

Mundane Astrology 2018: Cycle Charts

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Every Spring the Church of Light Quarterly is dedicated to the theme of Mundane Astrology. Mundane astrology, is the astrology of worldly activities, which originated in Ancient Mesopotamia. The origin of the word mundane derives from mundus, Latin for “world”.

Mundane Astrology explores the connections between the movement of the planets and corporate entities such as countries, states, and cities. By calculating the birth-chart of nations and their progressed aspects, we can determine what trends will transpire country by country. Of singular importance are the Mundane Cycle Charts which are calculated for the precise moment a planet passes over the equator from south to north declination. What makes a Cycle Chart unique is that they are calculated from nation to nation using the capital city of each country for that moment when a planet passes over the equator. A Cycle Chart represents a type of mass-influence dominating social, political and cultural trends as indicated by the planet for which the chart is erected. Students who are working on CS XIII, Mundane Astrology, can find the Cycle Charts that they need for the exam in this issue of the Quarterly.

The USA Progressed Chart

The most prominent aspect currently active in the USA chart is the progressed MC conjunct natal Saturn in the 5th House. In the astrology of worldly affairs, the Midheaven (MC) represents persons in power positions such as bosses, superiors, ruling authorities, publicity and reputation. Saturn, known as the “major malefic,” naturally

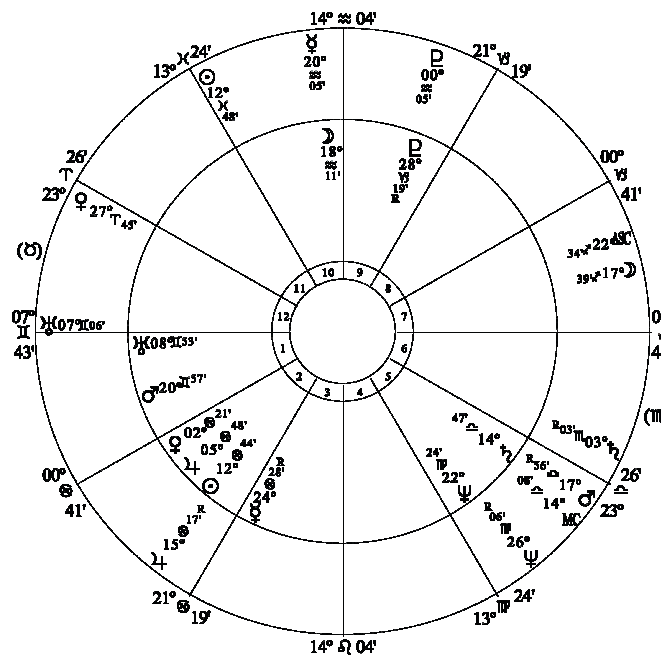
attracts downfalls, losses, restrictions and hardships. Saturn is sometimes also referred to as the “great teacher”, and Saturn progressions hold the potential for “teachable moments”. The 5th House, where Saturn is found, rules matters related to the arts, entertainment,

love, romance, sexuality and children. This Midheaven/Saturn

conjunction first entered mid-November. Since that time the news has been bombarded with stories about the sexual improprieties of powerful men in television, the motion picture industry and politics. The open discussion of harassment spawned the “me too” movement on social media allowing women (and some men) a voice to share their experiences of being sexually exploited by individuals in positions of power. The public outcry around this topic has precipitated a loss of status and employment for several men previously in highly visible positions.

In the USA chart, Saturn also rules the 8th House of taxation, which is unoccupied with Capricorn on the cusp. Although GOP tax overhaul has been a popular topic of news, it may take some years before we completely understand and evaluate the benefits of this tax reform. Due to the MC conjunct Saturn, which reaches its peak of power in November 2018, it might also make conservative lawmakers vulnerable during the 2018 fall elections.

Any aspects to Saturn also impact the 9th House of foreign relations, another unoccupied house with Aquarius on the cusp. In January of this year, the US President received international backlash when he referred to Haiti, El Salvador and African nations using a vulgar noun, normally



USA Chart

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Progressed to March 20, 2018

reserved to describe dirty, shabby and unpleasant places. Since the MC/Saturn conjunction remains in orb until November 2019, we might expect continued strained diplomacy during the next eighteen months.

