

# WHAT ARE GEODETIC CHARTS?

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A *Geodetic Chart* is a horoscope for a moment in time, just like a regular horoscope, but with one big difference. Instead of using the actual house cusps at the time and place in question, a *Geodetic Chart* uses a set of cusps which is a property of a particular place on the Earth's surface.

Every single point on the surface of the Earth is regarded as having a unique set of **geodetic cusps**. These cusps derive from the latitude and longitude. Although our starting point for longitude is arbitrary (no law of physics requires that we set zero degrees of longitude at Greenwich, England) the charts are consistently revealing in the manner described below.

We begin by defining the **geodetic Midheaven (MC)**, and then derive the other cusps from it, just as we look up the cusps corresponding to any given Midheaven, when erecting a normal chart and using a book of house tables. The basic rule is this:

**The meridian of Greenwich (0 E = 0 W) is regarded as having a geodetic Midheaven of 0 Aries.**

As we go east from the Meridian of Greenwich, the zodiacal longitude of the **geodetic Midheaven** increases with the terrestrial longitude. For example, any point on the meridian of 30 degrees east has a **geodetic Midheaven** of 0 Taurus; any point at 60 East has a **geodetic MC** of 0 Gemini; and so on.

To find the geodetic MC of any point on the Earth, simply convert the terrestrial longitude, using the following rule:

- If the place has **East longitude**, convert that longitude directly to the **geodetic MC** — for example, 15E02 = 15 Aries 02, and 160E28 = 10 Virgo 28.
- If the place has **West longitude**, subtract the longitude from 360, and then convert it to the **geodetic MC** — for example, 12W43 is subtracted from 360, giving 347E17, which equals 17 Pisces 17. Similarly, 103W31 is subtracted from 360, giving 256E29, which equals 16 Sagittarius 29.

(If this is not clear, try drawing a horoscope wheel and labeling each sign with the number of degrees that correspond to it: 0 Aries = 0 degrees of the zodiac, 0 Taurus = 30 degrees of the zodiac, and so on; 0 Libra = 180 degrees of the zodiac, and so on.)

The earliest work on *Geodetic Charts* of which we are aware is a small book entitled *Geodetic Equivalents* by Sepharial, an important English astrologer of the early 20th century. In 1988, a larger work came out: *The Geodetic World Map*, by the

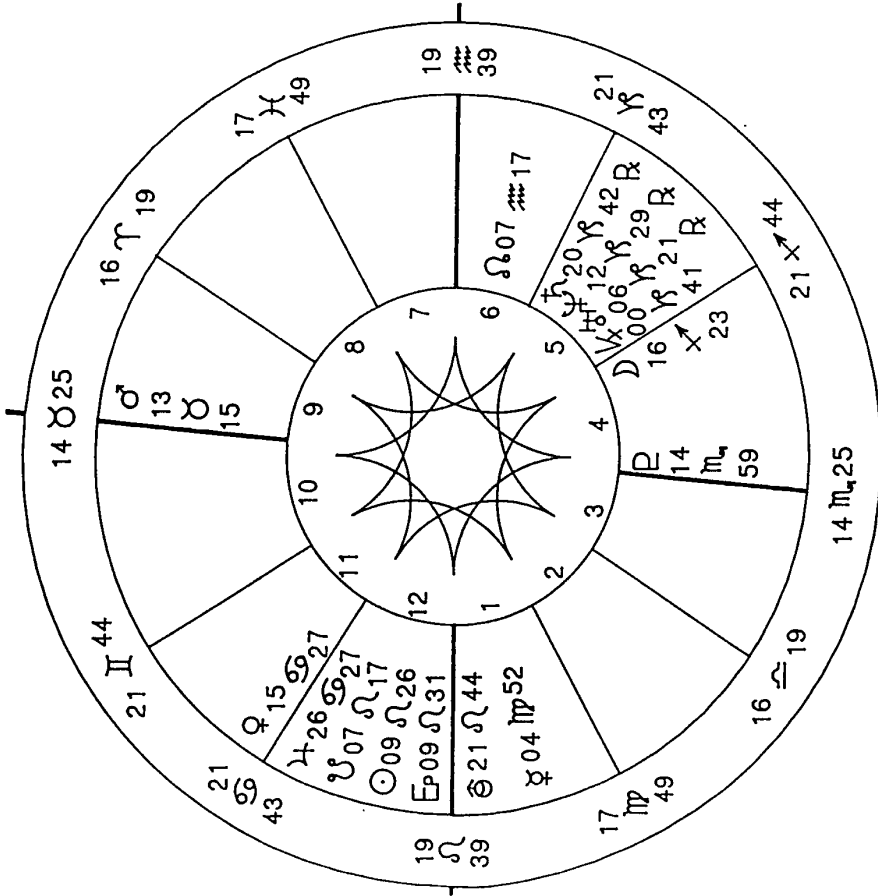
Canadian astrologer I. I. Chris McRae. Both books are available from The American Federation of Astrologers.

Joyce Wehrman was much impressed with these charts, and regarded them as very useful in mundane astrology (the study of world events), as well as in the study of individuals' relocations. She emphasized the importance of using the **Koch house system**, and always including **Transpluto**, in order to see the full power of these charts. What you're looking for are tie-ins between the planets and the **geodetic cusps** — conjunctions being most important, obviously. An orb of three degrees or so seems to be what works. Also, the **midpoints of the planets** may make close conjunctions to some of the **geodetic cusps**, and this is quite important as well.

