

# **ASTRO-PC® & INFOCIEL®**

## ***User's Guide — Version 8.0***

You have just purchased one of the world's finest astrological programs. Welcome to the world of Aureas! Our company has specialized in the development of astrological tools (books and software applications for general practice as well as for astrological research) in French since 1987. Our main products have since become accessible in English and other languages.

Aureas products have already satisfied thousands of users in Europe and overseas, and we believe that this program will fulfill your needs. Please don't hesitate to give us any feedback, and feel free to make suggestions regarding any improvements you would like to see implemented.

**ASTRO-PC** is our main program. It has been developed over several years and is continually being improved and updated to meet the needs of the international astrological community. It is now available in several languages, including French, English, Spanish, and Italian (with German-language programs under development). As soon as a significantly new and widely-used development comes to our attention, it is incorporated into the program and offered to you. **ASTRO-PC** is available in two versions: a basic version called *Basic* and a professional one called *Pro*. The difference between the two versions is outlined on our web site at [www.aureas.com](http://www.aureas.com)

In addition, various **INFOCIEL** special application modules have sprung out of the **ASTRO-PC** program and follow the same quality standards. Each **INFOCIEL** module contains various functions from **ASTRO-PC**, plus extras in some cases, designed to meet specific astrological needs. Thus there is a module for those using Karmic astrology, another for Tropical astrology, another for Sidereal astrology, and others for Indian/Vedic astrology, Uranian astrology, and still other schools and techniques.

One key feature of the various specialized modules is that they automatically work together if you choose to add on new ones. You may start with one basic module and add other modules according to your needs in order to build a set that best answers your specialist needs and work habits.

- **ASTRO-PC** and **INFOCIEL** modules are capable of presenting several types of chart on the computer screen. Functional and attractive graphics, complete but simple data input, precise calculations, a variety of detailed data tables, and quality printing make these programs and modules some of the most desirable on the international market.

- The learning time required for ASTRO-PC and INFOCIEL is only a couple of hours, thanks to various help sources: dynamic screen help, on-screen lessons for new users, a printed user's manual with tutorial, and optional technical assistance over the phone.
- The AUREAS company has been in contact with the European astrological community for many years and has lengthy experience in digital astrology, and is now working with American astrologers to broaden its scope. During its history, it has developed:
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  - Astrological Pocket Micro-computers:
  - Programming on ASTROFLASH micro-computers
  - Development of Ephemerides and Astrological Tables:
    - . THE NEW INTERNATIONAL EPHEMERIDES 1900-2050,
    - . THE COMPLETE EPHEMERIDES 1920-2020,
    - . THE COMPLETE EPHEMERIDES 2000-2050,
    - . THE TRUE BLACK MOON EPHEMERIDES 1910-2010,
    - . TABLES OF HOUSES for 0° to 66° latitude.
  - Publication of other astrological materials:
    - . ASTROLOGICAL POSTERS in both color and black & white,
    - . ASTROLOGICAL STAMPS,
    - . PADS OF BLANK CHARTS, and other items.
  - Publication of French-language astrology books:
    - . PSYCHOLOGIE DES INTERCEPTIONS (*Astrology of the intercepted signs*) (Irène Andrieu)
    - . ASTROLOGIE SOLI-LUNAIRE (*Soli-Lunar Astrology*) (Irène Andrieu)
    - . DIALOGUE DE PLANETES (*Dialogues among the Planets*) (Marie Marczak)

All these products, aimed at satisfying the needs of beginners and professional astrologers, have earned Aureas a reputation for competence and reliability.

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**FOR WINDOWS XP, ME, 98 AND WINDOWS NT4 WORKSTATION, 2000 PRO**

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## Important: Help and Technical Support

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We encourage you to read this User's Guide carefully. Take the time and study it well, as it has been organized to ease your introduction to your astrological program or module. Any time you invest in studying it right now will save you *much* time later on. Take it with you when riding in a vehicle or waiting for office appointments. It gives you access to the information needed to maximize your astrological potential in working with the program.

*The most complete help guide for this software is available at any time on your screen. Go to Chapter 3 to find how you can access this detailed help.*

### Technical Support

You can reach Technical Support by phone, fax, post, or e-mail for any problem relating to:

- Technical aspects of software installation.
- Technical aspects of software operation (use of commands or setting options).

However, we must emphasize that Technical Support will *not* be able to solve problems regarding:

- Printer drivers (check the printer's user guide or contact the printer manufacturer);
- Use of the Windows environment (refer to your Windows User's Guide or contact Microsoft)

since these require specialized knowledge often available only from the manufacturer of your printer or the continually changing corpus of knowledge of Microsoft technicians.

**Important:** *When you call our Technical Support line you must provide us with your product serial number (see page 7) to prove your purchase of the software, and you need to be in front of your computer screen.*

### Using Windows

ASTRO-PC and INFOCIEL are programmed to function in the standard Windows mode. Any other configuration can cause problems while running the software.

## **Phone/e-mail Support**

Phone/e-mail support for ASTRO-PC is free for Two Years from the date of purchase.

Phone/e-mail support for INFOCIEL modules is free for One Year from the date of purchase.

After the initial free period Aureas offers an *Extended Annual Support on a Flat Fee basis*. Contact us if you are interested in this service.

We recommend to users who are not familiar with the use of a computer and its technical terms to first read the *Glossary* in chapter 4.

English-language users should note that extensive on-screen help (under the *Help* menu) covers nearly every question about the programs, and that those, in combination with the documentation supplied to you, will help you master the programs on your own, feeling empowered and confident as a technically-competent astrologer.

# Chapter 1

## INSTALLATION & OPERATION

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## 1.1. PRELIMINARY NOTES

### The CDs and Floppy Disks

We remind you that floppy disks and CD-ROMs can sustain only a certain amount of mishandling or neglect. Floppy disks are particularly susceptible to all sorts of magnetic fields (electrical appliances, telephones, radios, TVs, or electrical wiring). We also caution against contact with cigarettes and liquids, which can accidentally damage computers, floppy disks and CDs (from drinking cups or glasses, flower pots, ashes, dirt, etc.). Use common sense when handling any floppy disks or CDs: do not expose them to dust or high temperatures such as bright sunlight or heat, and do not touch the area of the floppy disks under the sliding window through which the computer reads the data. Do not scratch or get fingerprints on the CDs.

## 1.2. SERIAL NUMBER

*My program Serial Number is:*

We reference the application that you have purchased by means of a Serial Number placed on the first page of your User's Guide. As we use this first page as your warrantee registration card, which you need to return to us, you also need to copy your Serial Number to the box above for your own record for future use. We recommend that you do this right now, so that you do not forget.

This serial number will be required when you install the application on your hard drive and at any time you contact our Technical Support Department.

## 1.3. SECURITY PROTECTION ON THE HARD DRIVE

To avoid illegal copies and to be able to continue to offer you after-sales service, our programs include a security protection code that is copied onto one of your hard drives at the end of the installation.

Each application is sold with one security protection code and is intended for use on a single computer (single user license). At the end of the installation, when the security protection is installed on your hard drive, you will not need your CD-ROM for routine use, and you can safely store it.

If you change your computer or your hard drive later on, you will need to re-install the security protection code, as will be explained later.

**Important notice :** as the security protection is copied onto your hard drive, note that it could be destroyed by a computer crash, by reformatting your hard drive, or sometimes by reinstalling Windows. You will then also need to reinstall the software and security code.

## 1.4. INSTALLING THE PROGRAM OR MODULE

Our software works with Windows XP, Me, 98, and NT4 Workstation, 2000 Pro. You need to have a basic understanding of Windows to install the Astrological application properly. If you need to, refer to the Windows User's Guide or ask someone knowledgeable of computers to help you.

Your Aureas astrological application is provided on a CD-ROM. The setup program lets you automatically transfer ASTRO-PC or INFOCIEL onto your hard drive and offers several installation options.

*Note:* these programs do not work on Windows-emulation systems such as Virtual PC for Macintosh.

**Important:** Begin by closing all open applications.

If you are using Windows XP, it is essential that you install in an *Administrator* account (and not a limited access account).

*If you have already installed a demo version of our programs, it is recommended that you uninstall it before proceeding with the version you have purchased. If you don't know how to do this, consult the Readme file (Readme.hlp.) installed at the same time as the demo version.*

### Installation of the application:

- Insert the CD in the CD-ROM drive.

The installation program should start automatically when the CD is inserted in the CD-ROM drive. If this is the case, go to the next step. Otherwise continue the operation as indicated next:

Click on the **Start** button (at the lower left side of the screen) and select **Run**. In the window that will be displayed, type (without spaces):

**D : SETUPCD**

(change the letter “**D :**” to the one assigned to your CD-ROM drive if it is different from “**D :**”; this may be the case when you have more than one hard drive on your computer).

If this procedure does not work on your computer, here is an alternate method:

Double-click on the *My Computer* icon at the upper left of your desktop screen. In the resulting window, double-click on the icon representing your CD-ROM drive (where your Aureas CD should be loaded). After the double-click, the contents of your Aureas CD will show. Now double-click on the *SetupCD* file (marked by a small icon resembling a computer.)

- The installation begins. The first window allows you to select the language option for the application you want to install. Select “English”.
- Another message asks you to enter your program’s Serial Number. As we have seen in paragraph 1.2, it is made up of 5 digits, a dash, three letters, a dash, and one character. Enter the Serial Number as it is shown, without spaces. If you want to install the *Demo version*, leave the serial number blank and click on the «Aureas Demo» button, and you will be able to test the application with only one Chart.
- If you still have to install Astro-PC or another Aureas/Infociel program, click on the line «Check here if you want to install another Astro-PC or Infociel program». If you install Astro-PC, you can check the choice «To install the precise ephemerides» if you want the finest precision ephemerides (in which case you need 80 Mb of hard disk space available).
- Click **Ok** to continue.
- A message will display indicating that you must shut down all other running programs before starting the installation of your new program. Click on **Ok** to continue.
- The next window indicates in which directory (and disk) the program will be installed. You can change it, but we recommend that you use the directory selected by default (C:\Program Files\Aureas8) to avoid later confusion. Click on the "Install Now" button to continue. The Installation may take several minutes.
- You will see a message on the screen that verifies successful installation of the program. If you are using Windows XP, you will be asked if you want to create an icon (shortcut) to access the program quickly from your Desktop screen. We recommend this option if you want to be able to access your new program quickly.
- When the installation is complete, start up your program or module by clicking the **Start** button on the bottom left of the screen, selecting **Programs** then the group **Aureas v8**. Click to the right on the name of your program (*Astro-PC, Infociel, Special Uranian Astrology...*). If you are using Windows XP and you have created a new program icon on your Desktop screen, simply double-click on it to start your program.

- If you see a message indicating that it is necessary to restart your computer for the new astrological character font to function, click on the "Yes" button, restart your computer, and then restart the program.
- When your program shows a window named "User Information", it will ask you to input some information which we will explain next.

### — User Information:

To enter the information and move around the various lines in the input window, use the mouse or the keyboard (Tab key).

- 1) *Last Name* and *First Name*: Type your last and first names (minimum two characters, upper or lower case, but no accented letters.)
- 2) *Address*: You can type up to three lines of text, using the Enter key to go to the next line. (Number, Street, City, Postal or Zip Code, State or Province or County, Country)
- 3) *Serial Number*: Enter your Serial Number here again, if requested.

Note: The user name entered above will be encoded in the software.

Click **OK** to continue.

### — Aureas Setup:

This new window recalls the information you have entered with two additional pieces of information: *System Info 1* and *System Info 2*. One more operation is needed to install the security protection on your hard drive: you need to contact us and communicate the information listed in that window (Last and First Name, Address, Serial Number and the System Info 1 and 2). From this we will generate the User Code that you will need to finish the installation.

#### ***Immediate Installation:***

For immediate installation, call us by phone, and we can do the final steps of the installation together. We can be reached Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at 1 43 54 88 88 (France). Take into account the time difference.

*Note for foreign customers:* Our Customer Service Department can communicate only in English, French, and Spanish at this time.

#### ***Delayed Installation:***

Otherwise, if you can wait longer, send us your request with the above mentioned data, either by postal mail, fax, or e-mail. Here are your various options:

- 1) Click on the *Print* button to print the information displayed in the “Aureas Setup” window and **Fax** it to us at 1-463-463-40 (in France) or send it via **regular postal mail**, making sure that your address is correct and complete.
- 2) If you prefer to use **e-mail**, copy the info to the clipboard (use the *Copy clipboard* button), then go to your e-mail application and create a new message, address it to **hotline@aureas.com** and paste the information into the body of the message that you are sending us.
- 3) With a **fax-modem** linked to a computer, you can also use the *Copy clipboard* button to copy the information to the clipboard then go to your favorite word processor, paste the information on a new page and send it to us via your fax-modem.

Then, while you are waiting to receive your User Code (which we will send via post, fax, or e-mail), click on the **Ok** button in the “Aureas Setup” window. The application will be launched as a demo version and you will be able to discover the various functions it has to offer.

Once you receive your user code, just restart your astrological application to return to the “Aureas Setup” window as follows: Click the **Start** button (bottom left), select **Programs** then **Aureas v8** then **your application** that appears on the right.

