Introduction to Traditional Mundane Astrology:
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Recommended Texts:

In general, medieval astrologers used annual ingresses and historical astrology as framing devices for the other techniques—even though ingresses and other things were interpreted on their own as well. Each chart is understood as part of a series or family of charts—must look at overall trends over time.

I. Ptolemy (Tet. II): Lunation (and also ingress) charts for the following:
- Weather
- Prices
- Eclipses and Comets
- Chorography
- (Ptolemy often mixes approaches involving lunations and eclipses)

Eclipses:
- Sign of eclipse, and victors, shows effects (eclipse in Libra affects Libran lands and things).
- Hours of eclipse = length of effect (Solar = years, Lunar = months).
- Proportional place of eclipse in upper hemisphere = when period begins and when intensifications begin during the period.
- Later authors read the chart more thoroughly.
- Favor total, solar eclipses for most important things.

Example: Solar eclipse of April 17, 1912, in Sarajevo. Lasted for 2.66 hours (2.66 years), effective between August 1912 – August 1915, peaked December 1913 – April 1914. Suggested events: Balkan Wars and preparation for assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand.

II. Indians and Persians: historical astrology

Historical astrology focuses on time periods and time lords, particularly: mean conjunctions (Saturn-Jupiter, and Saturn-Mars in Cancer), Thousands, mundane *firdariyyat*, the Turn, triplicity shifts, and ingresses. The Persians and Arabs used a sidereal zodiac, usually adjusted periodically to be more in line with the tropical.

1. *Flood-Kaliyuga of 3102 BC (Abu Ma’shar), Flood of 3361 BC (Masha’allah)*
   Both Abu Ma’shar and Masha’allah related the Flood to certain Saturn-Jupiter conjunctions, but their parameters were off and no mean conjunction actually occurred.

2. *Mean Conjunctions (Saturn-Jupiter, Saturn-Mars in Capricorn)*
   A mean conjunction is the conjunction of the epicycles of two planets (not to be confused with a true conjunction, which is a conjunction as we observe it)—it is based on the length of their periods and
their speed. Saturn-Jupiter conjunctions occur every 19.8 years, the Saturn-Mars at the beginning of Cancer every 30.1 years.

3. Triplicity shifts
Saturn-Jupiter mean conjunctions form a triangular pattern, moving backwards by roughly a trine every time, staying in the same triplicity for either 198.5 or 218.4 tropical years (10 or 11 conjunctions). When they “shift” into a new triplicity, it marks a new period of world history. Historical astrology often tries to interpret the meaning of these shifts and the conjunctions in them, using things like mundane profections and ingress charts.

Accurate tropical shifts in fire, beginning at 0° ♃

Some parameters for mean Saturn-Jupiter conjunctions

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Recent mean and true Saturn-Jupiter conjunctions (tropical)

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**Suggestion by Dykes:** Charts that emphasize the 1802 conjunction (0° Virgo) connect an event or person to the themes and meaning of the entire triplicity period itself (ethnic nationalism, industrialization and materialism, imperialism); but charts that emphasize the degree of a particular conjunction (such as 1901, 15° Capricorn) connect to the events of that conjunction.

4. Mundane profections

Astrologers profected the Ascendant or mean conjunction, taken at the time of the Aries ingress for the year in which a mean conjunction would occur. E.g., the conjunction of July 1901 would use the chart for the Aries ingress of 1901, and its Ascendant and the position of the conjunction would undergo annual profections until the next conjunction.

