Astrologers using the Tri and Quad wheels can make a quick assessment of past and current cycles simultaneously to find patterns that are essential for a consultation. These could become your new favorite tools for review of the natal chart. Gaining insight becomes much easier when looking at the information all at once to make assessments of the connections through time.

We astrologers need to rely upon our ability to observe and systematic use the techniques taught through *practice, repetition, and habit*. I hope to show how astrologers using the Tri and Quad wheels can assess past and current cycles simultaneously and find the patterns that are essential for a consultation.

**Be a detective:**
Create a Tri or Quad wheel with the birthchart as the inner wheel, secondary progressions as the middle wheel, and the transits as the outer wheel.

1. **Review** the past to see how transit and progression combinations unfolded.
2. **Observe** how the present transit and progression combinations are shaping our experience. Do the past cycles lend meaning or lead to any change to your present attitude, behavior, and experience?
3. **Apply** the future transit and progression combinations to your past and current cycles to plan your approach and action.

**Review and Observe:**
1. The houses the progressions move through are the areas in which the person will be working on their inner development and mature into according to the nature of that progressed planet.
2. When you look at the planet’s path, you will be able to see what aspects the planet forms with the other natal planets in the chart.
   These dates will be active times in the life as progression arcs show the arc of growth and maturity.
   It will be the transits at the time of that progressed aspect that initiate the action foretold by the progression.
3. In the path’s period, both the progression AND a transit is active, and they tell a story and sequence of life lessons and useful experiences.

**Setting a storyline - Applying Connections**
Apply progression and transit combinations to current and past cycles to describe the energies.

As time proceeds, new storylines are created based on the actions and experience of the previous cycles. Life becomes “The NeverEnding Story”.

*This step moves us into interpreting Tri and Quad wheels to develop the possible storylines we can observe the here and now and apply those energy combinations.*
Finding potent periods
You can use the “animate” feature in your software to quickly locate possible active periods in the past, present, and near future. Solar Fire, Kepler and Sirius software have these capabilities.

Look at the moment you are with your client to understand the major cycles in the current sky and also the cycles in their progressed or solar arc chart. Over the course of six months to a year, place the cycles in time order.

*For example,*
A client first having a Saturn cycle and then a Uranus cycle will have a different experience than having a Uranus cycle and then a Saturn cycle.

The “Animate” tool can find these periods quickly so you can observe the transit sequences and whether a progression is involved or not.

It is *very important* to note if an inner planet progression is active. Transits are much more powerful and meaningful if there are secondary progressions or solar arcs active. Especially progressed angles.

*Example:* Your client has a Saturn transit square their natal Sun. If there are no secondary progressions, this transit may not be a really big deal. However, if there is also the progressed Ascendant making a square to the ruler of the 10th house, this transit is far more potent and could provide your client with decisions about employment or their standing in the community.

Use of “Quad” or “Quint” Wheels
Yes, 4 or 5 concentric charts displayed all at once… not for the faint of heart.

These representations add extra layers of information about your client and their journey.

Any other chart can be added in the fourth and fifth wheel, such as Solar Arc directions, Solar return, Asteroids, Antiscia, Converse directions, Primary directions, or a myriad of other techniques. Each wheel has unique information and specialized use.

The difficulty in this presentation is the “readability” of the chart and all the wheels at the same time. Synthesis can become confusing unless you focus on one specific theme, chart, or other single investigation.

Conclusion
Examining and analyzing the past and “connecting the dots” to the present can often best serve astrological research. In our complex understanding of the language of Astrology, we must be able to communicate astrology in a simple and useful way to our clients.