### — Entering the User Code:

To input the user code that you receive, click on the **User** button in the “Aureas Setup” window. A final window called “Aureas Unlock Code” will appear.

Use the keyboard to type the 14 digits of your user code. Verify it carefully and click the **Ok** button: the security protection is installed on your hard disk and the application is launched in full version. At the upper left corner of the screen the mention “Astro-PC Demo” is replaced by the name of your application. From now on, the previous windows will not appear again.

If you make a mistake while typing your code, the application will tell you to input it again.

If you do not enter the user code and click the **Cancel** button, the application will be launched as a Demo Version. The name “Astro-PC Demo” will appear on the upper left side of the screen.

## 1.5. PROGRAM CONFIGURATION

If you have had a problem so that installation was not carried out effectively, consult the HelpTech.doc file found on the CD in the *AurUS* directory, which

describes the most frequent causes of installation problems. If your efforts with the assistance of the help file does not get your program running, contact our technical support service.

Once the installation of your program has finished, you can put away your installation CD, as you will need it again only if you have to re-install the program.

You can now download the most recent program updates (as explained in section 1.8) in order to be sure you have the most recent version. We recommend that you do this at least twice a year.

When you start up your Aureas astrological program for the first time, you may see this message: "Do you want to update your time-change files by internet download?". Click on "No", as it is not necessary to do this right away. The program will automatically ask you this same question every six months. At this time, instead consult the *Help* menu, in the *Downloading updates* section to know how to proceed with this process later.

We recommend that the first time you use your application you configure it and customize it to fit your usual astrological criteria. Refer to the various options like "Astrology School Settings" and the available choices in the *Options* menu. Check also the application's Screen Help (see Chapter 3).

To configure your system to fit your application's requirements for display and printing (screen resolution, printer settings, etc.) use the Windows Control Panel. See your Windows User's Guide if you don't know how to do it.

## **1.6. DEINSTALL / REINSTALL THE APPLICATION**

Before you use this button, you need to make a backup copy of the files with your personal charts and options, so that they are not lost. Go into your astrological application. Click on the «Help» menu and select «Backup/Save personal data». You can save your data on a floppy disk or anywhere else.

You can now proceed to the standard Windows uninstall/deinstall procedure via **Start** button (at lower left corner) — Settings — Control Panel.

### **1) Reinstall the software**

If you change your computer or hard drive, if you format your hard drive or install a new version of Windows, then you need to reinstall the program and security protection.

Do a new installation (see paragraph 1.4) on your new material using the *same data* that you entered for the first one: Last and First Name, Address, and Serial Number. For the User Code that you will have to enter in the «Aureas Setup» window, proceed like for the first installation (see paragraph 1.4).

## 2) Reinstalling the security protection

If it is only the Security Protection that has been lost, for example, due to a new installation of Windows, only the Security Protection has to be reinstalled.

To reinstall it, click on the **Start** button then select **Programs** then **Aureas v8** and **Tools** on the right.

A yellow window called “**Aureas Tools**” appears. This window displays several buttons, for example:

**Remove security:**  
**ASTRO-PC Pro**  
**Download updates**  
**Exit**

### ***Remove the Security Protection***

The buttons that appear in the frame “Remove the Security Protection” show the programs and security protections presently installed on your computer.

To reinstall the security protection, you first need to delete all the traces of the previous one: click the button in the Remove the Security Protection frame (in the above example, ASTRO-PC Pro).

*You will also need to deinstall the security protection when you want to remove the software from your computer.*

Once you click on this button, the program will ask you to confirm and will display a deinstallation number. Remove the Security Protections of every one of your applications if you have more than one installed.

Next, click on the «Exit» button to quit and launch the astrological application. The window called «User Information» will be displayed again. You have to enter the *same data* that you introduced for the first installation: Last and First Name, Address, and Serial Number. For the User Code that you need to enter in the «Aureas Setup» window, proceed as you did for the first installation (see paragraph 1.4).

## 3) Remove the application

Click on the **Start** button, select the choice *Settings* (if you don't use Windows XP), and then click on *Control Panel*. In the Control Panel icons, double-click

on the choice «Add/Remove Programs».

In the list of programs, select your program («Infociel ...», «Astro-PC ...», «Special Uranian Astrology ...», etc.) and then click on the *Add/Remove* icon and follow through to the end of the deinstallation process.

At the end of this procedure, your astrological application will be deleted from your hard drive.

## 1.7. INSTALLATION of SEVERAL INFOCIEL MODULES

If you purchase several INFOCIEL programs, their individual functions will merge automatically into a single application after installation. The same applies if you have purchased ASTRO-PC BASIC and you want to add an INFOCIEL module.

To insure that this occurs, you must install the various programs *at the same time*, indicating the choice « Check here if you want to install another Astro-PC or Infociel program » which appears during installation (see paragraph 1.4).

If you install a second program at a later date, you will need to deinstall your current program (see section 1.6), and then reinstall all your Aureas programs at the same time.

## 1.8. SOFTWARE UPDATES

For downloading free subsequent program updates, use the following procedure (after making sure you have installed your program as described in section 1.4):

- Inside your new astrological program, click on the *Help* menu, and then select the option *Upgrading program and summer time files*.
- In the subsequent text window that displays, click on the *Main Program* button. A message may ask you if you have already connected to the internet.
- Follow the procedure indicated until you see a message indicating that the update has been completed successfully.

We recommend that you implement this process 2 or 3 times per year in order to work with the most recent version of your program.

To download the update for Daylight/Summer Time files, repeat the same operation but instead click on the button *DST files*.

*How do you save your chart data from previous versions of Aureas programs?*

If you already have Version 7 of Astro-PC or an Infociel program, or Version 1 of the Special Uranian program, you can maintain your old chart files via the following method:

- In your new program, click on the menu item *Help* and select *Restore personal data*. In the subsequent text window that displays, you must indicate the source files from the old program, which is normally: "C:\Program Files\Aureas7", (unless you have made deliberate choices to store the files elsewhere).
- Then click on Ok. A text window will ask you to indicate which files you want to retrieve; check all files you desire.
- Then click on Ok; the files you selected will be copied from the old location to the new. You can now proceed to deinstall the old program per the standard Windows de/uninstallation procedure (see section 1.6).

## 1.9. SPECIAL KEYS

The following remarks are directed mainly to the users who are not familiar with the special keys on the keyboard.

- The **Alt**, **Ctrl**, and **Shift** keys which are used in combination with other keys are found on the lower right and left sides of the space bar on most keyboards. These keys must be held down (like the shift key normally is) while pressing the other keys to be combined with them. For example: with the combination **Ctrl+N**, you must continue to hold down the **Ctrl** key while you are pressing on the key letter **N**.
- When the User's Guide asks that you enter **F8**, this means the Function Key **F8**, (and **not** letter F followed by number 8). This applies to the other Function Keys (**F1 through F15**).
- The frequently used **Tab** key is represented on many keyboards by a key with two horizontal arrows, one pointing right and one pointing left. It can be found on the upper left side of the keyboard, next to letter Q.
- The **Enter** key is the largest on most keyboards on the right side of the alphabetic keys above the **Shift** key. The **Esc** key is the uppermost key at the left side of the keyboard.
- When the User's Guide mentions the **Backspace** key it refers to the key used to erase the last character that was typed. This key can be found above the **Enter** key at the right side of the keyboard. It is often represented by an arrow pointing left: ←.

- When the User's Guide mentions the Arrow Keys, it refers to the keys used to move the cursor right, left, up and down on the screen. On most keyboards they are grouped to the right of the standard keyboard key section, and represented by four arrows, pointing up, down, right, and left.

# Chapter 2: TUTORIAL

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Take the time to review these lessons, as they will help you make better use of your astrological application.

## 2.1. LAUNCHING THE APPLICATION

In the lessons covered in this chapter we will assume that your astrological application is located in the directory designated by the installer and that the options are set to the original default.

If you need to reset the options to their original configuration, use the application's *Options* Menu.

- 1) When you start up your computer, the screen displays various icons in an area which is called the Desktop.
- 2) *How to launch the application:* if you use Windows XP and have created a shortcut on your Desktop, just double-click on it. Otherwise you must click the **Start** button, select *Programs*, then the group *Aureas v8* and the name of the application displayed to the right (Astro-PC, Infociel, Special Uranian Astrology ...).

*Caution:* do not select the program "Tools". It is only used to download updates of your program. If you select it by mistake, simply exit the window. Similarly, if you accidentally open a help window you do not need at the moment, you can quickly close it by clicking on the X box at the upper right-hand corner of the text window.

Remember that for faster access to your application, if you have not already done so, you can create a shortcut and place it on the Desktop. Refer to the Windows User's Guide for this procedure.

- 3) The application's front page is now displayed, and awaits your instructions.

## 2.2. DISPLAY

When running the program, the program screen displayed is composed of several parts, including:

- 1 - The menu bar
- 2 - The tools window

3 - The *Chart Graphics* window (and Welcome screen)

4 - Various possible data windows

## 1 - The menu bar

Located at the very top of the screen, the menu bar organizes all the functions of your astrological software by category. For instance, the *Natal* menu contains the functions related to calculating and viewing a natal chart.

## 2 - The Tools window

Located at the left of the screen, the Tools window allows you to easily and quickly implement modifications of charts and data already displayed. Take time to carefully study it and to know its different functions well, because ***it will help you save time in the long run*** (see the screen help for further details).

## 3 - The Chart Graphics window

When loading the astrological software, this window displays a logo page displaying your name and a number of astrological glyphs, or a chart. The software is waiting for you to choose a function from one of the menus before displaying an astrological chart in its place. For instance, you can display a natal chart by using the *Natal* menu, *Natal chart* function, and by clicking on the **Ok** button, after which your software will display a chart in the graphic window.

## 4 - The data windows

By using, for example, the tools window, you have access to a number of data lists that will be displayed in additional windows.

You can display as many data windows as you wish, but they may cover up other essential data. As soon as you want to close a window, click the "X" box located on the top right corner of the window (or press the **Ctrl+F4** keys) — or, to go faster, and keep only the tools window and the graphics window on the screen, press the **F12** key.

The graphics window and the data windows can be moved anywhere on the screen. To do so, click on the title bar, keep the mouse button pressed down, and move the mouse to where you want the window relocated. Then release the mouse button. They can also be expanded or reduced by dragging the edges with your mouse or clicking on the expand/reduce key in the middle of the 3 keys at the upper right corner of each window.

# TUTORIAL

## 2.3. LESSON 1 — DATA INPUT

*Important note: in the following lessons, a small number of the commands, menus or buttons may not be in the particular program module that you own. In that case, please ignore those items and proceed onward.*

- First, we will enter the data of an example chart. To call up the data input window, click at the upper left corner of the screen on the *Files* menu of the menu bar. The first function line, *Open (Chart data input)*, allows you to enter the chart data. Click on this line to go to the data input window.

- By using the mouse, or the keyboard, and the **Enter** and **Tab** keys, we will fill the input fields with the following example:

*Natal chart EXAMPLE, born the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, 2001 at 13h30 (1:30pm) in New York.*

If necessary, use the mouse or the four arrow keys, located to the right of the standard keyboard keys on most keyboards, to correct any mistakes made along the way. In these lessons, we will pay attention primarily to the commands we need to make our examples work. The data input is described in more detail in the screen help file of the program (see chapter 3, *Screen help*).

- On the keyboard, the **Tab** key and the **Shift+Tab** key combination allow you to move to the different input fields (**Shift+Tab** allows to go backward). If you prefer to use the mouse, just click on the desired area to move the cursor.
- When you arrive in the data input window, you can see that it is made of two identical sections: data of the *Natal chart* on the left side, and data of the *Level 2 chart* (second chart for synastry or prognostic work) on the right. For the moment, we only are going to use the *left side*. You have a choice of 2 ways to clear the screen in preparation for new chart data. The first way is to click on the *Files* menu of the data input window (*not* on the *Files* menu of the main menu bar) and then select the **Natal:New**. The second way, if you prefer using the keyboard instead of the mouse, is to type **Ctrl+N**. After either of these operations, the data of the previous Natal Chart will be erased. Next, with the mouse, or with the **Tab** key if you prefer, move the pointer or cursor to the NAME input field (the first white text box).

**Name:** Enter the name you want to give to your chart (EXAMPLE), then use the mouse, or press three times on **Tab**, in order to go to next input field where you select the country, state, or region of birth. *IMPORTANT:* Do not hit "Enter" after individual entries, or the program will think you have finished entering all data for the individual or event. Use only the **Tab** key or mouse to move around the screen until you have finished entering all chart data.

**Country:** Type the country name (for example: USA NEW YORK), or you can select it in the country list by clicking on the «**State**» button located to the left of the text box, and a list of countries and regions will appear. You may want to do this to become familiar with how the states and countries are categorized and notated. With the mouse, you can use the scroll bar to the right of the window to find the correct section of the alphabet where the country of birth is located. Then choose from states, provinces, counties, or regions within that country. (If you prefer not to use the mouse, you can instead scroll through the list of countries by using the arrow-keys on your keyboard.) Next, go to the input field of the city.