5. Ingresses

Most energy was spent on interpreting annual ingresses (and not just for the years of mean conjunctions). Special planets included the “lord of the year” and “significator of the king,” which summarized some of the main issues affecting the country/people and the leadership. Notably in the early years of WWII, the direction of the ingress Ascendant of certain countries to the aspects of Mars indicated key dates of invasions and attacks. Some rules for finding the lord of the year:

**Abu Ma’shar, Scito**
- Look in the good places, for the following planets, especially if within 3° of the cusp, and especially if in a dignity.
- Lord or exalted lord of ASC
- Sect light
- Other lords of the ASC, but only if in ASC or MC

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Masha’allah, *Conjunctions*

- Lords of ASC
- Lords of luminary, especially sect light
- Planet in ASC
- Planet the sect light applies to
- Planet with many testimonies
- Well dignified, in powerful place
- Sect light

**Summary: Look for the best planets in the best places**

What planets are best:

- Lords of the ASC
- Sect light
- Other planets accepting many applications
- Planets making phases or changing signs
- They should also be in a dignity

What places are best:

1, 10, 7, 4, 11, 9, 5, 3
Ptolemy: eclipses and lunations

- Chorography (astrological geography)
- Eclipses and comets
- Weather and disasters (not shown here)
- Prices (not shown here)

Persians/Indians: historical, conjunctional astrology

- Saturn-Jupiter conjunctions, triplicity shifts
- Saturn-Mars conjunctions in Cancer (from al-Kindi)
- Ingress charts
- Mundane profections, distributions, Lots
- Other time lords (mundane fardars, etc)
- Framing devices like the Thousands and Flood-Kaliyuga
Chorography (astrological geography)

There were several ways of assigning planets and signs to regions of the world, peoples, and religions:

- Signs and planets to types of geography or individual cities (deserts or mountains, Beijing or Hunan province).
- Climes
- Ptolemy’s chorography
- (And others)
Climes are lines or bands of latitude, normally based on ascensional times, and usually attributed to planets and/or signs.
Ptolemy’s chorography is part of his theory of triplicities, and is important to his whole astrological project. Triplicities are assigned to regions of the earth as triangles surrounding a central area.
Ingress charts and lunar phases

Ptolemy said that we should look at the New or Full Moon chart before every seasonal ingress of the Sun. Look at that same kind of lunation chart for that whole season, then do it again at the next season.

Later astrologers did this as well as the ingress chart: can be confusing with two charts.

Example: 1941 ingress
- Occurred after a Full Moon.
- Look at all Full Moons in the spring, but then look at the lunation before the ingress.
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Persian astrologers had many rules for ingress charts.

- Cast the ☐ ingress for every year.
- If the ASC is convertible (cardinal), also do the other 4 seasonal charts; if common or mutable, ☐ and ☒; if fixed, just the ☐ ingress. But the ☐ chart is always the most important. (I am not sure how true this is.)
- For charts of conjunctions, cast the ☐ ingress for the seasonal year in which the conjunction happens.

Which charts would this ingress require?
A Saturn-Jupiter conjunction in February 1942 should use this chart.
Ingress charts: Lord of year
Persian astrologers also looked for the lord of the year, using many similar methods.

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Ingress charts: Lord of year, USA 1941 and 2016
Who is the lord of the year in these charts?
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1941 USA Aries Ingress

2016 USA Aries Ingress
1941 Aries Ingress, Washington DC
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- Direction of ASC to ☉ by ascensions: 12/7/1941 (attack on Pearl Harbor).
Who is the lord of the year?
**Missile tests:**
April 4: ♀ enters rays
April 16: ♀ enters 8° of ◆
April 29: ♀ exits rays
May 14: ♀ σ 2000 ◆, ◆ self, △ 2000 ◆
June 8: ♀ enters rays
July 4: ♀ exits rays
July 28: ♀ elongation
August 26, 29: ♀ σ ◆
Sept 15: ♀ soon entering rays

**Nuclear test and collapse (Sept 3-6):**
♀ stationing and out of rays (28♀)
♀ σ transiting ◆ and 2017 ◆♀
All △ 2000 ◆.

**Threats/other:**
April 4-8: First missile, Trump sends ships, profected LOY ♅ stations ♅
May 5: NK threatens China, ♀ stationing
Aug 7-8, NK threatens US, Trump’s “fire and fury” response: ♀ elongation
2018 USA Aries Ingress
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Note dignified malefics around Desc:
• War? Or “the reliable enemy”?
• Opposing rising sign: hostile to the people.
• But they ♦ the lord ASC: think of court case charts.
• When ♏ left ♉ on 5/16, NK started to reject talks, but Mueller’s investigation maybe falters (per Giuliani); and MSM gets story wrong about “animals” comment. (Hostile influences falter.)
• Look to his other transits: 6/27, 8/13, 8/28, 9/11. Also, his ☐ on 6/13 – 6/20.
Principles of Eclipses

