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N44 Superbubble Nebula (Hubble Telescope/NASA)



Secondary Progressions Astrology's Greatest Secret Revealed By Sue Kientz

Seven years ago, I wrote about the Kuiper Belt's newly discovered dwarf planets in *More Plutos* for two main reasons. One was because researching the largest dwarfs showed me they were vital to chart analysis. Numerous well-known people and events whose charts before had seemed lacking, suddenly sprang to life and clarity when Eris, Makemake, Haumea, and Sedna were added.(1) The second big reason was that with large dwarf planets included, a person's major milestones were present whether their careers were tracked using transits or secondary progression. Either pattern now appeared complete.

Using both transits and secondary progression is such standard practice I never wondered why both are always consulted. All the astrological professionals I knew routinely prepared by generating dates via those two techniques to create a single timeline of a client's year ahead. I never questioned why milestone dates in transits might not show up in secondary progressions and visa versa. Everyone appeared to accept this, and (most importantly) it worked. But when I saw these new Kuiper planets adding key characteristics in charts that had to be there, and then the list of transits and progression were clustering around the same dates

where either serious difficulties or successes lay, I began to suspect the two patterns might be "more complete" with large dwarf planets in the mix.

Transits and secondary progression are related. They are the same pattern, the singular movements of our solar system. The difference is that transits work in real-time as they are moving in the sky. Secondary progression (SP) is just a fraction of that pattern, what happened days after one's birth. SP is not happening now. Its pattern begins when you are born, since its premise is that the transiting pattern happening on Day One represents your experiences during Year One, Day Two represents Year Two, and so on. It's like a slower, smaller solar system giving you information.

Why SP works has been a conundrum for astrologers for centuries. Yet I felt certain that dwarf planets offered a big clue. Secondary progression had something special going on, perhaps because it was a natural fraction of the transiting pattern. Each segment of the pattern is determined by the rotation of the earth (one day), not due to human inventions like hours, minutes, or seconds. But try as I might, I could not see why it worked like transits.

At this point I must mention something that happened in 1981. Back then, I was a student of astrologer Bill Williams in New Orleans. Bill had an early astrological computer that cost him \$40,000 and looked like a big metal calculator, with printed charts emerging out the top on a paper roll like register receipts. Talk about primeval technology, but the range in dates produced was the same as modern astrology software today. Bill could run any chart I wanted to see, so I got a sense of what a professional looked at when faced with a client question.

At the same time, I had a problem. My boyfriend, an African-American Air Force veteran, wanted us to get

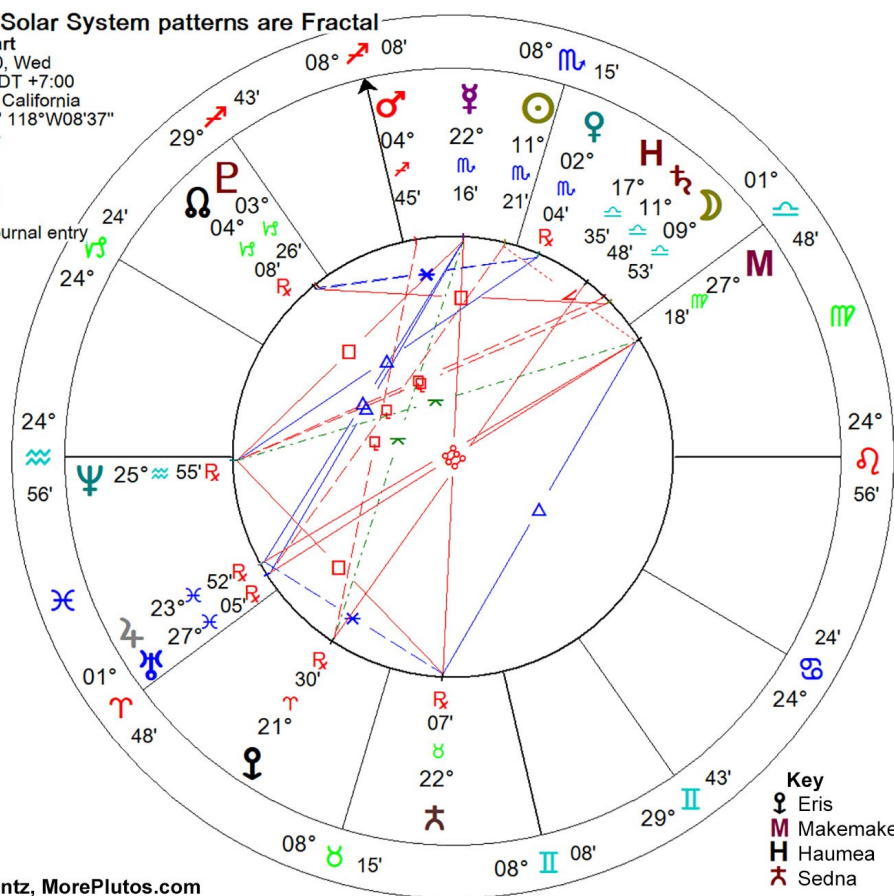
married and encouraged me to tell my parents.(2) I was unsure how this would go over with them since I am white, so I decided to fly home to tell them personally. I didn't discuss this with Bill, but when I got stuck en route in Atlanta's airport due to a flight delay, I sure wished I had a chart-making monstrosity there in the seat with me, to tell me what lay ahead in Pennsylvania. Also, would I make my connection in DC? Both these worries, how my Dad especially would react and if I'd miss the next leg of the trip, weighed on me. At one point I realized that if I did have a chart of that moment, both questions should be answered in that one query! Just then, the pilot announced that we were about to take off, and if anyone on the plane was concerned about the DC connection to ABE airport (my destination), not to worry as the pilots for that flight were on this plane. One of my questions was now answered positively; could it be that the bigger question, my Dad's reaction, was also answered? Could "in the same plane" mean "in the same boat?" This guess proved right as once home, my father introduced me to his girlfriend, someone my mother knew nothing about. He also had an "unconventional" relationship! He was in no position to lecture me about mine. And from that time forward, I found I could spot these "parallel situations" happening on numerous other occasions. Much later I discovered they had a name — synchronicities.