**City:** Enter the name of the city (New York) or click on the «**City**» button located on the left and make your choice in the list that displays. Below the name of the city, the software will automatically display the longitude and the latitude of New York (the option *City, Automatic search* must be checked: a "v" must appear in the box on the left).

**Date:** Enter now the date of the Natal chart. You can type the year, month, and the day of birth in the individual windows. *You will have to enter year-month-day, or month-day-year, or day-year-month depending on your Windows parameters.* You may find it easier to use the arrows next to each window to increase or decrease the numbers. If you type in the numbers, follow each entry with the **Tab** key, to proceed to the next data window. Use the mouse or the keyboard to go to each input area. Hours should be entered in the standard international 24 hour format, which very simply adds 12 hours to births after noon; this standard international professional and business practice avoids confusion between AM and PM births. *(The order of the year, month, and date is reset via the "Regional Settings" options in the Control Panel of your Windows operating program.)*

**Difference from Universal Time:** for our example, the *Automatic TZ+DST search* option must be checked. If it is not, click on this line with the mouse to make a checkmark appear in the adjacent box. With this box checked, the local time zone is determined automatically from the data base in your program.

**Verify TZ+DST button:** the program automatically checks the time change database for the state of New York for the entered date and displays the Universal Time of 17h30 (5:30 pm) and the time difference from U.T. below. You have the option of entering the sex of the native before completing the data entry: click **M** for male or **F** for female near the bottom of the window. Otherwise sex will be noted as "?".

- We have now entered the essential data to calculate a chart. Next, click the **Ok** button located on the right of the data input window. The Natal Chart displays with the pre-set default options included with the new program. Later, we'll see how to change these options. The chart data (converted to Universal Time) are always recalled at the upper left corner of the graphics window, in the Tools window, and at the edge of the chart display window (if this option is activated).
- *Notice that you can ask for on-screen help wherever you are in the program. If you need help concerning a precise component of your program, simply move the cursor to the item you have questions about (by using the **Tab** key or the mouse) and then press **F1**: at that point, you'll get the desired screen help. To close the help window and come back to the program data, simply press the **Esc** key.*

### **In short:**

To get a Natal Chart, click on the *Files* menu, select the *Open (chart data input)* function:

- . enter the birth data,
- . click on the **Ok** button to see the Natal Chart.

## **2.4. LESSON 2 — Data input: chart files**

We recommend that you repeat Lesson 1 on how to enter chart data by working with the data of a family member or friend. We will then save it in a chart file.

To do that, after entering the data as per the instructions in Lesson 1, click on the menu item *Files* (in the Data Input window) and select *Natal: Save as*.

### **Creating a new Chart File**

The program will ask you to give a name to the file: Type the name that you want (Clients, Personal, Family, Friends...) in the *File Name* text box, and then click on **Save**. The new file has been created and you can, from now on, save as many charts in it as you want.

The name of the file is now indicated above the chart name, to the right of the **Files** button. You might, for example, see «c:\program files\laureas8\friends.gam », which would read as: the name of the file (friends), its extension (gam), and the disk and folders in which it is located. This file is referred to as the «active chart file ».

Whenever you click on the **Name** button in the Data Input window, a list of charts contained within the active chart file will appear (and note that you only have one, so far). To recall the data for a saved chart, you need to double-click on the name in the list, and the data will automatically transfer to the data-input text boxes.

For the next chart you want to save in this file, you will only need to select the command *Natal: Save* from the *Files* menu (or click on the right on the button **Ok + Save Natal**).

The *Natal: Save as* command is to be used only when you create a brand new file, or when you want to save the chart in a file other than the already active chart file. In this last case, if the file exist already, simply double-click on its name in the list which appears, and the chart will be saved in this file.

We recommend at the beginning, that you only use one single file for your charts, and the once you are familiarized with the program, you can create as many others as you choose.

### Opening a chart file

If you want to recall the data of a chart in a file other than the active chart file, use *Natal: Open* in the *Files* menu (or click on the **Files** button located above the **Name** button).

The program will display a window with the existing chart files, including personal chart files, and famous personality chart files supplied with the program for your study.

To select the desired file, simply double-click on it, and it will become the active chart file; and the program will automatically display the list of the charts you can select from.

We will see an example of the famous personalities files in Lesson 5.

### In summary:

To avoid having to re-enter data for your personal charts each time, save them in one or several charts. To do this, use the commands in the *Files* menu of the Data Input window.

## 2.5. LESSON 3 — Beyond the birth chart

Once a chart is displayed on the screen, you can ask for other information at the same time. To do so, use the command buttons of the Tools window located on the left.

With Astro-PC, the Tools Window to the left can be displayed in two different formats: classic display (as in Version 7), or in a more colorful and intuitive format (available only in Version 8). You can switch between the 2 display options by clicking the button **Version 7** (or **Version 8**) at the bottom of the Tools Window. In our examples, we will be referring to the classic display. The other display option is described in the Help window (see chapter 3).

In the Tools windows, you may have to select a button located in a group of commands different from the one you currently see on the window. There are three groups of commands in the main section of the window, each accessible by clicking on the 3 tabs at the titled *Time*, *Positions (Pos.)* and *Aspects (Asp. – or Conf.* with the SUA software). To see the contents of each of these groups, simply click on its title (or tab): you will see the window contents change. Then, click on the desired button.

Some of the command buttons are listed below, followed in parentheses by the tab category they belong to. First, you have to have clicked the appropriate tab, and then you will see the subcategories and individual functions.

### For example, to get:

- Planetary longitudes in minutes: click the **Min.** button (in the *Pos.* group)
- Degrees of longitude only: click the **Deg.** button (*Pos.*)
- Planetary strengths/weightings: click the **Stren** button (*Pos.*) (\*)
- The Placidian domitudes: click the **Domi.** button (*Pos.*) (\*)  
(Domitude, often more widely used in Europe than in other regions, is the longitude of the planet measured as though the Ascendant were 0° Aries, i.e. it is the longitudinal distance from the Ascendant.)

*(Note: the above buttons change the values directly on the chart)*

- Precise positions of the planets and houses: click the **Pos.** button (*Pos.*)
- Details of aspects: click the **Natal** button (in the *Asp.* group)
- Planet by planet aspects: click directly on the desired planet in the chart windows, or click the up or down arrow under **Plan** (*Asp.* group) (\*)

*(if this does not trigger the desired effect, refresh the Natal chart display: menu item Natal--Natal Chart — or click on the **Refresh** button in the Tools Window)*

- Investigation of each aspect type: click the up or down arrow under **Asp** (*Asp.*) (\*)

*Note:* The commands followed by (\*) are not available in all the programs.

To close the data windows opened after the use of the **Pos.** and **Natal** buttons, click the "X" box located on the top right corner of the window to be closed, or press the **F12** or **Ctrl+F4** keys. To see all the data of a window, you can use scrollbars in the window margins or stretch the windows out by dragging the window borders.

To get the data in the data windows in the colors you have indicated for the planets and other items, check the option line «Use colors in listings » (*Options* menu, *Lists and Tables* function).

### To print the chart:

- Using the menus: *Files* menu, *Print* function + **Ok**
- Using the keyboard: Press the **F8** key + **Ok**
- To print the details of the positions: Click the **Pos.** button (*Pos.*) then press the **F8** key and click **Ok**.

*Note:* if you find a printed grill or table in place of the chart, it is because the window showing the chart was not selected immediately prior to the time you requested the printout. Click on the chart display window to reactivate it (in which case the bar at the top of the chart display will be in color rather than gray), and then repeat the above print function.

### Size of the printed chart:

Note that the size of the printed chart is set independently of the size of the chart displayed on the computer screen. The size of the chart screen is changed via the menu item *Options--Chart Graphics*. The size of the printed chart is changed via the menu item *Files--Print*, then by clicking on the button « Other Print options ».

### Zoom:

If you cannot see the details of the chart well enough, and wish to enlarge it on the screen, double click on the chart. It will then display over the entire screen of your computer (and in this case, menus will be invisible and unavailable). To return to the regular display and menu options, double click on the window again with the mouse, or click on the **X** at top right. To reduce the display, drag the corner of the chart display window, and the chart size will reduce or expand accordingly.

### Contextual menu :

You can also obtain other data or information relating to a chart by using the

right-side button on your mouse. With a Natal Chart already displayed on the screen, right-click on the Sun glyph in the chart, and a scroll-down window (or *contextual menu*) will appear. You can then choose from the choices offered by again clicking with the *left* button on your mouse. The Contextual Menu functions whenever you click on a planet, zodiacal sign, or aspect line (on the glyph of the aspect). In addition, if you click in the blank background-area of a chart, away from any symbols or lines, yet another menu will provide you with further options, data, or information. Note: the number of choices in the contextual menus varies depending on which Aureas computer program you are using.

### In summary:

After the display of the chart on the screen, you can view additional information (minutes: **Min.**, degrees: **Deg.**, strengths: **Stren**, domitudes: **Domi.**, aspects: **Natal**, planet by planet aspects, and so on). To print the chart, use the **F8** function key or the *Files* menu.

## 2.6. LESSON 4 — Access to the various menus

When the following menu bar:

Files Natal Comparisons Transits Returns Directions Delineation Special Options Help

is on the first line of the screen, you can access to the various menus by clicking on the titles (or by pressing **Alt** and the underlined letter of the desired menu). *Note: according to individual program, version, or module you have, the above order or content may differ.*

- For instance, to see the *Natal* menu functions, click once on it (or press **Alt+N**). The Natal menu will then appear on the screen.
- Select now the *Transits* menu (go to the next lesson if it doesn't exist in your program). Click on the *Transit Chart* line and select the "On 2 adjacent windows" choice and "Transit Chart & Transit Chart" for the aspects. Then click **Ok** and you will get the Transit Chart next to the Natal Chart.

To get the Transits for the next day, simply click on the **+1R** button of the tools window (*Time* group). Use **-1R** to get the previous day (the Transits dates are automatically changed, as you can see in the chart window).

- To get details on:

The aspects of the Transits Chart:                      Click the **Chart** button (*Asp.*)  
of the tools window

The aspects of the Natal Chart:	Click the <b>Natal</b> button ( <i>Asp.</i> )
The aspects between these two charts:	Click <b>Nat/Cht</b> or <b>Cht/Nat</b> ( <i>Asp.</i> )
The detail of the positions:	Click <b>Pos.</b> ( <i>Pos.</i> )
The positions on the printer:	Press on <b>F8</b> after the <b>Pos.</b> button

### In short:

To see the contents of the main menu bar, click on a menu (or press **Alt** and the underlined letter of the menu). Use the mouse or the arrow keys to select the desired function.

## 2.7. LESSON 5 — In depth look at data input

### Viewing a chart file

- After having selected the *Open (Chart data input)* line in the *Files* menu, we are going to have a look at an example file which concerns movie stars: CINEMA.GAM. More than 3000 charts of famous persons, classified by profession or function (politicians, scientists, religious figures, etc.) are provided with your software. See the screen help for further information.
- When arriving at the data input window, click the *Files* menu of the data input window and select the *Natal: Open* line (or click on the **Files** button). A window listing the chart files present in the directory displays. With the mouse or the keyboard, select the CINEMA.GAM file in the list.
- After having selected a file, the program automatically activates the **Name** command button. This button allows you to view a list of the charts saved in the active charts file and to choose the desired chart.
- In the window listing the charts present in the CINEMA.GAM file, select the desired chart with the mouse or the arrow keys.

We will, as an example, select Catherine Deneuve's chart: Press on the letter **D** in order to go directly to the names beginning with that letter. The file goes to the first name beginning with D:

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DALLE Beatrice (19 12 1964)
...
DELUBAC Jacqueline (27 05 1907)
DENEUVE Catherine (22 10 1943)

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- Use the mouse (or the arrow keys and the Enter key) to select the line with DENEUVE Catherine's name.

- After validation, quickly check the data. Above DENEUVE Catherine's name, you can see a line reminding which is the active file of charts: C:\...\CINEMA.GAM.
- Now click **Ok** to quit the data input window. The Natal Chart is displayed.

## How to use the screen help

In the data input window (to return to this window, if necessary, use the **F2** key or the *Files* menu), the program allows you to get information about the input areas.

- To get general help about data input, select the **Help** button located on the right.
- To get the specific help on the various data input boxes and functions, move the cursor to the specific box or button, and then press **F1**.
- To end and close the help window, press **Esc** or **Alt+F4**. Later, we will deal with the particulars of the help screens.

### In short:

Input areas such as "Name" are associated with command buttons located next to them. These allow us to list related data. And screen help is available at any moment by selecting the **Help** button or by pressing **F1**.

## 2.8 LESSON 6 — Chart Comparison

*Note: Go to the next lesson if the Comparisons menu is not an option available in your software.*

- Now, we are going to see how to compare two charts. Once again, we will take Catherine Deneuve's chart (see previous lesson) as an example and compare it to Yves Montand's chart.
- First of all, press **F2** (keyboard shortcut to access the data input window) and check that Catherine Deneuve's chart data are still those of the Natal chart. If it is not so, go through lesson 5 again to learn how to select Deneuve's chart.
- Now, we are going to fill in the LEVEL 2 CHART section which allows us to enter a second chart data to do comparisons. For this, we will use the right-hand data input window (the buttons and input fields to the right of the Natal chart data buttons). We are going to search for Yves Montand's chart which is also in the CINEMA.GAM file.