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• A special case of a New or Full Moon, which show stages of being, creation and destruction.
• Solar eclipses are special: normally the Sun overwhelms things with his rays, but here the Moon obliterates the Sun: a reversal of the usual.
• Because the Sun is the primary source of light and heat, his eclipsing is more dramatic.
• Traditionally, eclipses were used mundanely, especially for politics and kings.
• Focus on total, annular, and annular-total (“hybrid”) eclipses.

Measure the time of the eclipse in hours, from P1-P2

Alcyone Eclipse Calculator ($25): www.alcyone.de
Ptolemy’s eclipses (\textit{Tet. II})

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Ptolemy focused on visible solar eclipses (but not necessarily on the line of totality).

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Hypothetical Example: Total eclipse, April 2016
• Lasts 2h = 2y = 24 months
• Begins in 5-8 mos.
• Intensifies in the middle 1/3 of the period

At early start, peak is May 2017 – Dec 2017
At late start, peak is Aug 2017 – Mar 2018
“Shared peak” is Aug 2017 – Dec 2017
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Solar Eclipse, May 9, 1948
Beijing: 2.66 hours, or 32 months
Middle 1/3, begins in 5-8 months
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Shared peak:
December 1949 – July 1950

What happened during it?
10/1/1949: Mao proclaims PRC (early peak)

December 1949: Nationalists leave China for Taiwan (with ☹△ eclipse)

☺ □ June 1948: Siege of Changchun
Annular-Total Eclipse, April 17, 1912
Saros 137, across Europe
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- Length: 2h 40m = 2.66y = 32 mos.
- Middle 1/3: begins in 5-8 months
- Shared peak: Nov ‘13 – May ‘14

1. Lord of eclipse (Mars): in fall, in 12th, harms lord of MC (Venus).
2. Lord of ASC (Sun): eclipsed, cadent, in 9th.
3. Saturn most angular, harms ASC.
4. Notable: see above.
5. Lord of MC (Venus) applies to Mars in fall in 12th, etc.

Secret enemies, harm to people and sovereign. Mars lord of 4th (land, nationalism).

- Sovereign (Franz Ferdinand) assassinated in plot (lord MC in 9th: abroad?), June ‘14.
- Assassins recruited in ‘12-13, during Balkan wars. May ‘14 final training. Some had already been tasked in a failed Jan. ‘14 plot.
Archduke Franz Ferdinand: Assassinated with wife June 28, 1914
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1. Lord of eclipse (Mars):
   1. Eclipse position (6° ☉): opposes lord 7th (wife) and squares lord 8th (death).
   3. At assassination, by transit: squares natal position (1° ☉)

2. Lord of ASC of eclipse (Sun):
   1. In ASC: affects personally; is lord 9th, foreigners.

3. Degree of eclipse (27° ☉):
   1. Trines natal Sun in ASC; reinforces meaning of natal Sun.

4. Ascendant of eclipse (20° ☈):
   1. Trine natal ASC within 1°-2°.

NB: Saturn transit at death: 23 Gemini, almost exactly squaring his natal Sun.
First Moroccan Crisis: March 1905 – May 1906

