

Sally McDonald Natal Chart, Prenatal Chart & the Soul Chart in the Human Psyche

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Sally McDonald began, "I'm going to talk today about the wholeness of the chart." This involves separating the natal chart (conscious chart), from the prenatal chart (sub-conscious chart), and from the soul chart (Draconic chart). By studying these charts individually and collectively we get a clearer understanding of what appears to be happening, what actually is happening, and the purpose behind these happenings. This article concentrates on the prenatal and soul charts and assumes you are familiar with the natal chart.

The Prenatal Chart

This chart is for time of conception. But how do you know the time of conception? The following is a time honored method of calculating this astrologically important moment. You must study the examples used in this article to understand the meaning of the following four laws.

Four laws of the prenatal Epoch:

- (1) 'When the moon at birth is increasing in light (i.e. going from the new to full moon) it will be the ascending degree of the epoch, and the moon at the epoch will be the degree ascending at birth.
- (2) When the moon at birth is decreasing in light (i.e. going from full to new moon) it will be the descending degree at the epoch, and the moon at the epoch will be the degree descending at birth.
- (3) When the moon at birth is (a) increasing in light and below the earth, or (b) decreasing in light and above the earth, the period of gestation will be longer than

the normal 273 days.

(4) When the moon at birth is (a) increasing in light and above the earth, or (b) decreasing in light and below the earth, the period of gestation will be shorter than the normal 273 days.

These laws gave rise to the "Four Orders of Regular Epochs"

In the following orders, x is a certain number of days equal to the distance of the moon from the ascendant, in degrees and minutes, divided by 13. (This is the average daily motion of the moon.)

Order 1: When the moon is above and increasing, gestation period is 273 days minus

Order 2: When the moon is above and decreasing, gestation period is 273 days plus

Order 3: When the moon is below and increasing, gestation period is 273 days plus x.

Order 4: When the moon is below and decreasing, gestation period is 273 days minus

Example 1: The moon increasing in light and above the horizon. Here the ascendant is at 0 degrees of Libra and the moon increasing in light and at 10 degrees of Cancer. The ascendant and moon are 80 degrees apart (30 + 30 + 20). Divide 80 days by 13 and you have 6 days. Therefore, the gestation date will be 267 (273 minus 6) days before the date of birth. See Order 1 above.

Example 2: The moon decreasing in light and above the horizon. Here the descendant is at 0 degrees of Aries and the moon is at 15 degrees of cancer. The descendant and the moon are 105 (30 + 30 + 15) degrees apart. Divide 105 days by 13 and you have 8 days. Therefore, the gestation date will be 281 (273 plus 8) days before the date of birth. See Order 2 above.

Example 3: The moon increasing in light and below the horizon. Here the ascendant is at 0 degrees of Libra and the moon increasing in light and at 25 degrees of Capricorn. The ascendant and moon are 115 degrees apart (30 + 30 + 30 + 25).

Divide 115 days by 13 and you have 9 days. Therefore, the gestation date will be 282 (273 plus 9) days before the date of birth. See Order 3 above.

Example 4: The moon decreasing in light and below the horizon. Here the descendant is at 0 degrees of Aries and the moon is at 7 degrees of Sagittarius. The descendant and the moon are 113 (30 + 30 ÷ 30 + 30-7) degrees apart. Divide 113 days by 13 and you have 9 days. Therefore, the gestation date will be 264 (273 minus 9) days before the date of birth. See Order 4 above.

The Soul (Draconic) Chart

The following information is from Sally McDonald's notes. The term Draconic comes from the Latin term for Lunar Nodes. Caput Draconis is the Moon's North Node, and Cauda Draconis is the Moon's South Node. One hears the terms "karma" or "fate" associated with these nodes.

A draconic chart is calculated by subtracting the True North Node in absolute degrees of longitude from 360 degrees (i.e. North Node at 4 degrees 26 minutes of Scorpio becomes 214.26) and placing the node at 0 degrees of Aries. The difference between the North Node and 360 degrees is added to all planets and house cusps and a new chart is erected.

The planets will appear in the same houses, but the degrees and signs will change in direct proportion to the distance of the True North Node to 0 Aries. The True Node is always used because this is the position of the Node after correction for the perturbations caused by the gravitational forces of the Sun and Moon.

Now that you have the three charts you can go to work. The birth chart tells you what is happening from your point of view. The prenatal chart tells you what is actually happening behind the scenes. The soul chart tells you the purpose behind these happenings.