The Sun Cycle Chart

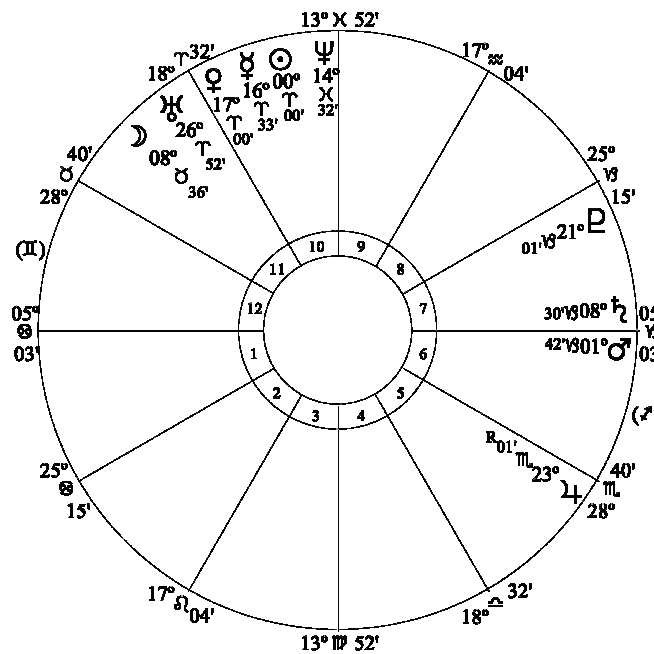
The Sun Cycle Chart commences every year on the first day of spring and is often referred to as a Vernal Ingress chart. On this day the Sun passes northwards over the equator, moving from 0 degrees south to 0 degrees north declination. This is also coinciding with the moment that the Sun passes into the sign of Aries. In most Cycle Charts, we concentrate only on the matters of the planet ruling the cycle; however, in Mundane Astrology, C. C. Zain describes the Sun Cycle chart as being equivalent to a natal chart for the year - it reveals what the year holds in general as determined by each of the twelve houses. In the 2018 Sun Cycle Chart calculated for

Washington DC, the Sun falls in the 10th House of the nation's honor and business. The 10th House also signifies the president of the country and the Administration. Mercury is the most powerful planet in the Vernal Ingress Chart, also found in the 10th House along with the Sun, Neptune and Venus. The prominent Mercury could have the current Administration relying heavily on the Press Secretary to communicate the goals and objectives of the White House. The greatest harmony in the Sun Cycle chart is the Moon in the 11th House of Congress and the Legislative Branch of government. What ever house the Moon occupies in a chart experiences fluctuation. The Moon is the planet ruling the common people, which might express as grass-roots organizing in states that promise to be a battleground during the 2018 Mid-term elections. The Moon also rules the female sex, and women's groups may come forward in record numbers to get out the vote.

The greatest discord in the Sun Cycle chart is the Ascendant, which receives oppositions from both Malefics, Mars and Saturn. In a Mundane chart, the Ascendant represents the populace. The afflictions to the Ascendant could express as an angry or fearful public and an increase of violence, conflict, or presence of hate groups at public assemblies. Anarchist groups might plant

violent protesters among nonviolent demonstrations. These powerful oppositions might also express as concerns for public health, such as a virulent flu season or an outbreak of food-contaminations.

The most powerful aspect in the Sun Cycle Chart is the conjunction of Mercury and Venus in Aries in the 10th House. This could place an emphasis on the public image of the current administration and its impulsive (Aries) communication style. Beautification efforts, social or cultural events at the White House could capture the attention of the press.