- Since the file name given just above the input area of the name is not CINEMA.GAM, click the *Files* menu, select the *Level 2: Open* line, and select the CINEMA.GAM file as we did in the previous lesson.
- The window listing the charts in the CINEMA.GAM file is automatically displayed. To select Yves Montand's chart, press **M** to go directly to the names beginning with this letter. With the mouse or the arrow keys, go down the list and select the chart.
- Confirm your choice and check the data. Click next on the **Ok** button of the input window.
- Now, we are going to display the comparison between the two charts. Click on the *Comparisons* menu and select the *Synastry* function. Choose the "On 2 adjacent windows" line, select "Level 2 & Level 2" for the aspects, and click **Ok**.
- The two charts are displayed side by side. You can click **Nat/Cht** or **Cht/Nat** of the *Aspects* group of the tools window to get the comparison aspects between the two charts. The **Natal** button will give you the aspects of the Natal chart (Deneuve) and the **Chart** button the aspects of the Level 2 Chart (Montand). Do not forget that you can enlarge (zoom) the charts by clicking twice in the chart graphics window.
- For those who work with composite charts (midpoints between two charts), select the *Composite chart* function of the same *Comparisons* menu to get that chart (full page display).

### In short:

The LEVEL 2 CHART section of the data input window allows us to enter the data of a second chart and so, to make comparisons between charts. The data input of the LEVEL 2 CHART follows exactly the same rules than for the NATAL CHART.

## 2.9. LESSON 7 — Viewing a Solar Return

*Note: Go to the next lesson if the Solar Return function is not available in your software.*

- When you wish to calculate Returns, Transits, Directions or other secondary charts, you must first enter the *date* and *place* for which the chart has to be calculated in the LEVEL 2 CHART section of the data input window. Let's take an example and calculate the Solar Return of Catherine Deneuve for 2001 in Paris, France.

- First of all, press **F2** in order to go to the data input window and check if the data of Catherine Deneuve are still those of the Natal chart. If this is not so, do lesson 5 again in order to select the right chart.
- Now, we are going to work again with the *right* side of the data input window, i.e. the LEVEL 2 CHART. If you just finished the previous lesson, Yves Montand's chart is still displayed. To reset the input fields, click on the *Files* menu of the data input window and select the line *Level 2: New*. We will now fill again the fields of the LEVEL 2 CHART section on the right.
- Click on the **State** button (of the LEVEL 2 CHART section). The list of the available countries and regions is displayed. Press **FR** to go directly to the countries beginning with FR and select *France*.
- Input *Paris* for the city. You can either click on the **City** button and select Paris in the list, or type the city name directly into the input field. The software will automatically update the longitude and the latitude.
- For the Solar Return date, enter the same day and month as the birth date, plus the year for which you want the S.R. For instance, 22nd October 2001. The software will automatically calculate the Solar return that goes from 22nd October 2001 to 22nd October 2002. *There is no need to enter the hour: it is computed automatically by the software.*
- That's all needed data entry; now click **Ok**.
- Click on the *Returns* menu and select the *Solar Return* function. In the display choices, select "On 2 adjacent windows" and "Solar Return & Solar Return" aspects, and click **Ok**.
- On two windows, side by side, you will now see the Natal Chart on the left and the Solar Return on the right (the precise SR date and hour has been calculated and is displayed in the window). To display the next Solar Return, you just have to click on the **+1R** button (tools window, *Time* group). To get the previous SR, click **-1R**. You can also select directly the desired date of SR in the table "Exact dates" table that appears when you ask for a Solar Return.
- For all returns (solar, lunar and others), you must enter the desired place and date of return in the LEVEL 2 CHART section; then the software will automatically calculate the exact date and hour of the return.
- For the *Transits* and *Directions*, do the same: enter the place and date in the LEVEL 2 CHART and then select the desired function.

### **In short:**

The LEVEL 2 CHART section of the data input window allows us to enter the date and the place for Return charts, Transits, and other secondary charts.

## 2.10 LESSON 8 – Viewing slower planet transits

*Note: Go to the next lesson if the Slow Moving Planets step by step function is not available in your software.*

### Display the transits step by step

Now, we are going to see an interesting function which allows us to display the planets in transit.

The starting date for the transit calculation is the one which has been entered for the LEVEL 2 CHART section of the data input window. One way to easily set up the chart date of the LEVEL 2 CHART for the current moment is to click on the *Time* group tab of the tools window and click on the **Now** button of the "LEVEL 2 data changes" area. This automatically sets up the *Level 2 chart* for today at this time, as you can see by paying attention to the data in the top right Data input matrix in the tools window, under "Level 2:". (*The time is extracted from your Windows system computer clock. If it is not accurate, you need to re-set your computer clock by double-clicking on the time at the bottom right of your screen, and making adjustments in the window which displays*).

On the menu bar, select the *Transits* menu. Click on *Slow moving planets step by step*.

The program displays a selection window which allows you to choose the manner of displaying the transits in motion: either as a single chart on the entire screen (full page) or superimposed as a second chart on the Natal Chart, or other options in some cases. Choose "Dual ring, Natal on inside" and "Natal & Slow moving planets" aspects. The "Planets" section allows to select the planets you want to have in the transit list. For our example, select Mars through Pluto. Next click **Ok**.

The Natal Chart then displays in a smaller size, and a second ring of transiting planets appears on the outside ring. They will move around the Natal Chart with a speed that can be adjusted.

- A table of the aspects between the two charts can be displayed by clicking the **Chf/Nat** button (*Aspects* group). These are the comparison aspects between the transiting planets and the Natal chart. Spot the *Slow Moving Planets – Aspect – Natal Chart* title at the top of the data window. It means that the planets in the left column, under the *Slow Moving Planets* title, refer to the Level 2 Chart planets (transits), while the right column under *Natal Chart* refers to the natal planets. This window can be moved anywhere on the screen: to do so, you just have to click its title bar, and keep the mouse button

pressed down while dragging the window to the desired place. You can close it with **Ctrl+F4** or with the mouse.

- You can also view the aspects between a transiting planet and natal planets by clicking directly on the transiting planet. The aspect lines will appear in the center of the chart. If they do not appear, either there are no aspects (based upon the aspects you have indicated to be used in the program) or you may sometimes need to click on the *Refresh* button at the top of the Tools window to activate this function.
- The "time step" (chart update speed) can be adjusted. It can go forward (the future) or backward (the past). The time step rate can be modified in the *Time* group of the tools window (click the *Time* group tab if necessary). You can see a "10" value under the "days" indication, which means that the Transit chart will be computed 10 days ahead at each new display. Use this function if you want to plan ahead for when transit form later aspects or move into the next house.
- There are two working modes for this function: *Automatic* or *Manual*. You are in Manual mode when you ask for this function (which is more practical when you want to take time to look at a chart). To view the movement of transits every 10 days, now click the **+1R** button of the Tools window (*Time* group). The chart will move 10 days ahead (you can check it by looking at the date at the top of the chart display window), and the aspects window that you can get by clicking the **Chf/Nat** button (*Aspects* group) will show you the new aspects formed; or you can again click on transiting planets to see what aspects they form to the natal planets. You can also use the **-1R** button to go backward in time. You can click on these buttons as many times as you wish to repeat or reverse their functions.
- In addition, you can change the number of days to go forward or backward in time by changing the value in the window under "days: ". If for example you want to trace the movement of Mars month by month, type "30" for the number of "Chart days" of advancement or reversal.
- For further information about this function, see the software screen help.

### **In summary:**

The *Slow moving planets step by step* function is one of the functions which allows you to display the transits in movement. The rate of change for looking ahead (or backward) can be altered by modifying it in the tools window. The **+1R** (forward in time) or **-1R** (backward in time) buttons allow you to update the transits by the number of days indicated.

## 2.11 LESSON 9 — Getting the exact transit dates

*Note: Go to the next lesson if the Date Search Transit/Natal function is not available in your software.*

On the menu bar, select the *Transits* menu. Select the *Date Search Transit/Natal* line.

The search window appears. Within the left-hand listing of the planets, select those for which you want a date search by clicking them with the mouse (if a checkmark is at the left of the planet, it is selected). Input, for example, 6 months for the duration, select the major aspects and "List (1 date)" for the display method, check the "Exact dates" option. Then click **Ok**. The transit dates will be displayed in a new window.

The two dates at the top of the window give the beginning date and the end date of the search (depending on the search duration). Then, the transits dates are listed, in chronological order, with the transiting planets on the left and the natal planets on the right. For example:

Plan.	Position	Asp	Plan.	Position	Date	Natal
♃	24° 02' ♋	△	♀	24° 02' ♏	05.07.2002 22h 56 (040y07m)	—
♂	00° 00' ♌	D	♌	.	13.07.2002 15h 23 (040y07m)	
♃	26° 23' ♋	♌	♄	26° 23' ♏	16.07.2002 10h 58 (040y08m)	♄
♄	24° 09' ♌	D	♅	.	25.07.2002 11h 58 (040y08m)	
♁	14° 54' ♌		D	.	26.08.2002 11h 00 (040y09m)	
♄	29° 05' ♌		R	.	11.10.2002 13h 02 (040y10m)	

1) The first line indicates that transiting Jupiter, at 24°02 Cancer, forms a trine to natal Venus (at 24°02 Scorpio) on 5 July 2002, when the native is 40 years and 7 months old.

2) On 13 July 2002, at 15h23, Mars enters Leo, in Direct movement (and otherwise an R would appear instead of D when a planet is re-entering a sign via retrograde movement).

3) On 16 July, Jupiter is in opposition to natal Saturn. The last column, titled *Natal*, indicates if an aspect between these same two planets exists natively (in the natal chart). In our example, there is a Jupiter-Saturn conjunction in the natal chart.

- 4) On the 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturn re-enters, by direct movement, into natal house VI.
- 5) On 26 August, Pluto changes from retrograde movement to direct movement (D), at 14°54 Sagittarius.
- 6) On 11 October, Saturn goes retrograde.

A number of choices are available for this function. The DATE SEARCH window which is displayed after having chosen the search function allows us to:

- display the transits classified by planet or date
  - display or not display the ingresses of transiting planets in natal houses, as well as the retrograde ingresses.
  - select the aspects to take into consideration.
  - choose the planets and special points for which we want the transit dates.
  - determine the search duration.
  - ask for the precise date of transit or take orbs into consideration.
  - choose the birth planets for which we want to do the search, and so on.
- See the screen help for further information.

**In short:**

The *Date Search Transit/Natal* function allows you to get the precise dates of transits according to your choices: planets, aspects, duration, and other options.

## 2.12 LESSON 10 — Modifying the options

You can change an option by using the *Options* menu and selecting the desired options group. Let's suppose we want to display all the asteroids of our Natal chart:

- Display the *Options* menu by clicking on it.
- Select the *Planets and Special Points* group.
- In the window, look for "Chiron" line. There are two boxes to its right: the first one allows us to display Chiron or not; the second one allows us to view the aspects to this element or not. Click on the first box: a checkmark should display, indicating that the option is checked.
- If you also want the aspects to Chiron, check the second box.
- Implement the same process for the other asteroids and points.

- After you have made all your choices, click **Ok**. The changes will be taken into consideration and you'll see the asteroids in your chart by asking for an updated display by pressing **Ctrl+N** (Natal chart). Even more quickly, while you are still in the option window, you can click the **Refresh** button instead of clicking **Ok**, and this automatically draws the chart again with the new options.
- To cancel out the asteroids, do the same as above, but uncheck the display boxes.

Another example allowing you to modify the "**Usual place and time zone**": whenever you select a derived chart, such as a Solar Return or a Transit chart, you simply enter the derived chart location as that of the Level 2 Chart in the Data Input Window.

By default, the program indicates "USA California" and "Los Angeles". If you want the default location to be where you live, click on the *Options* menu and select the line *Usual place and Local Time Zone*.

In the window that then appears, click on the **State** button and select from the countries and states listed. Then click on the **City** button and choose the city you want. Next, click on the **Ok** button. From that point onward, the city appearing by default for the Level 2 Chart will be the one you just selected (as well as when you create new charts).

Another example (available in Astro-PC only): **choice of chart displayed when the program is started up**. When you start up the program a chart may be displayed automatically in the chart display window. You can choose this via the option *Options--Startup displays*. If you for example want to see the chart of the current moment each time you start the program, click the following options:

At program startup: Draw the chart "Level2", then / For "Natal" data use: last calculated chart / For the "Level2" data, use: chart of the day.

Setting the variable option is one of the first procedures you will want to implement so that the program will be suited to your customary usage. Use the choice *Colors* in the *Options* menu to suit the colors of the various chart components to your taste and needs. The choice *Aspects and Orbs* will allow you to indicate the aspects you wish to use in your charts, and their orbs, as well as other options.

When you modify the options, you should re-display a chart on the screen in order to see your new modifications. The changes are automatically saved to memory. If you exit the program and return later, you will find you new choices in effect.

## The Option Files

With Astro-PC, you can create up to 10 standard configuration formats, and then at any moment automatically re-display a chart in any one of these formats upon re-selecting your personal Option File format.