In 2010 while working my desk job

at Caltech, I kept having this strange glitch in Photoshop. Every so often when editing screenshots, the image would unexpectedly enlarge 1500%! I never pressed a key or did anything. But on this one magic, precious day, when it happened yet again, I noticed my fingers above the trackpad had slightly trembled. The movement acted like a small "outpinch," so the image ballooned. The answer felt like such a huge victory that I wondered, is a bigger question being answered? Is there something small that is also very large, yet it's somehow the same thing? That reminded

Realize Solar System patterns are Fractal

Event Chart
 Nov 3 2010, Wed
 2:26 pm PDT +7:00
 Pasadena, California
 34°N08'52" 118°W08'37"
Geocentric
Tropical
Koch
 True Node
 Rating: A
 Personal Journal entry



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Chart: Realization that SP is a fractal of transits. Mercury is closely trine Jupiter (expanded understanding) and opposes Sedna (the dogged pursuit of the answer, as Sedna enables steadfast determination). The Jupiter/Uranus opposite Makemake figure also illuminates something new and radical, as it reflects and aspects natal stellium Mars (25° Cancer), Makemake (27° Cancer), Uranus (27° Cancer), and Jupiter (4° Leo).



me of secondary progression, as SP segments are small (a day), yet equal to exponentially larger transits (a whole year), while still from the same pattern. I had been calling SP a “natural fraction” of transits, but now realized the accurate phrase is, secondary progression is a *fractal* of the transiting pattern.

To me this was spectacular news, as when something demonstrates “fractal structure,” scientists pause and take notice. Proving this true could make astrology broadly respectable, more widely accepted as capable of answering all sorts of problems and granting insight into countless things. So in *More Plutos* I took pains to not just introduce the dwarf planets; I made sure to explain why it was important to see how they reveal SP is a fractal or self-similar copy of transits. Astrologers since Kepler (believed to have discovered SP), with only five planets plus Sun and Moon at their disposal, were still able to get decent results. What they unwittingly did by combining secondary progression and transits made up for the undiscovered three modern planets and four large dwarf planets. There were holes in their transits and secondary progressions where planets should be, but no one had found them yet! By overlaying the two timelines of when their royal or military client had transits and secondary progressions, they plugged the holes where Uranus, Neptune, Pluto, and the new dwarfs lurked, with duplicates of the classical orbs they had on hand. Occasionally, of course, 17th and 18th century astrologers got unlucky when the same hole in both patterns contained a modern planet not yet spotted or a dwarf planet; they missed that milestone. But it says volumes that if you use these new dwarf planets, you typically see all the most important milestones your client needs to know about, with *either* transits or secondary progression.

Since reviews of *More Plutos* rarely mention this news

about secondary progression, I fear there may be a misconception about what a fractal is. It’s a self-similar copy of something that grows or moves emerging from the “parent” it resembles. Trees produce self-similar branches that sprout self-similar smaller branches that yield similarly structured twigs. None of the offshoots are identical. But if you look at one branch at whatever scale, you see its similarity to the entire tree. If 90 years of transits is the “parent” pattern (as someone may live 90 years), then the first 90 days of those transits are the “branches” that resembles the parent. That does not mean if there’s a Saturn transit during the first year, there must be a Saturn angle in orb found in the one-day pattern. There will just be something “similar” that cues the astrologer to difficulty.