In studying world events, such as wars, riots, revolutions, and earthquakes, *Geodetic Charts* are found to be very valuable. Generally, the more important the event, the more clearly it will be shown in the *Geodetic Chart*. If twenty people die in a bus crash, it will most likely not show in the geodetic; if a hundred people die in a riot, it might show; if a thousand people die in a large earthquake or a battle, it will show clearly. The *Midpoint Structures* are very useful with mundane *Geodetic Charts* — look especially at the structures involving the **geodetic MC, ASC, East Point, and Vertex**.

You can put an individual's natal planets on the framework of the **geodetic cusps** of the birthplace, or of any relocation that has been important in the person's life. Generally, the longer a person has lived in a particular place, the more likely it seems to be that their natal chart will tie into the **geodetic (Koch) cusps** of the place. Normally, close conjunctions of some planets, natal cusps, or natal Part of Fortune, to one or more geodetic cusps will show up. The meaning of the conjunction is often very appropriate, as with natal Jupiter on the geodetic IC for the place where a person was raised in an economically prosperous family. Another example is that of a man who has natal Mars conjunct the geodetic MC for a location where he plans to be self-employed, in a fairly isolated rural environment. In his case, the *Relocation Chart* shows Pluto on the MC — the higher octave of Mars!

The *Geodetic Charts* of individuals seem to add information to the *Relocation Charts*. The two types of charts are often quite consistent with one another in their meaning for a given person. Note, however, that a person may live for many years in a place where the *Relocation Chart* has no planets conjunct to cusps, whereas the *Geodetic Charts* seem usually to show conjunctions, if not of planets, then of natal cusps or Fortuna, to the geodetic cusps.

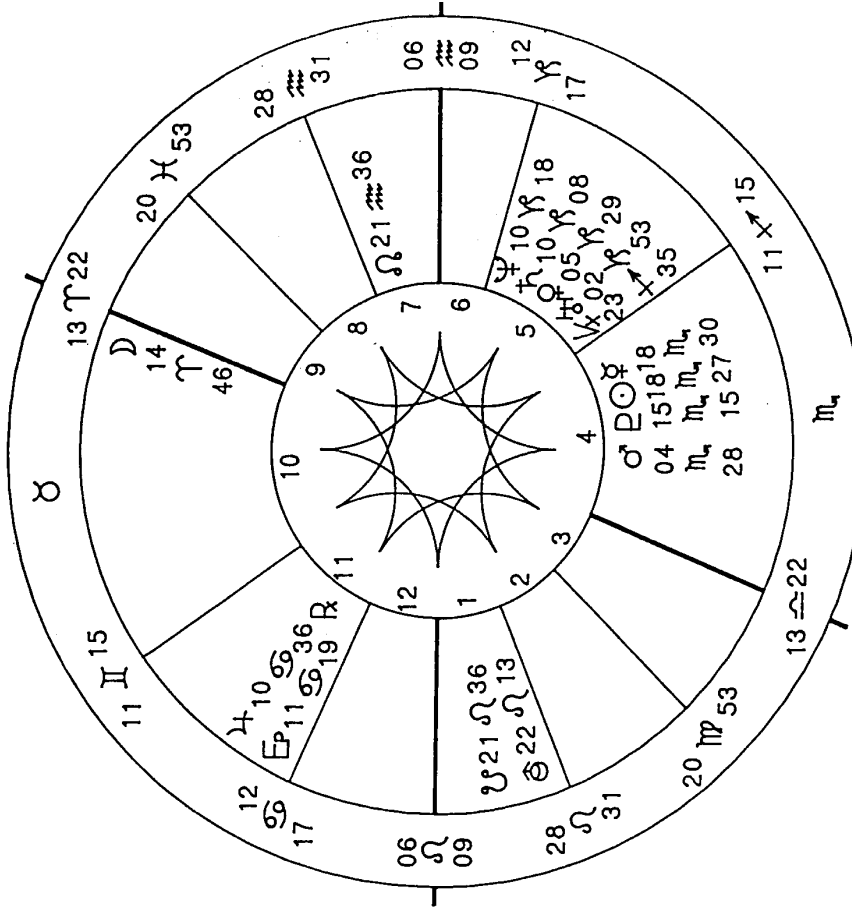


GEODETIC CHART

**IRAQ INVADES KUWAIT**

2 Aug 1990 3h 0m 0s BTD  
 BAGHDAD, IRAQ  
 KOCH 33N21 44E25

The invasion of Kuwait occurred at 2:00 AM Kuwait time, which was the same as 3:00 AM Baghdad time. We have given the chart for Baghdad, because the house cusp contacts are more exact than at Kuwait. This may be explained by the fact that the aggression originated from Baghdad. Note especially Mars on the MC, opposed to Pluto on the IC. Other features include Saturn on the 6th, Sun on the East Point, and the Nodal axis close to the East Point/West Point axis. Mars and the Sun may be regarded as the "triggers" in this chart, with the slower bodies having set the stage.



GEODETIC CHART

**BERLIN WALL OPENS UP**

10 Nov 1989 22h 0m 0s MET  
 BERLIN, GER  
 KOCH 52N30 13E22

In the chart for the opening of the Berlin Wall, note the heavy concentration of planets on the 6th/12th axis (virtually the same as the East Point/West point axis, in this case). During 1989, as the Communist regimes fell in Eastern Europe, events correlated with Neptune and Saturn hitting the 6th geodetic cusps in the various capital cities. The 6th represents workers and servants; the 12th, confinement. The conjunction of Saturn and Neptune meant that illusion (Marxist-Leninist dogma) was brought face to face with reality (the failure of Communism.) Also, authority was dissolved!