Here's an example:: you want to see the charts on the screen with light colors, but prefer to print the charts in darker colors. To do this, create an option file with light colors; to know how to do this, click on the menu items *Options*, position the mouse on the line *New* until it is highlighted, and then tap the **F1** key: you will obtain a help screen describing this function. Name the new Option File "Light Colors". Then go to the menu item *Options--Color Choices* to select the color you want displayed on the screen. If you need help with this, click on the **Help** button in the option window displayed.

Now create your second Option File: again use the menu item *Options--New*, and create another file to be called "Dark Colors". Then, return to the menu item *Options--Color Choices*, and specify the dark colors you want.

Next, display a natal chart on the screen. Now you can right-click on any blank area surrounding the chart, and trigger a contextual menu. In the contextual menu you should now see the options "Display Light Colors" and "Display Dark Colors". If you click on the first option, the natal chart will be displayed in light colors. If you want to print however in dark colors, select "Display Dark Colors", and then proceed with the *Files--Print* function.

You can create files for a wide range of possible options. Via convenient use of the mouse, your charts will be immediately re-displayed in the format of your choice. You can thus, for example, see your charts quickly and alternately with or without asteroids, in tropical or sidereal zodiac, in 90-dial format or 360-dial format, with different orbs, or still other options.

### In short:

Options allowing you to configure the software according to your various methods are found in the *Options* menu. You can study them in detail by referring to the screen help.

*The lessons are finished. Now, we recommend that you study the specifics of the program by looking at the screen help. We'll see how to do this in the next chapter.*

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## 3.1 SCREEN HELP

Our programs possesses a highly useful integrated screen help function, available at any moment by several methods.

### Help buttons:

You already saw the help available through certain buttons, such as in the data input window, where the **Help** and **DST help** buttons will give you a lot of information if you'll just click on them.

In other windows, like the options windows, the **Help** button will be there at any moment you need it in order to guide you through how to use the program.

### F1 key:

The **F1** function key will also allow you to get help concerning the last executed function, a specific option, a command in the tools window, or other specific functions, at any point in the program.

#### 1) After a function of a menu

If you just asked for a chart display, for instance of a Natal Chart, you simply press the **F1** key immediately afterward, and the program will display help concerning the function you just selected.

#### 2) In an option window

When you are in an option window and you want to get information about one of the options, go to that option line with the mouse or the keyboard and then press **F1**: you'll get the help corresponding to that option.

#### 3) In the tools window

Within the tools window, you can ask for the help anywhere in the window by pressing **F1** after having selected a button or a command.

### General Help

The access to screen help as we just saw it above displays the help specific to the desired item.

You can also use the screen help in a general way, by going to its first page (Summary) and then by studying the different chapters (topics) proposed. To do so, select the *Help Contents* function of the *Help* menu (**F11**).

## How to use the help

The upper part of the help screen consists of a menu bar, allowing you to access a number of functions. Below that bar, command buttons allow to take specific actions.

For instance, to go to the very beginning of the help text, click the **Contents** button located at the top left of the help screen.

To get information about the functions on the menu bar, press the **F1** key.

The most-used functions are those of the *Options* menu and of the direct access menus to the help topics.

Following are descriptions of what the buttons do:

### **Contents button:**

This button will always take you back to the home page of the help screens, wherever you are.

### **Search button:**

This button gives you access to a very practical tool for the help screens: the key-word search. A large number of subjects are sorted alphabetically, and you can make your choice by moving through the list with the scroll bars, or by typing a word directly in the box. A simple double-click on the chart you are interested in will take you to the desired topic.

### **Back button:**

When you move from one screen to the next, going from one topic to another (and possibly from one file to another), you click one of the proposed choices (printed in color characters) each time. The **Back** button allows you to go back to the previous topic each time you click on it.

### **Print button:**

This button allows you to print out the contents of the displayed topic on paper. For those interested, an MS Word-formatted file containing the entire text of all help files is available to you on the CD.

**Glossary button:**

For those new to computers, the Glossary defines some commonly used computer terms.

**Help button:**

Allows you to go to the summary of general help available for your astrological program (see below).

**DST Help button:**

This button allows you to go to supplementary information on general use of Summer Time and Daylight Saving Time (DST) in countries and states around the world. For very complex situations, you may be referred to outside references.

**Tech. Help button:**

This button displays the technical help and its different topics (see below).

**<< and >> buttons:**

When these are accessible (not shaded), these buttons allow you to scroll backward and forward through the help screens horizontally (for data within related topics) (rather than vertically, i.e. hierarchically, or from one general category to the next). In essence, this means these buttons help you quickly move to other screens on closely related topics. To illustrate their usefulness, let's say you are looking at the American states in the Summer Time (DST) help file, and you want to go to the previous state or the next state: you can press the appropriate button to scroll either to the previous state, or the next state, one by one.

**Topic lines:**

In most of the screens, you will see words or sentences in underlined and in bold color characters. These take you to chapters, paragraphs, or topics that you can reach directly by simply clicking on them, or by moving to them with the **Tab** key and pressing on the **Enter** key.

The on-screen help is introduced in hierarchically, which means that the first page of the screen gives a summary of the chapters, and they in turn give you access to sub-chapters. You can move as you want around the help screens, following the proposed structure, or by using the *Search* function or the **>>** and **<<** buttons.

## Size of screen print characters:

You can reduce or enlarge the help screen print. If you cannot easily see what is displayed, use the *Options* menu of the help file, *Fonts* function, and *Large* choice.

## Help files

The program contains three help files: a main help file explaining all the capabilities of the software, a help file for Summer Time (DST) and time zones, and a third one for technical help. You can identify in which help file you are at the moment just by looking at the first line of the screen. You can go from one file to another by clicking on **Help**, **Tech. help**, or **DST help**, or via the bold color text links within the text displayed below the menu.

## How to leave Screen help

To leave the on-screen help and go back to the program functions, you can press the **Esc** key, or else the **Alt+F4** keys simultaneously.

We recommend that you make yourself familiar with the use of the help files, because you may frequently need them. And this will save you a tremendous amount of time later on.

Now, click the **Contents** button in order to go to the home page of the on-screen help and study the different chapters.

You can get further information about the use of the help screens by pressing the **F1** key.

## Printed help files

If you want to print all the help files on paper (more than 400 pages), the help files are on the CD-Rom, in the «AurUS» directory: *Help.doc* (main help), and *Helptech.doc* (technical help). You can print them with word processor software.

## 3.2 HOW TO ...

You'll find below, classified by field, the sequence of commands to enter if you want to change options or input choices.

*Warning: depending on the version of the astrological software that you own, some sequences may not be available.*

### Aspects

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**Applying/Separating:** to change the orb according to whether an aspect is applying or separating: *Options* menu — *Aspects and Orbs* — *Method by Planets and by Aspects* — click on the “Applying” button and adjust the value to suit you.

**Colors:** *Options* menu — *Color Choices* — *Aspects tab* — select the item to be changed and click the desired color in the color window.

**Conjunctions:** to choose how they are marked on the charts (shading between planets, a small circle linking the planets, or nothing at all): *Options* menu — *Color Choices* — *Aspects tab*. Click on the line «Conjunction» and make your choice on the «Representation» line.

**Crossing aspects:** to make the aspects cross or not cross the zodiac circle: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Aspects tab*.

**False aspects:** changeable color in the *Options* menu — *Color Choices* — *Various tab*. To use or not use their color: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Aspects tab*.

**Orbs:** to change the orbs of the aspects: *Options* menu — *Aspects and Orbs* — select the aspect to be changed and then change its value (percentage for the full method, value in degrees for the simplified one).

**Parallels:** to take care of them or not in the aspects list: *Options* menu — *Aspects and Orbs* — Enter the orb (percentage for the full method, value in degrees for the simplified one).

**Programmable aspects:** to include them or not: *Options* menu — *Aspects and Orbs* — click on the “Minor prog.” button.

**Size:** to change the size of the inner circle reserved for the aspects: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Aspects tab* — scroll bar.

**Symbols:** to include the small aspects symbols on aspect line or not: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Aspects tab*.

**Aspect line display:** to choose how aspects are displayed, (solid or dotted lines, etc.): *Options* menu — *Color Choices* — *Aspects tab*. Click on the desired aspect and make your choice on the «Representation» line.

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## Asteroids

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**Asteroids:** see “ Planets, Asteroids and Special points ”.

**Ceres:** choice of its symbol: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Planets tab*.

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## Black Moon

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**Color:** *Options* menu — *Color Choices* — *Planets tab* — select the item to be changed and click the desired color in the color window.

**Display:** to choose to display the Black Moon or not, and with or without aspects: *Options* menu — *Planets and Special points* — click on the Black Moon boxes according to the desired choices.

**Mean, True, Corrected...:** to choose the calculation method for the Black moon: *Options* menu — *Techniques and Computations* — *Moon+Miscellaneous tab* — then make your choice.

**Orb:** to change the Black Moon orb (full method only): *Options* menu — *Aspects and Orbs* — change the value.

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## Calculations

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**Delta T:** to include Delta T variance in the calculations or not: *Options* menu — *Techniques and Computations* — *Moon+miscellaneous tab*.

**Houses:** to change the calculation method of the house system (Placidus, Campanus, Equal, etc.): *Options* menu — *Techniques and Computations* — *Houses tab*.

**Nutation:** to take the Nutation into consideration or not in sidereal calculations: *Options* menu — *Techniques and Computations* — *Zodiac tab*.

**Parallax:** to include the Parallax adjustment in calculations rendered by the Astronomy button: *Options* menu — *Techniques and Computations* — *Miscellaneous tab*.

**Planetary strengths/weights:** to change the method: *Options* menu — *Techniques and Computations* — *Strength tab*.

**Sidereal:** to choose sidereal zodiac format: *Options* menu — *Techniques and Computations* — *Zodiac tab*.

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## Chart Display

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**Display chart data in corners:** to display the basic chart data in the corners of the chart display window: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Pos tab*.

**Choice of chart displayed at program startup:** to choose the type of chart you want to see every time you start up your Aureas program: menu *Options* — *Startup displays*.

**Data displayed around the chart:** to display data or information around the chart (astrological parts, fixed stars, etc.): display the desired chart, then right-click on the background of the chart, and select the desired supplementary data.

**Colors:** to change the colors of individual chart items: *Options* menu — *Colors*.

**Display method:** to change the display method of charts (Ascendant or Aries on the left and so on): *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — Drawing of the chart section.

**Font size:** to change the size of characters used for the numbers indicating positions of the planets: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Pos.* tab — scroll bar..

**Item size:** to change the size of a lot of the chart items: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — scroll bars.

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## Colors

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**Pre-set color choices:** to automatically configure the colors: *Options* menu — *Color Choices* — *Color choices* menu.

**Planets, Zodiac, Aspects, and other items:** to change the colors of the displayed items of the chart: *Options* menu — *Color Choices* — select the tab and the item to modify and click the desired color in the color window.

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## Comparisons between charts

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**Aspects:** to change the orb of the comparison aspects: *Options* menu — *Aspects and Orbs* — type the value in the “Comp. 2 charts” area (full method) or use the scroll bar (simplified method).

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## Contextual menus

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**Contextual menu:** to obtain a special menu of options relating to a specific planet, *right-click* on that planet with your mouse. Or *right-click* on a sign, house number, or aspect line (at its center) for similar "contextual menus" specific to that chart element. If you *right-click* on the background of the chart, you will sometimes see a contextual menu allowing you to implement various functions in the chart. A contextual menu is also available when you *right-click* on the «Refresh» button in the Tools Window, as well as with the data tables.

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## Cosmobiology

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Information on how to use midpoint astrology functions, such as the 90° dial, are included in special documentation sent with the Uranian Astrology program, along with a tutorial on working with the 90° dial and other Uranian Astrology tools. Basic information is also contained, as well, in the generic help-screens

contained in all Aureas programs.

## Data input

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For all the paragraphs underneath, go first in the data input window: *Files* menu — *Open (Chart data input)*.

**Changing the chart file** : click on the *Files* button — select the desired file in the list.

**Changing of city**: click on the *City* button — select the desired city.

**Changing of country**: click on the *Country* button — select the desired country within the list.

**Chart search**: to search for a chart (last name and/or first name) in one or several files: type the last name and/or first name in the input area of the name — click on the *Search* icon (">" located on the right side of the Name input area) — select the desired chart.

**Creating a new file of charts**: enter the chart data — *Files* menu — *Natal/Level 2: Save as* — type the file name — click **OK**.

**Data setting with the date of the day and the usual place**: *Data-setting* menu — *Natal: Chart of the day* to set up the Natal chart data, *Level 2: Chart of the day* to set up the Level 2 chart data.

**Delete a chart**: click on the *Name* button — select the chart — click on the *Delete* button.

**Entering a city not found in the list**: click on the *City* button — click on the *New City* button — enter the city name, its longitude and its latitude — click on the *Ok* or *Ok+Save Natal* button if you want to save the coordinates of the new city.

**Exchange chart data**: to interchange the data with other files (transfer or copy), click on the menu item *Files*, then move the mouse to *Moving chart between Natal/Level2 files* — the press the F1 key for further details.