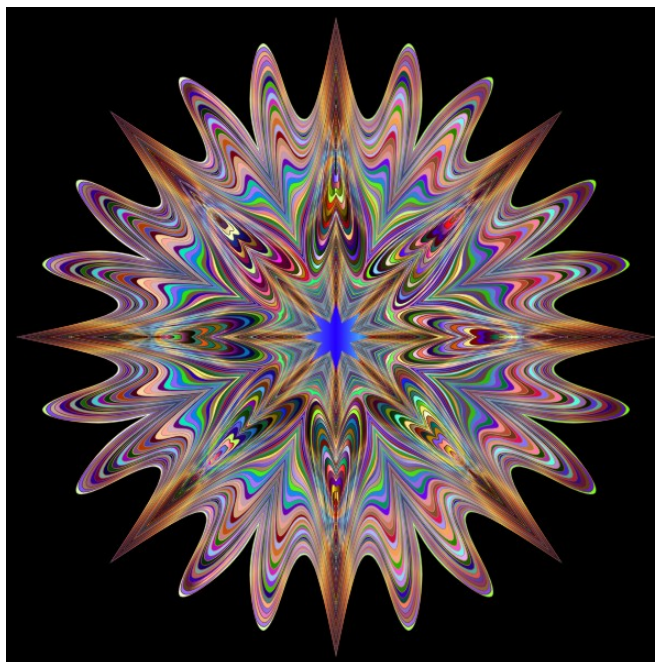
It makes sense that self-similarity would be present in planetary movements, as they are natural and moving, just like growing broccoli plants, branching rivers, and mammalian neural, lung, and blood transport systems. In fact, there is one self-similar structure repeated throughout the universe from top to bottom that astrologers could use to answer the perennial question, how *is* human experience tracked using movements of the solar system?

Let’s start with the solar system, a powerful sun with orbiting planets. When Galileo pointed his telescope at Jupiter in 1610, he saw four “stars” circling it, later realized to be moons. The sight resembled the inner solar system. Seeing Jupiter and its moons, he could reason that the solar system might be like the Jupiter system: powerful center, orbiting members. Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto also have numerous moons and so resemble miniature solar systems. All are fractal copies of their parent body, the solar system, even as all are a part of it.

Now envision the grander community to which we belong, the Milky Way galaxy. This colossal structure has a central supermassive black hole surrounded by billions of stars and solar systems. It's a gravitationally strong central body with less powerful orbiting bodies, a structure similar to solar systems and planetary systems. Some larger galaxies even have dwarf galaxies orbiting them, and the Milky Way is one of this class, shepherding 14 small galaxies.

Even more powerful than one supermassive black hole are gravitational "centers," when two or more galaxies share power in a cluster or supercluster. Milky Way does this, too, with partner Andromeda Galaxy. Their relationship is the centerpiece of the Local Group that includes mid-sized galaxy Triangulum and the trio's respective dwarf galaxies. Throughout the universe, larger and larger communities of galaxies are bound together by shared gravitational power. One might assume the universe itself should have a center, and it did, but that megapower-packed ball disappeared billions of years ago. The universe's center was the Big Bang body that discharged and spread outward, now everywhere and everything.

Additionally, after the Big Bang, countless atoms formed that resemble microscopic solar systems, with a nucleus and orbiting electrons. Much later on lowly planets, one-celled organisms, the basis of life, devel-



Psychedelic Chromatic Star 2 (fractal) from SVG.org

oped a nucleus and supporting bodies inside each cell – ancient one-celled creatures and the cells inside us (their distant relations). Atoms and cells make up all life, so we are sandwiched in the middle, with atoms and cells inside, and planetary, solar, and galactic systems enclosing us from outside. All are self-similar, so what happened to us?

We actually fit in, as people congregate similarly in social groups. Humans gravi-

tate to one another, gather around a leader, one or two parents, a pastor, speaker, rock star, teacher. Our "social system" developed naturally over eons, like atomic/cell and celestial systems evolved. So human lives *do* resemble the solar system and obviously are in time with it. We probably sync with galactic and atomic tempos, too, but detailed movements inside either aren't observable.

The Local Group is one exception and each night favorably declares Milky Way's center (27° Sagittarius) trine Andromeda (27° Aries), nodding to Earth's attainment of life, intelligent and sociable. Although larger celestial structures aren't easily seen, inside them stars, planets, and presumably creatures keep churning out, and smaller is better. It's the small events that pop up as synchronicities, guiding one in crisis or uncertainty. Just like slices of secondary progression describe what's most important. Transits have loads of detail, but elegant SP is the executive summary, one's most noteworthy twists and turns in life.

The secondary progression quest revealed an expansive breadth of structurally-similar pattern, multiple layers from miniscule to universal, like a massive layer cake, with humanity's layer fittingly in place. (3) What other discoveries await that these new dwarf planets will facilitate? Astrology's Enlightenment could be at hand!

Notes

(1) The essential dwarf planets to use are those at or near Pluto's size (Eris, Makemake, and Haumea), and Sedna (as it has a powerfully long orbit of some 11,400 years and yet is faster than Eris these days, so very active). For keywords and links to free chapters and articles about the "big four" dwarf planets, see www.moreplutos.com/dwarfs.html

(2) Kientz, Sue. *More Plutos*. Indianapolis: Dog Ear Publishing, 2015, p. 286

(3) Admittedly, our "social system" is not just human beings. Pets, racehorses, and other animals have valid

horoscopes. Robotic spacecraft (launch is their birth) are trackable using astrology. I once cast the (discovery) chart for a Mars Meteorite that had a career (traveling here and there to be displayed) and could see when it might be bought by a museum, which it was.

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