Sun Cycle, Washington DC

March 20, 2018 12:16 p.m. EDT
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The Mars Cycle Chart

On January 29, 2017 at 7:09 a.m. EST, Mars passed over the equator from south to north declination, commencing a new Mars Cycle which remains potent for another year until January 2, 2019. The Mars Cycle reveals information about the police force, military action, aggression, violence, and war. However, for war to be declared, it must be reflected elsewhere (such as in the progressed aspects of nations or world leaders), not just in the Mars Cycle Chart. In the current Mars Cycle Chart, effective since the end of January 2017, Mars is in the 2nd House. In Mundane Astrology C.C. Zain describes the influence of the 2nd House as: "The wealth and personal property of the people, the national treasury, banks, non-speculative bonds and securities, financial transactions, and places where money and securities are handled." Mars is the planet of strife and losses. Over the last year Americans

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have experienced enormous property losses estimated in the hundreds of billion dollars due to natural disasters including flooding due to hurricanes in Houston, Florida, and Puerto Rico, as well as the largest fires on record in California.

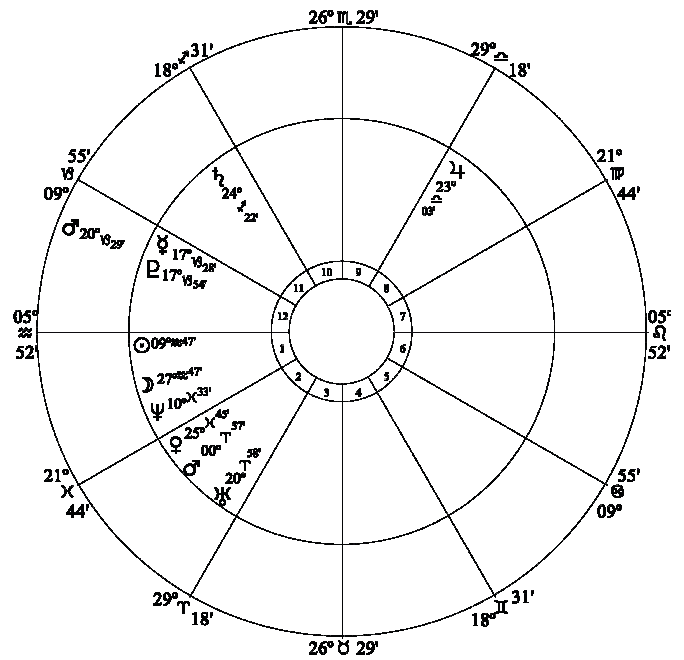
This cycle of property loss could continue until the beginning of 2019. Other times of concern for personal property loss are May 29 to June 6, July 16 through 24, and September 27 through October 2, when Mars passes over the Ascendant three times (Mars goes Retrograde from June 27 through August 28). The type of natural disaster that brings on property loss must be determined by the time of year. The May/June dates could reflect flooding in the northeast due to late spring snowmelt or perhaps western wildfires due to the La Niña conditions. The July date, might signify summer rains, tornados or wild fires; and the September/October dates could reflect hurricane season or in California, seasonal Santa Ana winds and wildfires. This year holds the possibility for continued record loss of personal property.

From April 17 to 21, 2018, Mars will be in conjunction with Pluto in the 12th House of the Mars Cycle Chart. This configuration could bring matters of espionage into the public attention, or perhaps there could be a new exposé on Russian hacking and influence in the last US elections.

