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The Astrology of Personal Points

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Symmetrical Astrology uses the Uranian System as a foundation. Originated by *Alfred Witte* (1878-1941), his ideas reworked the underpinnings of Astrology into a thoroughly modern technology.

With the introduction of the Personal Points, Witte introduced a hierarchy of planetary energy. The Personal Points show what is essential to understanding a horoscope.
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A Hierarchy of Planetary Energies

The Personal Points provide a simple structure to determine the basic character and destiny contained in all horoscopes. It is a net that organizes the most fundamental energies and shows where to look and what’s important. Simply put, they define for us the interior world of experience and the outer world of action.
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The Outer Group of Personal Points illustrate connectivity. They are the bridge between the entity behind the horoscope and the various interfaces used to connect to the external world. They all have connections between great circles in common, or, we can say they are spatially based.
The Cardinal Axis (abbreviated with the Aries Glyph ♈): General connections with the world. How the world is seen by the native and how the native sees the world. In an event chart, how the world is shaped by the event and how it is perceived by all the things that make up the world, both animate and inanimate.

The Ascendant: General connections to a place and a description of a place on the Earth. How the local environment is viewed by the native and how the environment views the native. It is the common point of connection we use daily in our movements around a place. Can describe looks, personality and also physical traits of a location (mundane uses).

The Moon’s Node (abbreviated with its Glyph ♐): Personal connections on an intimate scale. In a mundane chart, it defines how things are connected. It is considered a karmic point since the native cannot choose their relatives and it is difficult to change the quality of intimate connections.
If we take a sphere and rotate it, we create an axis of rotation. The largest circle at a right angle to the axis is a great circle. If this were the Earth, that great circle is called the Equator and the axis is called the pole with a north end and a south end. The Equator is the fundamental plane of the Earth and defines the Earth’s energies.
All great circles pass through the center of a sphere. A great circle at a right angle to a pole is called a horizontal great circle. All other circles at a right angle to the pole are called small circles. Where two horizontal great circles cross is called a node. The node is the literal point of connection between planes.
The pole and accompanying plane represent a whole system.

For example:
The pole of the Earth and its associated great circle, the Equator, represent the Earth as a single body and is expressed through the Equator. The pole of the Sun-Earth creates the Ecliptic plane and that great circle describes the action of the Zodiac. Where these circles cross not only creates a starting point for Tropical Zodiac, but also connects the Earth plane to the Solar plane. It is this concept of nodes connecting the essence of planes that gives the Outer Personal Points their fundamental meaning of interface. The quality of the planes shows us what kind of connections are described.
While only one horizontal great circle can be associated with a pole, an infinite number of vertical great circles can be created since they all pass through the center of the sphere. All vertical great circles cross the horizontal great circle at a right angle. Using the pole and plane we describe the sphere. Here, 2 poles and their planes cross and the crossing points carry the expression of the connection.
Here we see the fundamental horizontal plane of the Earth’s Pole, the Equator, laid on top of the fundamental horizontal plane of the Zodiac, the Ecliptic. Where they cross is called the nodes of the Earth and defines the Cardinal Axis, the ingress points of Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn. Notice the Ecliptic pole defines the Artic Circle and the maximum inclination of the Ecliptic (0° Cancer & Capricorn) defines the Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn.
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The Cardinal Axis

Combines the Earth and the Sun by taking raw material (Earth) and giving it spirit (Sun) making matter animate. The Earth becomes a living body through the interaction of the Equator and the Ecliptic.

The Cardinal Axis defines that which is common to us all. It is the only factor that we all have in common. We all live on this planet and what happens to the planet as a whole affects each of us through the individuality of our horoscopes in a unique way, through our personal connections to the Cardinal Cross.

Defining not only the mundane conditions affecting the Earth, the Cardinal Axis shows us our own personal connection to the whole of life.

Everyone sees the world through their own eyes and experiences the commonality in a very personal way. It is the general interface.
The Zenith is the pole of a place on Earth and it’s great circle is the Horizon. Where the Horizon crosses the Ecliptic (in the East) is called the Ascendant. The Ascendant is the node that connects the place on Earth to a degree of the Ecliptic. This Personal Point describes how the horoscope interacts with its local environment. It describes the energies of a place on Earth and in a natal chart, how the native experiences where they are. It also shows how the place experiences the native. It is the local interface.
The Moon’s orbit is a great circle with a wobbly pole. Viewed from space the Moon corkscrews around the Earth taking 18.6 years for its pole to complete its counterclockwise cycle. Where it crosses the Ecliptic is called the Moon’s Node and connects the Earth-Sun plane to the Moon’s plane. Since it is consolidating the energies of the Moon with the Ecliptic it describes instinctual connections. Intimate and familial contacts are described that are invisible on the surface but become the social glue that binds families, marriages, workgroups, etc.
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The Inner Group of Personal Points define the personal experience of the native and how they process life. The physical senses, the emotional self and the innate sense of being are expressed by the Inner Group and are things that the outer world can only perceive from without. No one can feel your pain or joy, physically or emotionally, except you. We may have empathy, but we cannot experience another’s personal experience. Most of all we cannot experience someone’s perception of self. This is the realm of the Inner Group.
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They also define the measure of time – day, hour and minute. While this implies the mundane use of the Inner Group, all things related to the self are treated by the inner Personal Points. Because they are describing the subjective experience they have to be seen through time and are the basis of perception. The Inner Group creates the basis for all things and the Outer Group shows how all things are integrated together.
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The Sun

