sensitive point in the chart. We will discuss its influence later on.

The patterns in your life, the good things, the difficult times all have a lot to do with what goes on when an outer planet aspects a personal point in your chart. The Ascendant, MC and Vertex are special among all the points in the chart because both depend on the time and place of birth and because they are the fastest moving positions in the horoscope. The planets can take from one to hundreds of years to go through the zodiac—from Aries to Pisces. The Sun takes one year, the Moon takes a month etcetera, but the Ascendant and MC will move around the entire zodiac in one day. Every four minutes there is a new degree of a sign rising. That is why the birth time is so important.

Because they indicate both the time and place of birth down to the minute, the Ascendant and the MC are what links conditions in the heavens to a particular individual on earth. And as the Ascendant and MC move, they highlight a different group of planets. So one person may have an aspect from Saturn to their Ascendant or MC, someone else might have Pluto aspects to their Ascendant or MC and yet another person might have Mars aspects. Therefore their personalities and their life direction will be different depending on the planets aspecting the Ascendant or MC. We will go through these points in more detail. I will spend more time on the Vertex and the Nodes since I need to show you how to find them. I will give you keys words and also information on using these points in prediction and we'll talk about interpreting them in a chart.

AUDIENCE: *What happens every four minutes?*
DC: A new degree rises on the eastern horizon every four minutes. The degree itself can have a special meaning. There are books you can get that give meanings of all the degrees in the zodiac.

THE SUN

The Sun has a lot to do with major developments in your life. In the chart, when something aspects your Sun by transit, progression or direction, it can indicate a major life change. The influence can affect your health, your vitality, or your life direction. That is why the Sun is considered a sensitive point. Some key words for the Sun are: vitality, consciousness, spirit, ego and identity. It rules people in positions of authority and leadership. The Sun is your individuality whereas the Ascendant is your personality; there is a significant difference between the two. To distinguish between the Sun and the Ascendant think of the Sun as your individuality or your life path direction and your Ascendant as your personality. When I started studying astrology I couldn't figure out the difference between the two. There is a difference between your personality, the way you act, the Ascendant, and your individual path in life, which is your Sun. They are different unless they are both in the same sign.

The Sun also rules the father. In a woman's chart it may represent her relationship with her father or it may represent men in her life. It has a lot to do with your health and constitution. When the Sun is afflicted in the chart—meaning that when the Sun is in hard aspect to another planet—a person can be very pompous, ostentatious, egotistical or self-centered. This is a person who needs a lot of attention. The Sun in the horoscope indicates how you express yourself and with what intensity and success. It describes your ability to stand up for yourself. The Sun controls the chief decisions, the outstanding events and the achievements of your life. It is the height you can attain.

To me the Sun is who you really are. It also describes your ego. As the Sun moves through the twelve signs of the zodiac, it reveals distinctive abilities, mental trends, likes and dislikes, personality and other prominent factors. These would be the characteristic of the different signs of the zodiac.

Nothing is that simple in astrology where you can say the Ascendant is just your personality and the Sun is just your individuality, but there is a subtle difference between the two. The Sun has more to do with your life direction than the Ascendant. The Sun, according to Robert Hand, has the meaning of "wanting to." What is it you want to do with your life? It is represented by the sign, the house and whether or not you are able to do these things depends on what other planets are influencing your Sun. Are

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