**Gregorian-Julian**: to choose the appropriate calendar: *Calendar* menu — check or not the desired line (checked = Julian, unchecked = Gregorian).

**Hour of birth**: to get the automatic calculation of the birth hour in Universal Time, the "Automatic TZ+DST search" option must be checked. To enter the time change directly, yourself, or directly type a U.T. time, uncheck this option and enter the appropriate data.

**Loading a saved chart**: *Files* menu — *Natal/Level 2: Open* — select the file, then choose the chart in the list.

**Longitude**: to enter or display the longitude of the place in hours or in degrees, check or not the "in Hours" option.

**Map of the world:** by clicking on the *Map of the world* icon (showing a globe), you can choose a birth place directly on a planisphere.

**New chart:** to initialize the data input areas and enter a new chart: *Files* menu — *Natal/Level 2: New*.

**Save a chart:** enter the chart data — *Files* menu — *Natal: Save* in order to save the Natal Chart, *Level 2: Save* in order to save the Level 2 Chart.

**Search for a country, province, or state:** to search for a state, province, or country in the database, type the first few characters of the name of the political unit desired, and then click on the ">" button to the right. All political units containing your typed characters within its name will be displayed. Next, click the desired location.

**Search for a city:** to search for a city within a given country, province, or state, type the first few characters of the name, and then click on the ">" button to the right: all cities in the database containing your typed characters will be displayed. Next, click on the desired location. Cities not already in the database are entered manually via the "New City" option -- see "Entering a City not found in the list" above.

**Third chart:** (available only with certain Aureas programs) to enter the data of a 3<sup>rd</sup> chart, click on the *3 Levels* button.

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## Date Search

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**Choice of aspects and planets:** to choose the items and aspects to take into consideration: *Options* menu — *Date Search* — click the appropriate tab.

**Date of beginning:** *Options* menu — *Date Search* — *appropriate tab* — superior part of the chart or *Files* menu — *Open* — enter the date in the Level 2 Chart section.

**Dates sorted, Ingress in signs and houses:** *Options* menu — *Date Search* — click the appropriate tab.

**Duration:** to select the search duration: *Options* menu — *Date Search* — *appropriate tab* — right part of the window.

**On Natal Chart:** to choose on which planets of the Natal to make the search: *Options* menu — *Date Search* — *On Natal Chart tab* — make your choice.

**Orb:** to choose precise dates or use applying/separating orbs: *Options* menu — *Date Search* — *appropriate tab* — right part of the window.

**Primary directions (choice):** *Options* menu — *Date Search* — *Primary Directions tab* — left section.

**Presentation of data (for the Date Search function):** to choose between a simple listing, two-date listing, columns, or calendar table, click on the desired option on the «Display method» line.

**Saved Chart:** to make the search on a saved chart (in memory): *Options* menu — *Date Search* — *appropriate tab* — “On Positions” menu.

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## Delineation

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**Changing the delineation texts:** to know how to change the delineation texts, open the screen help, click the Contents button, and choose the *Delineation texts* chapter.

**Delineation printing:** display the desired chart (Natal or other) on the screen — *Delineation* menu — *Delineation (Natal, Comparisons...)* — ...) choose the Printer destination.

**Saving in a file:** display the desired chart on the screen — *Delineation* menu — *Delineation (Natal, Comparisons...)* — choose the «Customer File» destination — click on the option line *Then launch Wordpad* if you want to display the delineation file on the screen.

**Texts options:** to change options in generating the delineation texts: *Delineation* menu — select any delineation function — click on the *Options* menu of the window.

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## Domitudes - Gauquelin Sectors

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**Choice:** to choose between domitudes and Gauquelin sectors: *Options* menu — *Techniques and Computations* — *Houses tab*.

**Kind of domititude:** to choose between Placidus, Regiomontanus, or Campanus domititude system: *Options* menu — *Techniques and Computations* — *Houses tab*.

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## Fixed stars

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**Choice:** the choice between Astrological file (per Robson) and the Astronomical file of 1400 stars is offered when you select a function that uses the fixed stars.

**Colors:** *Options* menu — *Color Choices* — *Various tab* — select the item to be changed and click the desired color in the color window.

**Orb:** the orb for the 4 levels of stars is determined during the running of a function using the fixed stars..

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## Houses

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**Axis names:** to display the abbreviation of angular houses names (Asc, MC, Desc, IC) or not: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Houses tab*.

**Colors:** 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 11th and 12th House: *Options* menu — *Color Choices* — *Various tab* — *House cusps* — click the desired color in the

color window. Asc, MC, Desc, IC: *Options* menu — *Color Choices* — *Planets tab* — click the desired color in the color window.

**Degrees or degrees+minutes:** to display the minutes of longitude or not on the houses cusps: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Positions* tab (see too the « *Positions* » paragraph underneath).

**Fixed houses:** to choose the chart display with fixed houses: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Drawing of the chart section*.

**Horizon:** indicate planets as being below the horizon (via shading below the Ascendant/Descendant axis): *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Houses* tab.

**House system:** to choose the calculation method for the houses (Placidus, Campanus, Equal, etc.): *Options* menu — *Techniques and Computations* — *Houses* tab.

**Line or triangle:** to choose the graphic indication of the houses cusps: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Houses* tab.

**MC / IC:** to choose the design of the MC/IC axis: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Houses* tab.

**Numbering:** to choose the house numbering or not: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Houses* tab.

**Positions:** to display the positions on houses cusps: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Houses* tab (see too the « *Degrees* » paragraph above).

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### Indian/Vedic/Hindu astrology

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**Display:** to choose the display method for the chart: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Drawing of the chart section*.

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### Lists and tables

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**Choice to list data with either astrological symbols or text instead:** tables can display in text mode like « Moon conjunct Jupiter », or with symbols: «  $\text{D}\sigma$  ♄ ». This choice is made via the menu item *Options* — *Lists and tables*.

**Display in black & white, or in color:** to choose colors used in display of data tables (obtained via the Tools Window or the menu bar above): menu item *Options* — *Lists and tables*.

**Size of characters in displays:** the size of print characters and symbols in the tables is modified via the menu item *Options* -- *Lists and tables*.

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### Lunar Nodes

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**Color:** *Options* menu — *Color Choices* — *Planets tab* — select the item to be changed and click the desired color in the color window.

**Display:** to choose to display the Lunar Nodes or not, with or without aspects: *Options* menu — *Planets and Special points* — click the Node boxes (North and South) according to the desired choices.

**Mean or True:** to select the calculation method for the Lunar Nodes: *Options* menu — *Techniques and Computations* — *Moon+Miscellaneous tab* — make your choice.

**Orb:** to change the Lunar Node orb (full method only): *Options* menu — *Aspects and Orbs* — change the value.

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## Midpoint Astrology

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Information on how to use midpoint astrology functions, such as the 90° dial, are included in special documentation sent with the Special Uranian Astrology program, along with a tutorial on working with the 90° dial and other Uranian Astrology tools and functions. Basic information is also contained, as well, in the generic help-screens contained in all Aureas programs.

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## Ninety-degree Dial

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## Orbs

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**Applying/Separating:** to change the orb importance according as the aspect is applying or separating: *Options* menu — *Aspects and Orbs* — *Method by Planets and by Aspects* — click on the “Applying” button and adjust your value.

**Between two planets:** to define the orb to be taken into account during an aspect between two planets: *Options* menu — *Aspects and Orbs* — *Method by Planets and by Aspects* — choose between “Greater Orb”, “Mean Orb” and “Transiting”.

**Chart comparison:** to define the increase/decrease ratio of the orbs in comparisons between two charts: *Options* menu — *Aspects and Orbs* — enter the value in the “Comp. 2 charts” area (full method) or use the scroll bar (simplified method).

**Choice:** to change the orb of the aspects only (simplified method): *Options* menu — *Aspects and Orbs* — *Method Simplified by Aspects* — make your choice (orbs in degrees). To change the orbs by planet and aspect (full method): *Options* menu — *Aspects and Orbs* — *Method by Planets and by Aspects* — make your choice (orbs in percentage).

## Planetary Strengths

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**Choice:** *Options* menu — *Techniques and Computations* — *Strength* tab.

**Configuration:** the choice of an astrological school setting (*Options* menu — *Astrology School Settings*) automatically makes the choice of the appropriate calculation method of planetary strengths.

## Planets, Asteroids and Special Points

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**Colors:** *Options* menu — *Color Choices* — *Planets* tab — select the item to be changed and click the desired color in the color window.

**Display:** to select the planets to be displayed, with or without any aspects: *Options* menu — *Planets and Special points* — check the appropriate boxes.

**Degrees or degrees+minutes:** to display the minutes of longitude with the positions, or not: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Positions* tab.

**Moon:** choice of its glyph: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Planets* tab.

**Neptune:** choice of its glyph: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Planets* tab.

**Orbs:** to change the planets' orbs (full method only): *Options* menu — *Aspects and Orbs* — change the value.

**Pluto:** choice of its glyph: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Planets* tab.

**Programmable points :** to know how to create your programmable points: *Options* menu — *Planets and Special points* — click on the "Help" button — select the "Programmable points" topic.

**Size:** to change the planets' size: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Planets* tab — scroll bar.

**Size in conjunction:** to change the size of the planets in conjunction: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Planets* tab.

**Special points size:** to reduce the size of special points in comparison to the planets' size: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Planets* tab — option “of the special points”.

**Symbols:** to choose between True Type symbols and drawing: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Planets* tab.

**Uranus :** choice of its glyph: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Planets* tab.

## Printouts

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**Color of texts and titles:** to change these items: *Options* menu — *Color Choices* — *Various* tab — change the graphic titles and texts.

**Color or black and white printing:** to make that choice for color printers: *Files* menu — *Print* — check *Print in black* or *Print in with colors*.

**Configuration:** to select the print characteristics: *Files* menu — *Print* — *Printing Options*.

**Frame around charts, date of the day, printing resolution, personalization at the bottom of the page:** to change these items: *Files* menu — *Print* — *Astrology Options* — left section.

**Data tables and grids:** to choose to include aspect grids, or indicators of strengths, rulerships, or psychosocial phases, or nothing, at the bottom of the printed chart: *Files* menu — *Print* — *Astrology Options* — then choose the desired data type.

**Landscape:** to print in sideways mode (Landscape) instead of upright mode (Portrait): *Files* menu — *Print* — check *Landscape orientation*.

**Print:** to start printing: *Files* menu — *Print* — **Ok**.

**Size:** to change the printed chart size: *Files* menu — *Print* — *Astrology Options* — change the size.

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### Progressed New Moon

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**Colors:** *Options* menu — *Color Choices* — *Various tab* — select the phase to be changed and click the desired color in the color window.

**Number of phases:** the choice is made when you run the function.

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### Real time / Clock charts

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**Update speed:** to change the update speed in the automatic mode: *Options* menu — *Advanced users*.

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### Rulerships and Exaltations

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**Rulership and Exaltation:** to specify which are the planets to consider in Rulership and in Exaltation in each sign: *Options* menu — *Techniques and Computations* — *Forces tab* — click on the “Rulerships and Exaltations” button.

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### Updates/Upgrades

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**Program:** to implement a program update: *Help* menu — *Upgrading program*.

**Summer/Daylight Time:** to implement an update of the summer/daylight time tables, see also *Help* menu — *Upgrading program*.

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### Uranian Astrology

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Information on how to use midpoint astrology functions, such as the 90° dial, are included in special documentation sent with the Uranian Astrology program,

along with a tutorial on working with the 90° dial and other Uranian Astrology tools. Basic information is also contained, as well, in the generic help-screens contained in all Aureas programs.

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## Zodiac

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**Capricorn:** choice of its glyph: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Zodiac* tab.

**Choice:** to select the zodiac (tropical or sidereal): *Options* menu — *Techniques and Computations* — *Zodiac* tab.

**Colors:** *Options* menu — *Color Choices* — *Zodiac* tab — select the item to be changed and click the desired color in the color window. To modify the color of the background behind the sign glyphs, select the boxes to the right of the name of the sign, or use the *Zodiac signs* menu item.

**Constellations:** To select unequal constellations or not: *Options* menu — *Techniques and Computations* — *Zodiac* tab — “Use unequal constellations” and “Adjust unequal constellations” buttons. To choose how the constellations are shown (stars, symbols or constellation lines): *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics*—*Zodiac* tab — select a Double zodiac display on the left and choose in the *Zodiac* tab the desired method.

**Double zodiac:** to display the tropical zodiac (signs) and the sidereal (constellations) all together: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — Drawing of the chart section: Double zodiac.

**Degree increment markings:** to show degree ticks at 1° increments, 5° increments, or none at all: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Zodiac* tab.

**Sidereal:** to take the Nutation into consideration or not in the Sidereal calculations: *Options* menu — *Techniques and Computations* — *Zodiac* tab.

**Size:** to change the size of the zodiac: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Zodiac* tab — scroll bar.

**Symbols:** to choose between Aureas True Type symbols and standard drawings for the signs: *Options* menu — *Chart Graphics* — *Zodiac* tab.