Everything you have learned about the Sun uses the same definitions regarding the Personal Points. It is the central object of our solar system. It represents the father image and expression of the will. Many physical traits and characterizations of the family bloodline are described by the Sun. Looking at the Sun as a Personal Point adds the idea of its personal physicality. It is the container of the life force. We only see the outer skin of another native and cannot experience the miracle of their life flowing through their physical being. The physical experiences of the Sun are the native’s alone and are part of the drives and expression of the will the Sun projects. The Sun rules the day and the interactions of the Sun change from day to day. The central physical character and will are taken from these daily combinations.
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The Moon

Like the Sun, everything you have learned about the Moon is carried forward and the Moon is our emotional and instinctual soul body. The Moon reacts internally within the native, rippling through the self with each stimuli. It is truly non-intellectual and can be seemingly irrational as part of its protective nature. The reactions caused by the Moon’s energy is acted through the body and other aspects of self, creating the aggregate of personality. How we instinctually respond creates nuances in the expression of self and causes the body to feel itself. The feminine nature of the Moon brings the sense of nurture and the perpetuation of life as its goals as well as its mystery. Experience deepens the personal effect of the Moon, carving the things that both endear or repel us as it reflects back to us using the tools of the body. The Moon differentiates the day’s main combinations into an hourly focus. The Sun establishes the energies of the day while the Moon changes by the hour.
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The Midheaven
Created by the intersection of a vertical great circle called the Meridian and the Ecliptic. The Meridian goes from the North Pole through the Zenith, crosses the Equator at a right angle, crosses the Ecliptic and goes through the South Pole. The Meridian is defined through the Equator. The Ecliptic belongs to another framework. The Meridian moves along the Equator with the Earth’s rotation. We define that as a measure of time. Where it crosses the Ecliptic, marks the Midheaven, the highest point the Sun reaches in a day.
The MC is a point that rules the minute. It is tied to the Earth and is the only major point created by a vertical great circle. We say the soul enters and leaves its time on Earth through the MC. The Sun defines the major combinations of the day and the Moon further defines those day combinations by the hour. The MC defines the combinations of the hour by the minute.

The MC is considered the seat of the soul or the observer in the act of observation. It is who you are and the place inside you where all things focus. It doesn’t project self, it is self. All of your physical, emotional and cognitive expressions are perceived through the MC. It is the entity that listens to the voices and views the images inside of your conscious. It is the place where free will has a possibility.
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Interaction and Hierarchy

The Personal Points are essential for any activity in the horoscope and the more combinations that affect these Points, the more pronounced the activity, character or destiny will be. Placement is not the character of these elemental energies. It is interaction between other factors and the Personal Points that creates definable and visible events and impacts.

To simplify interpretation for illustration, we can use keywords.
If the MC is the My and Mercury is thinking, then combined, the connection means My Thinking. If Venus is love, then MC and Venus is My Love or My Appreciation of Beauty. If the Sun is the body and Mars is action, then Sun and Mars is Physical Activity. If the Cardinal Axis is the world and Jupiter is expansion, then Jupiter and the Cardinal Axis is Worldly Success.

Of course the most important interaction is between the Personal points themselves.
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The combinations in a horoscope between the Personal Points creates a web that anchors the chart with a definite hierarchy of importance.

The inner self is defined by looking at the interaction of the Sun, Moon and MC. Using keywords: MC and the Sun becomes *My Body* or *A Minute During the Day*. MC and Moon becomes *My Feelings* or the *Ambiance of the Moment*. Sun and Moon are *Body and Soul, Man and Wife* or *The Hour of the Day*.

We can expand on these simple definitions to much deeper realms and start to pull information that orthodox methods cannot retrieve. If we were to connect MC, Moon and Jupiter, a simple result could be *I Feel Good and Project it on Others*. Once we start to put in deeper meanings and implications of more complex interactions, amazing insight is possible.
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The connections of the Outer Group form the skin of self or the situation of events. When we connect the Cardinal Axis with the Ascendant, we are looking at a Place on the Earth, A Location. Combine the Cardinal Axis with the Moon’s Node and the result could be To make Personal Connections From the World. Combine the Ascendant with the Moon’s Node and the idea of Connections at a Place starts.

When we interconnect the Inner Group with the Outer Group, the concept of interface becomes clearer.

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The Moon is the inner emotional self and the timer of the hour and is also the idea of a tribe or nation; the mob. Cardinal Axis with the Moon is the idea of Nations, Tribes and Herds. It is also The Public Attitude or Popularity with the General Public and The Ability of the Earth to Nurture. The Ascendant and the Moon are Public Places, The Sense of a Place, The Mother’s House, Emotional Associates. The Moon’s Node and the Moon rule Emotional Connections, Instinctual Ties, Maternal Connections, The Mother’s Family and Heredity, National Alliances.

The Midheaven brings the personal self into the connections and with the Moon’s Node comes the ideas of Personal Relationships, Personal Experiences of the Family, One’s Attitude Towards Intimates and How We Perceive Intimates. The MC and the Ascendant rule The Marketplace, One’s Personal Attitude Towards Others or a Place, Personal Connections.
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Always Start with the Cardinal Axis in any investigation of a horoscope. It is the most general and common set of points in a chart. It is important to go from the outer perspective to the inner one, from the general to the specific.

Look for balance in all things. If a chart has a great inner organization and no outlet, the rich tapestry of self is trapped inside. Many public figures have a great dynamic of the outer Personal Points but often lack the inner self and strength needed to be complete.

The era when astrology is practiced changes the field like fashions. In Witte’s time, the Cardinal Axis were the critically focused points. In our more modern time, The MC is of utmost importance.