1: Oct ’03
Station (D), 2° L
French take hard line

2: 6/3/1904
Station (R), 21° L
Germans consider provoking crisis

3: 10/3/1904
Before Station (D), 14° L
France-Spain agreement

4: March 1905
27° L
Crisis: Kaiser visits Morocco

5: June 1905
Station (R)
2° L
Change of mind, conference called

6: Sept-Oct 1905
26-27° L (R)
Saber-rattling

7: Dec 1905
27° L (D)
France-Spain agreement

8: Jan 1906
0° L
Conference begins

9: March-Apr 1906
Out of rays
8-10° L
Conference ends

10: Jun-Jul 1906
Station (R), 15° H
Sultan signs agreement

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Persian/Indian historical astrology
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Persian astrologers (Masha’allah, Abu Ma’shar) promoted historical astrologies structured by mean Saturn-Jupiter conjunctions, but which were embedded in earlier Indian and Zoroastrian historical theories: the Thousands, the Flood-Kaliyuga, etc.

They applied mundane profections, distributions, Lots, and other time-lord systems into these schemes.
Idealized mean conjunction 1901 AD
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True positions at Saturn-Jupiter mean conjunction, 1901:

Mean tropical: 15 ☿
Mean sidereal: 20 ♟
Idealized triplicity shifts (Abu Ma’shar sidereal theory)
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12 conjunctions apiece
Shift every 237.6 years
## Accurate triplicity shift table

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Earthly triplicity: 1802 – 2000 AD
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✓ 1782 (True: ✓)

 Wrest 1802, 0° (True: ♃)
♂ 1822 (True: ♃)
♀ 1841 (True: ♀)
♂ 1861 (True: ♃)
♂ 1881 (True: ♃)
♀ 1901, 15° (True: ♀)
♂ 1921 (True: ♃)
♂ 1941 (True: ♃)
♀ 1961 (True: ♀)
♂ 1980 (True: ♃)

II 2000 (True: ♃)

Features:
• Imperialism (and collapse)
• Nationalism (esp. ethnic; scientific racism)
• Industrialization/material progress

Abu Ma’shar on strength / intensification:
• Fire: ✓ / 3rd or 9th conjunction
• Air: ♈ / 4th or 8th conjunction
• Water: ♉ / 2nd or 6th conjunction
• Earth: ♋ / 4th or 8th conjunction

What do the ♋ conjunctions have in common?
Archduke Franz Ferdinand and the 1802 / 1901 conjunctions

- Military man, prolific hunter: \( \sigma \) in ASC.
- Sickly; future uncertain; enemies (lords 1, 12).
- Note exalted \( \psi \) exactly on MC.
- \( \psi / MC \) square 1901 \( \sigma \) within 1°: his reputation connected to this conjunction.
- His \( \sigma \) (lord 12, in 1) exactly squares 1802 \( \sigma \): he was killed by secret enemies as part of an ethnic nationalist plot.
- At his assassination, transiting Mars \( \sigma \) 1802\( \sigma \) within 1°

- Lord of 1912 eclipse (\( \Omega \)) \( \sigma \) his lord 7 (wife) and \( \square \) his lord 8, within 1-2°
- Lord of ASC of 1912 eclipse (\( \Delta \)) \( \sigma \) his natal \( \Omega \) (in 1\textsuperscript{st}) within 2°.
- Degree of 1912 eclipse trines his \( \Omega \).
Relation of 1901 Ingress to conjunctions of 1802 and 1901:
Sarajevo, Bosnia (Franz-Ferdinand assassination, 1914)
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1901 ♄ in 8th (15°♂)

ASC □ 1802 ♄ (0♂)
Mundane profections from ASC of 1901: Belgrade, Serbia

1903: 3rd/Leo

- Comes to $\delta$ (lord 11th), LOY in 11th
- $\delta$ harms sign

1903 Ingress: King assassinated

- Sign harmed by $\delta$
- $\delta$ in ASC, detriment
- Lord 10 ($\delta$) in det., $\square\delta$

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Mundane profections from ASC of 1901: Belgrade, Serbia

1914: 2\textsuperscript{nd}/Cancer
- Sign of year in angle of 1901 σ
- LOY ☉ harmed by Saturn, □♀ in fall.

Serb govt sponsors assassination of Franz-Ferdinand in Sarajevo, brings war to people.

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