**Zodiac :** to select the tropical zodiac, or a sidereal zodiac: *Options* menu — *Color Choices* — *Zodiac* tab .

# Chapter 4: GENERAL INFORMATION

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# 4.1 ACCURACY OF CALCULATIONS

## Calculation range for dates search

Sun and Moon: without any date limit.

Mercury to Pluto: from 1700 to 2100 for the Infociel program modules (without any warranty of accuracy beyond), and from -3000 to 3000 for Astro-PC.

## Accuracy of planetary longitudes on the 1900-2050 period

The Ephemerides of reference are: *The New International Ephemerides 1900-2050* for the Planets, Nodes and Moon and *Ephemerides of the Asteroids 1900-2050* for the asteroids.

The differences indicated in the examples below for the 1900-2050 period affect only the Infociel software. For Astro-PC, the level of accuracy is of one second of arc: see below the "Accuracy of Astro-PC" paragraph.

### 1st example: 1 March, 1903, 0:00 am

Planets	ASTRO-PC	REFERENCE	Diff.	Note
Sun	9° 14' 13" ☿	9° 14' 12" ☿	0' 01"	.2.
Moon	27° 28' 02" ☾	27° 28' 03" ☾	0' 01"	
Mercury	12° 17' ☿	12° 17' ☿	—	.1.
Venus	1° 06' ♀	1° 05' ♀	1'	
Mars	15° 35' ♀ R	15° 36' ♀ R	1'	
Jupiter	2° 03' ♃	2° 05' ♃	2'	
Saturn	4° 35' ♄	4° 35' ♄	—	
Uranus	25° 13' ♅	25° 14' ♅	1'	
Neptune	0° 58' ♆ R	0° 57' ♆ R	1'	
Pluto	17° 44' ♇ R	17° 41' ♇ R	3'	
Lunar Mean node True	18° 03' ♁ R 16° 15' ♁ R	18° 03' ♁ R 16° 15' ♁ R	— —	
Black Moon True	12° 57' ♁	12° 57' ♁	—	
Moon True	14° 43' ♁	14° 43' ♁	—	
Chiron	20° 13' ♁	20° 33' ♁	20'	
Ceres	17° 08' ♁ R	17° 27' ♁ R	19'	
Pallas	2° 01' ♁	2° 23' ♁	22'	
Juno	6° 26' ♁	5° 46' ♁	40'	
Vesta	22° 06' ♁	22° 07' ♁	1'	

## 2nd example: 1 February, 1925, 0:00 am

Planets	ASTRO-PC	REFERENCE	Diff.	Note
Sun	11° 38' 07" ♀	11° 38' 06" ♀	0' 01"	.2.
Moon	15° 03' 50" ☾	15° 03' 45" ☾	0' 05"	
Mercury	20° 47' ♄	20° 47' ♄	—	
Venus	21° 18' ♀	21° 18' ♀	—	
Mars	27° 11' ♀	27° 10' ♀	1'	
Jupiter	10° 05' ♄	10° 03' ♄	2'	
Saturn	13° 52' ♄	13° 56' ♄	4'	
Uranus	19° 20' ♃	19° 19' ♃	1'	
Neptune	21° 28' ♆ R	21° 29' ♆ R	1'	
Pluto	11° 55' ♇ R	11° 55' ♇ R	—	
Lunar Mean node	13° 59' ♆ R	13° 59' ♆ R	—	
Lunar True node	13° 45' ♆ R	13° 44' ♆ R	1'	
Black Moon Mean	5° 04' ♇	5° 04' ♇	—	
Black Moon True	28° 59' ♃ R	28° 59' ♃ R	—	.1.
Chiron	20° 11' ♀	20° 34' ♀	23'	
Ceres	2° 30' ☾	2° 33' ☾	3'	
Pallas	19° 56' ♃	19° 39' ♃	17'	
Juno	10° 35' ♃	10° 23' ♃	12'	
Vesta	25° 33' ♃	25° 28' ♃	5'	

## 3rd example: 9 August, 1947, 0:00 am

Planets	ASTRO-PC	REFERENCE	Diff.	Note
Sun	15° 34' 22" ♆	15° 34' 18" ♆	0' 04"	.2.
Moon	5° 04' 22" ☾	5° 04' 21" ☾	0' 01"	
Mercury	27° 26' ♄	27° 26' ♄	—	
Venus	8° 34' ♆	8° 34' ♆	—	
Mars	26° 47' ♃	26° 46' ♃	1'	
Jupiter	18° 34' ♄	18° 33' ♄	1'	
Saturn	12° 51' ♆	12° 51' ♆	—	
Uranus	24° 54' ♃	24° 56' ♃	2'	
Neptune	8° 41' ♆	8° 41' ♆	—	
Pluto	13° 01' ♆	13° 03' ♆	2'	
Lunar Mean node	28° 30' ☾ R	28° 30' ☾ R	—	
Lunar True node	29° 07' ☾ R	29° 08' ☾ R	1'	
Black Moon Mean	21° 15' ♄	21° 15' ♄	—	
Black Moon True	14° 18' ♀	14° 18' ♀	—	.1.
Chiron	3° 48' ♄	3° 37' ♄	11'	
Ceres	6° 55' ☾	7° 02' ☾	7'	
Pallas	13° 17' ♃ R	13° 08' ♃ R	9'	
Juno	17° 03' ♃ R	16° 31' ♃ R	32'	
Vesta	1° 56' ♄	1° 50' ♄	6'	

4th example: 1 June, 1975, 0:00 am

Planets	ASTRO-PC	REFERENCE	Diff.	Note
Sun	9° 54' 08" ♀	9° 54' 10" ♀	0' 02"	.2.
Moon	29° 13' 53" ♁	29° 13' 52" ♁	0' 01"	
Mercury	23° 23' ♀ R	23° 24' ♀ R	1'	
Venus	24° 18' ☿	24° 18' ☿	-	
Mars	8° 00' ♃	7° 59' ♃	1'	
Jupiter	16° 45' ♃	16° 44' ♃	1'	
Saturn	17° 01' ♄	16° 58' ♄	3'	
Uranus	28° 54' ♅ R	28° 54' ♅ R	-	
Neptune	10° 25' ♆ R	10° 26' ♆ R	1'	
Pluto	6° 34' ♇ R	6° 33' ♇ R	1'	
Lunar Mean node True	0° 36' ♆ R	0° 36' ♆ R	-	
Black Mean	0° 52' ♆ R	0° 53' ♆ R	1'	
Moon True	12° 54' ♁	12° 54' ♁	-	
Chiron	14° 47' ♁ R	14° 47' ♁ R	-	
Ceres	26° 30' ♃	26° 36' ♃	6'	
Pallas	10° 35' ☿	10° 39' ☿	4'	
Juno	29° 42' ♁	29° 41' ♁	1'	
Vesta	15° 26' ♀	15° 30' ♀	4'	
	20° 56' ♁	20° 27' ♁	29'	

5th example: 31 December, 2000, 0:00 am

Planets	ASTRO-PC	REFERENCE	Diff.	Note
Sun	9° 36' 49" ♁	9° 36' 48" ♁	0' 01"	.2.
Moon	6° 42' 07" ♁	6° 42' 02" ♁	0' 05"	
Mercury	12° 40' ♁	12° 39' ♁	1'	
Venus	25° 51' ♁	25° 52' ♁	1'	
Mars	4° 22' ♃	4° 21' ♃	1'	
Jupiter	2° 18' ♀ R	2° 16' ♀ R	2'	
Saturn	24° 39' ☿ R	24° 38' ☿ R	1'	
Uranus	18° 35' ♁	18° 36' ♁	1'	
Neptune	5° 18' ♁	5° 18' ♁	-	
Pluto	13° 44' ♆	13° 44' ♆	-	
Lunar Mean node True	15° 44' ☿ R	15° 44' ☿ R	-	
Black Mean	15° 30' ☿	15° 30' ☿	-	
Moon True	3° 57' ♁	3° 57' ♁	-	
Chiron	12° 29' ♁	12° 29' ♁	-	
Ceres	22° 19' ♆	22° 25' ♆	6'	
Pallas	16° 23' ♆	16° 04' ♆	19'	
Juno	22° 55' ♃	22° 18' ♃	37'	
Vesta	6° 14' ♁	5° 36' ♁	38'	
	26° 09' ♁	25° 55' ♁	14'	

**6th example: 1 September, 2025, 0:00 am**

Planets	ASTRO-PC	REFERENCE	Diff.	Note
Sun	8° 49' 46" ♀	8° 49' 44" ♀	0' 02"	.2.
Moon	16° 54' 49" ✂	16° 54' 49" ✂	—	
Mercury	27° 03' ♀	27° 03' ♀	—	
Venus	7° 34' ♀	7° 33' ♀	1'	
Mars	15° 56' ♀	15° 55' ♀	1'	
Jupiter	17° 53' ♄	17° 52' ♄	1'	
Saturn	0° 00' ♄ R	0° 01' ♄ R	1'	
Uranus	1° 28' ♀	1° 27' ♀	1'	
Neptune	1° 23' ♄ R	1° 22' ♄ R	1'	
Pluto	1° 54' ♄ R	1° 46' ♄ R	8'	
Lunar Mean node True	18° 38' ✂ R	18° 38' ✂ R	—	
Black Mean Moon True	18° 23' ✂ R	18° 23' ✂ R	—	
	17° 42' ♀	17° 42' ♀	—	
	16° 33' ♀ R	16° 33' ♀ R	—	
Chiron	27° 06' ♄ R	26° 43' ♄ R	23'	
Ceres	15° 53' ♄ R	15° 54' ♄ R	1'	
Pallas	9° 45' ♄ R	10° 05' ♄ R	20'	
Juno	22° 33' ♀	22° 27' ♀	6'	
Vesta	25° 31' ♀	24° 48' ♀	43'	

**7th example: 1 December, 2049, 0:00 am**

Planets	ASTRO-PC	REFERENCE	Diff.	Note
Sun	9° 13' 12" ✂	9° 13' 12" ✂	—	.2.
Moon	26° 13' 42" ♄	26° 13' 46" ♄	0' 04"	
Mercury	28° 12' ✂	28° 12' ✂	—	
Venus	2° 15' ✂	2° 14' ✂	1'	
Mars	28° 01' ♀	27° 59' ♀	2'	
Jupiter	4° 06' ♀ R	4° 11' ♀	5'	
Saturn	24° 17' ♄	24° 16' ♄	1'	
Uranus	20° 30' ♀	20° 28' ♀	2'	
Neptune	24° 21' ♄ R	24° 19' ♄ R	2'	
Pluto	7° 23' ✂	7° 11' ✂	12'	
Lunar Mean node True	29° 37' ♀ R	29° 37' ♀ R	—	
Black Mean Moon True	0° 12' ✂ R	0° 13' ✂ R	1'	
	14° 25' ♀	14° 24' ♀	1'	
	17° 32' ♄ R	17° 32' ♄ R	—	
Chiron	1° 50' ✂	2° 46' ✂	56'	
Ceres	22° 30' ♄ R	23° 10' ♄ R	40'	
Pallas	0° 26' ♄	0° 05' ♄	21'	
Juno	0° 07' ♀	0° 52' ♀	45'	
Vesta	11° 15' ♀	11° 36' ♀	21'	

**Notes:**

1. The accuracy of the Corrected Black Moon, which is hardly ever used anymore by astrologers, is not indicated above.
2. For these examples, since the Ephemerides give the positions in Ephemeris Time, TDT, the Delta T time correction has not been taken into consideration in these tests (cf *Techniques and Computations* options, Moon+miscellaneous tab).
3. The astrological program displays Retrograde motion for the True Lunar Node and the Black Moon, and the dates of Direct and Retrograde motion of the planets in Astro-PC.

# ACCURACY APART FROM THE OPTIMAL PERIOD

For those who want to use dates before 1600, have a look at the screen help (*General notes about Time formats and notations* topic, in the *Data input* chapter).

You can enter dates taking place before the year 0. Dates can be entered according to the Gregorian calendar or the Julian. On the screen, the astrological program always displays once again the dates in Universal Time and *Gregorian* calendar.