Jupiter Cycle

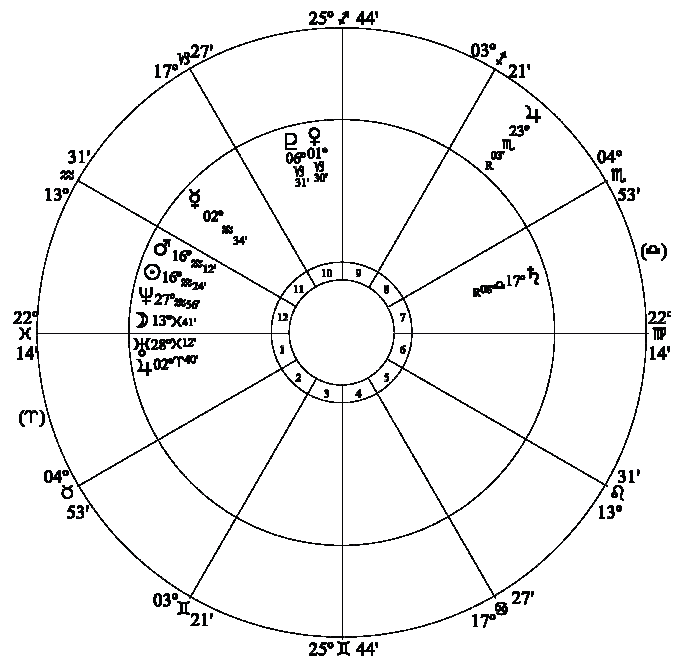
Financial trends, retail sales, treaties, court decisions and matters of trade all come under the rulership of Jupiter, and Jupiter cycles normally last 9 to 12 years. The current Jupiter Cycle Chart commenced on February 5, 2011 and goes through May 25, 2022. Jupiter is in the 1st House of the Cycle Chart governing the nation's health and public optimism. The fate of the Medicare system, the Affordable Care Act, and other public health issues will probably have the Nation divided along party lines.

Most of this year transiting Jupiter is moving through the 8th house of the cycle chart representing the mortality rate; debts due from foreign countries; tariffs, taxes, insurance, pensions and Social Security. In a Cycle Chart and any time reading transits, conjunctions or oppositions are the most powerful aspects that attract the most significant events. From March 20, 2018 to March 19, 2019, there are no conjunctions or oppositions formed by Jupiter in the Cycle Chart. However, January 31 through April 14, and again September 26 through October 6, Jupiter will form Trine aspects to the Ascendant. During this time interest rates could increase. Pensioners and other investors might see a higher rate of return on investments. Jupiter is Retrograde this year from March



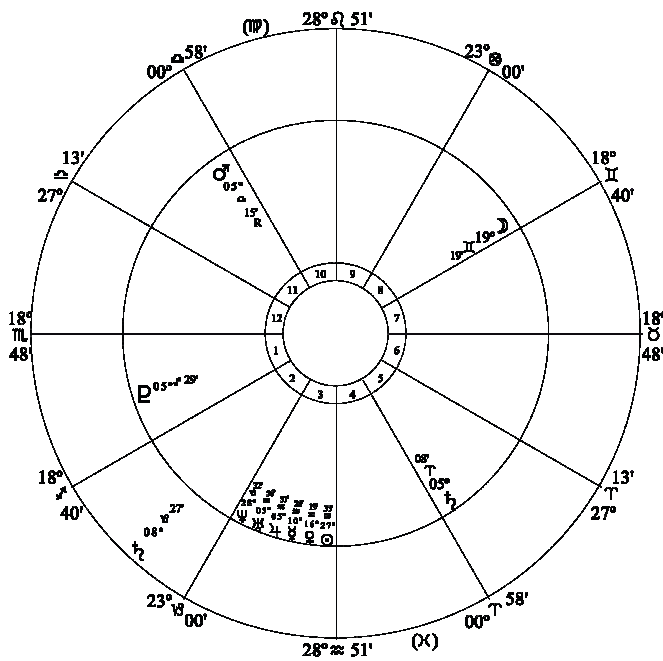
MarsCycle, Washington DC

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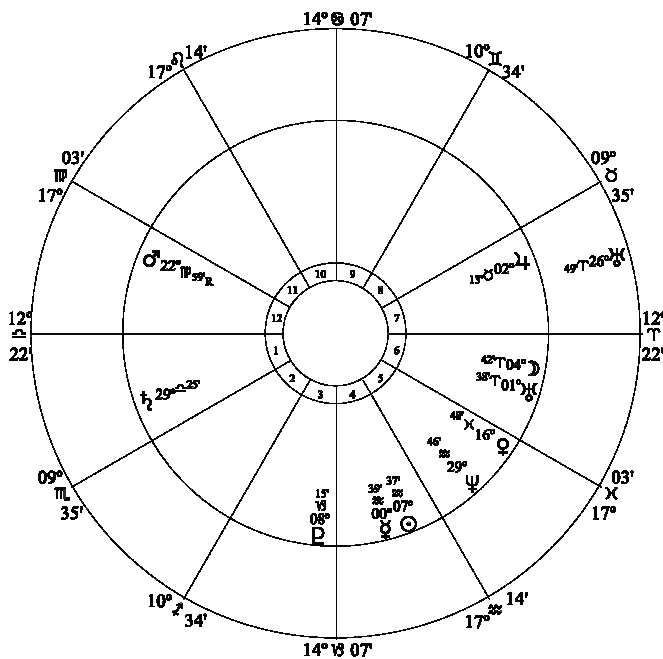
Jupiter Cycle, Washington DC

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Saturn Cycle, Washington DC

February 16, 1997, 5:27 GMT, Progressed to March 20, 2018
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Uranus Cycle, Washington DC

January 28, 2012, 3:42 GMT, Progressed to March 20, 2018
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9th to July 11th, which might reflect a rehashing of old issues related to taxes, healthcare and Social Security. From November 22, 2018 through November 12, 2019, Jupiter transits through the 9th House of the cycle chart, shifting an emphasis to activities involving higher education, international trade and decisions made by the Supreme Court.

Saturn Cycle

Saturn governs conservative politics and the orthodoxy. The current Saturn Cycle began January 16, 1997 and concludes March 26, 2026. Saturn Cycles usually last around 28 to 29 years. The Saturn Cycle Chart has Saturn placed in the 5th house governing the birthrate, stock market, entertainment and the motion picture industry. Saturn, which is at 5° Aries, is directly opposed by Mars in the 11th House at 5° Libra. By transit, Saturn is passing through Capricorn in the 2nd House of the Cycle Chart until January 2020, and is forming no conjunctions or oppositions before March 19, 2019. However, on four occasions Saturn will form squares to the positions of both Mars and Saturn in the Cycle Chart. Considering the progressed aspects in the USA Chart, we could see further efforts to denounce sexual assault and harassment in the entertainment industry. Periods where this could be featured in the news might be: June 21 through July 19 (Saturn Square Mars), June 23 through July 22 (Saturn Square Saturn), October 21 through October 14 (Saturn Square Saturn), and October 22 through November 15 (Saturn Square Mars). Conservative members of government might also be under scrutiny for sexual harassment and other offenses as we approach the Mid-term elections this coming November.

Uranus Cycle

Uranus is the planet that governs ultra-progressive ideas and the latest advances in science and technology. During Uranus Cycles the planet spends approximately seven years in each house. The current Uranus Cycle Chart for the US which recently began in 2012, has Uranus placed in the 6th House of labor, health, medicine and food service. From June of 2013 through May of 2020 Uranus transits through the 7th House of foreign nations and international disputes. From April 17 through May 23, 2018 and again from October 27, 2018 to March 14, 2019, Uranus will form oppositions to Saturn in the 1st House of the Cycle Chart. This might erupt in protests that pit progressives against conservatives over issues of universal health care. Tensions might also arise with countries defined as “Rogue Nations” such as Iran, Syria, or North Korea. From June 9 through October 7, 2018, Uranus forms a conjunction

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with Jupiter in the 7th House of the Cycle Chart. This could be a time where favorable new treaties, international agreements and allies may be formed.

Neptune Cycle

Imaginative Neptune governs mystical thought, schemes and promotions as well as political idealism. The current Neptune cycle, began in 1944, and the next Neptune Cycle will commence February 26, 2027. In the current Cycle Chart Neptune can be found in the 5th House of entertainment, motion pictures and television. Over the next year as Neptune moves through the 11th House of the Cycle Chart he will form two conjunctions to the Sun, May 3 through August 5, 2018, and February 28 through April 27, 2019. During these two periods, there can be an emphasis on diplomatic staff sent to foreign embassies. There may also be announcements of new heads of studios in Hollywood.