## Examples and comparisons with the academic ephemerides of Tuckerman -600 up to 1700 (Julian calendar)

Planets	ASTRO-PC/INFOCIEL minutes hundredth	TUCKERMAN hundredth	Differences in hundredth
<i>1st example : 05/10/1648 J at 16:00 U.T.</i>			
Sun	60°02' = 60.03	60.05	0.02
Moon	38°21' = 38.35	38.03	0.32
Mercury	37°13' = 37.22	37.23	0.01
Venus	29°06' = 29.10	29.11	0.01
Mars	36°13' = 36.23	36.22	0.01
Jupiter	150°35' = 150.60	150.50	0.10
Saturn	64°46' = 64.76	64.70	0.06
<i>2nd example: 09/06/1214 J at 16:00 U.T.</i>			
Sun	170°25' = 170.42	170.44	0.02
Moon	182°44' = 182.78	182.06	0.72
Mercury	152°48' = 152.80	152.80	0.00
Venus	148°31' = 148.50	148.57	0.07
Mars	161°25' = 161.42	161.44	0.02
Jupiter	296°47' = 296.78	296.92	0.14
Saturn	169°09' = 169.15	169.53	0.38
<i>3rd example: 03/02/0406 J at 16:00 U.T.</i>			
Sun	342°56' = 342.95	342.96	0.01
Moon	292°34' = 292.57	292.06	0.51
Mercury	358°33' = 358.57	358.62	0.03
Venus	310°54' = 310.90	310.96	0.06
Mars	216°11' = 216.20	216.66	0.46
Jupiter	247°17' = 247.28	247.56	0.28
Saturn	344°22' = 344.37	343.83	0.46

<i>4th example: 01/03/0000 J at 16:00 U.T.</i>			
<b>Sun</b>	<b>281°20' = 281.33</b>	<b>281.36</b>	<b>0.03</b>
<b>Moon</b>	<b>15°44' = 15.73</b>	<b>15.07</b>	<b>0.66</b>
<b>Mercury</b>	<b>274°19' = 274.32</b>	<b>274.41</b>	<b>0.09</b>
<b>Venus</b>	<b>242°18' = 242.32</b>	<b>242.42</b>	<b>0.10</b>
<b>Mars</b>	<b>229°13' = 229.22</b>	<b>229.46</b>	<b>0.24</b>
<b>Jupiter</b>	<b>160°22' = 160.37</b>	<b>160.03</b>	<b>0.34</b>
<b>Saturn</b>	<b>55°45' = 55.75</b>	<b>55.98</b>	<b>0.23</b>
<i>5th example: 07/11/-600 J at 16:00 U.T.</i>			
<b>Sun</b>	<b>101°41' = 101.68</b>	<b>101.74</b>	<b>0.06</b>
<b>Moon</b>	<b>318°58' = 318.90</b>	<b>318.09</b>	<b>0.81</b>
<b>Mercury</b>	<b>126°45' = 126.75</b>	<b>126.73</b>	<b>0.02</b>
<b>Venus</b>	<b>65°53' = 65.88</b>	<b>65.96</b>	<b>0.08</b>
<b>Mars</b>	<b>339°18' = 339.32</b>	<b>339.16</b>	<b>0.16</b>
<b>Jupiter</b>	<b>310°08' = 310.13</b>	<b>310.76</b>	<b>0.63</b>
<b>Saturn</b>	<b>280°37' = 280.62</b>	<b>280.08</b>	<b>0.54</b>

*Note:* Enter the minus sign for the negative years (the astronomical 0 year is the one historians call "-1". If ever you find different results, verify that the *Delta T time correction* is checked.

## Examples and comparisons with modern ephemerides (1986) made by the astronomers Bretagnon and Simon -4000 up to 8000

The positions below are given in Universal Time for the 1st of January of the Millennium, in hundredths of degrees.

The "J" symbol following a given date means it has been entered in Julian Calendar. The "x" symbol means that this position is not yet given in these ephemerides.

Date	Sun	Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune
-4000J	250.86	229.64	206.73	261.17	13.29	91.25	x	x
-3000J	257.67	239.19	284.40	186.18	149.34	84.35	x	x
-2000J	264.57	249.13	222.49	29.90	261.90	75.46	x	x
-1000J	271.54	259.40	301.91	298.71	20.80	65.87	x	x
0J	278.62	269.98	239.17	227.64	159.98	56.19	x	x
1000J	285.80	280.79	319.78	116.75	270.17	47.30	x	x
1600J	279.99	287.46	257.96	137.48	140.90	207.38	27.24	147.72
2000	279.86	271.11	240.96	327.58	25.23	40.41	314.78	303.18
2800	279.73	278.34	298.87	166.31	214.22	120.40	152.37	263.36
4000	279.78	270.23	241.16	186.87	x	x	x	x
5000	280.60	270.58	314.12	352.61	x	x	x	x
6000	280.70	269.15	242.35	279.82	x	x	x	x
7000	282.08	269.11	315.55	223.84	x	x	x	x
8000	282.70	267.36	244.50	27.90	x	x	x	x

Below, values displayed by the astrological software (in hundredth of degrees, Universal Time and Julian Calendar if a J is next to the year).

The "dif" lines give the differences between the values given by the astrological program and the ephemerides of reference.

Note that the Sun's accuracy doesn't exceed 0.11, which is 6' of arc for 12,000 years.

Date	Sun	Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune
-4000J	250.91	229.43	206.49	260.62	13.38	90.00		
dif.	.05	.21	.24	.55	.09	1.25		
-3000J	257.72	239.03	284.28	185.01	148.53	82.77		
dif.	.05	.16	.12	1.17	.81	1.57		
-2000J	264.60	249.02	222.32	29.42	259.61	73.90		
dif.	.03	.11	.17	.48	2.29	1.56		

Date	Sun	Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune
-1000J	271.56	259.34	301.89	298.56	20.61	64.92		
dif.	.02	.06	.02	.15	.19	.95		
0J	278.62	269.94	239.10	227.37	160.41	55.87		
dif.	-	.04	.07	.27	.43	.32		
1000J	285.81	280.79	319.79	116.78	270.07	47.43		
dif.	.01	-	.01	.03	.10	.13		
1600	279.98	287.46	257.92	137.52	140.98	207.29	27.04	147.79
dif.	.01	-	.04	.04	.08	.09	.20	.07
2000	279.86	271.13	240.97	327.59	25.29	40.42	314.78	303.18
dif.	-	.02	.01	.01	.06	.01	-	-
2800	279.72	278.34	298.88	166.32	214.02	120.46	151.91	263.66
dif.	.01	-	.01	.01	.20	.06	.46	.30
4000	279.76	270.18	241.15	186.72				
dif.	.02	.05	.01	.15				
5000	280.57	270.47	314.04	352.61				
dif.	.03	.11	.08	.01				
6000	280.65	268.97	242.19	279.81				
dif.	.05	.18	.16	.01				
7000	281.99	268.85	315.31	223.22				
dif.	.09	.26	.24	.62				
8000	282.59	267.08	244.09	27.39				
dif.	.11	.28	.41	.51				

## ACCURACY OF ASTRO-PC SOFTWARE

### *EPHEMERIDES 1900-2050*

The ephemerides of Astro-PC are taken from the "New International Ephemerides 1900-2050", and have the substantial accuracy of *1 second of arc* in the calculations (and not only in the display).

In addition, if you install the new extended ephemerides for Astro-PC Pro, there is further increased precision for the years 3000 BC to 3000 AD.

This level of accuracy is for longitudes of the Sun, the Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto (special points not included).

### **You will get precise accuracy for the following functions:**

- Planetary positions
- Indian/Vedic astrology
- Search of transit dates
- Search of secondary progression dates
- Search of converse direction dates
- Search of symbolic direction dates
- Aspectarian cycles or aspects of the day
- Aspectarian transits to the Natal chart
- Aspectarian secondary progressions to the Natal chart and so on.

### **With all these choices available:**

- Aspects (with your own programmable aspects)
- Ingress (entry of planets in sign)
- Crossing on the houses cusps

### *DATES OF DIRECT OR RETROGRADE MOTION*

#### **Technical features:**

- Planets: Mercury to Pluto.
- Very high accuracy: 1 minute of time approximately.
- Calculation method: When the apparent longitude of the planet is changing from direct motion to retrograde. (Another astrologically questionable method uses the crossing of the speed vector at a zero speed, in which case some astronomical phenomena are not taken into account, resulting in a difference as great as a few hours).

## 4.2. WARRANTY

- AUREAS will exchange all defective program CDs during a period of 3 months following your purchase of the product (as verified by documentation). After this period, and up to 4 years following proven purchase, Aureas will replace the defective disk for a fee of 15 Euros or its equivalent. To implement this exchange, send the defective disk to the address indicated at the front of this manual.
- Aureas will provide after-sales assistance necessary for the installation of the software for at least four years.
- The purchase of the software represents the purchase of the right of use for a single computer. For a computer network, only one single use of the program must occur at any given time.
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### 4.3. GLOSSARY of a few basic computer terms for the new computer user

**Astrological function:** This is a process such as drawing a chart or a creating a list of data from a chart. Functions are available through the main menu bar in the Tools window.

**Button:** Buttons in the program function like buttons on electrical equipment. By clicking on them with your mouse (i.e. "pressing" them), or selecting them via the keys (Tab, Arrow, and Spacebar keys) they automatically perform functions such as creating and displaying tables, opening data windows, or redrawing charts. Most often they appear as a rectangle with a name in the center that describes their function. Some examples of command buttons in the Data Input window are **Ok**, **Cancel**, **Help**. (These differ from "Radio Buttons", which are used for selecting options from a list.)

**Click:** Clicking the mouse means you press one of the buttons on the mouse with your finger (usually after moving it to the function you want to perform). In the majority of cases, and where left-click or right-click is not indicated, you press the left-hand button (in the other cases, "right-click" is noted.)

**Confirming:** Confirming means that you press the Enter key or click a button (including the **Ok** button) after inputting data, or after pressing another function button. This action will end a data input process, or will implement the actual function of another button selected.

**Desktop:** The desktop is the screen which displays right after you first turn your computer, before any of your programs are started. It contains several icons: one for most every program you have added to your computer, as well as one for the Recycle Bin, My Computer (containing a list of all programs on your computer), etc. A double-click on one of these icons will either open it or automatically start its functions.

**Double-click:** To click twice quickly on any item on your screen.

**Drag and drop:** To click on a moveable item (usually a window) and while keeping the mouse button depressed, move the item by moving the mouse. Once at the new desired position, you "drop" the item (usually a window) by releasing the mouse button.

**Explorer:** This is the generic Microsoft computer system program allowing you to make copies of floppy disks and files, removals, and classifications, and to view the directory contents of your computer files.

**External point:** This is an extra astrological point you enter manually, that is not calculated automatically by the program. It could be a planet from another chart, a geographic factor measured via the zodiac, or another experimental factor you want to investigate. The program will display the position in your charts and will calculate its aspects along with the rest of the chart factors. It is also referred to as an "Extra Point".

**Icon:** This is a small picture that functions like a button (see Button).

**Menu bar:** This is the line of words displayed at the top of the screen. It categorizes most all the functions of a program, and by activating the category words on the menu, you will usually then see a list (menu) of functions within that specific category... and you can then choose the desired function from the list. The Main Menu bar remains at the top of the main window for as long as the program runs (except when charts are magnified via the zoom function). Sometimes, there are also supplementary menu bars inside new windows opened.

**Menu:** A menu is a list of functions gathered under the same category. To view the list/menu, just activate its category name by clicking on it, or by holding down the Alt key while you type the underlined letter in the category name you want.

**Point:** To point the mouse consists of moving the mouse so that pointer (the arrow) is within any button, word, or icon you want to select, open, or view textual information about.

**Programmable Point:** available with Astro-PC, this is a modifiable point of your choice or making that you can display in the charts.

**Radio Buttons:** These are circles next to items in a list, indicating that you can choose any one of the listed items. If the circle is empty, the item is not selected. If the circle however has a black dot in the center, the function or factors whose name follows it has been selected to operate.

**Scroll bar and buttons:** This is are a thin, shaded area located on the right side and at the bottom of the data windows. Each scroll bar contains a little square called a scroll button, as well as two arrows at each end. The scroll button tells you where you are in the list of data displayed in the window, and moves you up and down the page. If it is at the top, it means that the lines displayed in the window are those of beginning of data. If it is at the bottom, you are at the bottom of the data list.

**Select:** This literally means to choose something. It usually consists of clicking on any desired button, icon, or word. The selected item will then be

highlighted for contrast, to show that it has been selected. By clicking one more time, or by pressing the Enter key, the desired action is performed. You can also "select" text by positioning the mouse at the beginning of the desired word or phrase/s, and then clicking and dragging to the end of the text, where you release the mouse button.

**Sensitive point:** A sensitive point is an empty degree of the zodiac which potentially forms an aspect or midpoint with a planet or point already in the chart.

**Shortcut:** A shortcut is a copy of the icon or button that activates a program. The shortcut icon can be placed anywhere (for instance on the Desktop) and automatically open the file or the program it is linked to. Your Windows help sources will explain how to create shortcuts.

**Special points:** Special points include astrological factors which are technically not classed as "planets", but which are important for the astrologer. These potentially include Ascendant, the Midheaven, the Lunar Nodes, the Black Moon, the Part of Fortune, and other factors.

**Tab:** This word has two meanings in the computer context. There is a Tab key which moves one around the screen or indents a paragraph. Then, there is also the Tab which emulates the Tab of a file folder: it may be selected to open up, for viewing, the information inside a set of stacked "folders". In the Aureas programs, you find such Tabs in the Tools window.

**Title bar:** The title bar is the text that appears at the very top of a window, and it reminds you of the contents of the window.

**Validate:** Validating consists of pressing the Enter key or clicking on a button after selecting or inputting data, thus confirming the typed data or the desired function.

**Window:** A window is a frame in which text or pictures display. For Astro-PC charts, you can open several graphic windows in which you can view several astrological functions. For instance, one window might contain the natal chart of a person, while another window contains the natal chart of a second person; and a third window might even contain the midpoints between these two charts. Windows called "data windows" will appear when you will ask for special functions activated by the buttons in the Tools window. A window includes a title bar, and a window containing more data than can be displayed on the screen include a scroll bar (see these words for definitions).

## NOTES