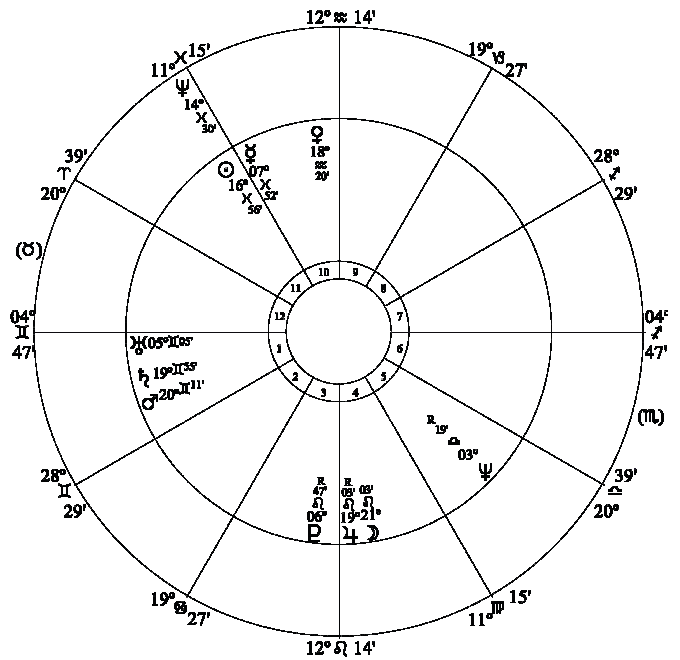
Pluto Cycle

The current Pluto Cycle chart commenced February 26, 1988. Since that time, Pluto has expressed his transformative powers through the 3rd House of communications, mail, newspapers, periodicals and telephones triggering the communications revolution of the last three decades. Pluto almost always expresses through group movements whose motivations can span the spectrum of lobbying for societal good or for the special interests of a select group. At his best the highest expressions of Pluto are expressed as actions taken for Universal Welfare and the advancement of society. However, Pluto's normal modus operandi is through mobs and protests. In Mundane Astrology, C. C. Zain describes the influence of Pluto as follows:

“Pluto, whether dealing with the common man or with those of much authority does not ask, by your leave; but dictates what shall be done. Those under the leader, who has been elected by popular ballot or who has placed himself in power through force, are expected to carry out his orders unquestioningly. Subordinates who fail to cooperate are drastically and summarily punished. And all those coming under the jurisdiction of the group are compelled to cooperate in carrying out such plans as have been decided upon.”

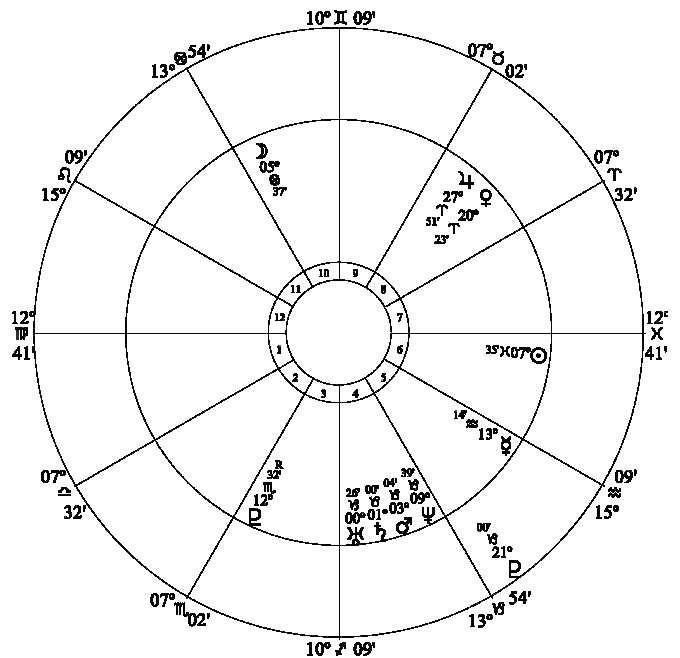
This year Pluto forms no conjunctions or oppositions; however, Pluto will be engaged in two Squares with the planet Venus. The first of these Squares is currently in orb at the time of writing and continues through August. The next Pluto Square Venus is from November 20, 2018 through

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Neptune Cycle, Washington DC

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Pluto Cycle, Washington DC

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