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GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR ASTROLOGY SOFTWARE

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AstrolDeluxe Platinum 10.0

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More than three years ago, I reviewed AstrolDeluxe Platinum in the Aug./Sept. 2016 issue of *The Mountain Astrologer*. Since the software's initial release, its author has continually improved it, culminating with the latest version 10. AstrolDeluxe Platinum runs on Windows 7, 8, and 10 and on a Mac using Windows emulation software (e.g., Windows with Bootcamp, Parallels, etc.).

Don't let the old-school graphics and interface fool you — AstrolDeluxe Platinum is a powerful astrology program packed with unique capabilities. It includes a database of 93,800 charts, categorized by vocation and other major life themes, to use with its built-in research tools. AstrolDeluxe Platinum can now import charts from Solar Fire, as well as from other astrology programs.

The program can also run the company's superlative quality add-on reports, including new reports for declination aspects and minor (45° and 135°) hard aspects (and reports on Chiron, the Black Moon, and Aspect Patterns). Many of these reports are groundbreaking, resulting from years of painstaking research by the author.

Perhaps the crown jewel of the latest version is the Nested Time aspects for the year. Based upon the book of the same title by astrologer Arthur M. Young, this feature allows you to view a list of astrological aspects with keywords for an entire year, and click on an aspect to get an expanded interpretation. You can use the Life History feature to add life events into the right side of the screen, in order to see correspondences between the sky and the life.

Among the techniques employed in Nested Time are Progressions, Solar Arc Directions, Ascendant Arc and Vertex Arc Directions, and transits by Saturn through Pluto. You can add Jupiter transits, transiting and progressed Chiron, Transits to Progressed, Classical Primary Directions,

and Minor and Tertiary Progressions. You can also turn off Ascendant Arc and Vertex Arc Directions, and use your own set of natal points and aspects.

The Vocational Ranking screen is quite brilliant, determining the most likely careers for a chart's owner by comparing that person's planetary aspects to those in the vocational chart files.

The Graphic Aspectarian can create monthly and yearly graphs showing the individual and cumulative influences of transits. You can select whether to create mundane (transit-to-transit) or personal (transit-to-natal) graphs, and which points to use.

Anyone wishing to explore group dynamics will enjoy the Group Signatures section of the Research Charts module. You can search groups of up to 300 charts for the proportions of houses, signs, hemisphere & quadrants, house modalities & elements, and sign modalities & elements, as well as view a graph of Planetary Strengths for each group. If you click on any positive or negative part of the Planetary Strength graph, you can see which aspects comprise that part of the graph. And you can name, print, and save the results.

The Map of Degree Strengths is another unique feature of AstrolDeluxe Platinum 10. This generates a wheel showing the strength of every degree in a chart. The map is created by calculating how many planets will aspect each degree. There's a table showing the six strongest degrees, and by clicking on one, its interpretation is displayed. Two added tables show the positive, negative, and cumulative strength of each of the houses and each of the signs.

New basic capabilities include being able to view up to four Separate Wheels on one page, a detailed Aspect Grid, and the Life Diagram, a progressed graphic ephemeris screen with an adjustable harmonic and date range.

The author has thoughtfully included in the new version's program manual an essay on how and why astrology works (with an extensive bibliography); the essay is titled "Intellectual Astrology."

AstrolDeluxe Platinum offers a unique set of techniques and research features. It's no wonder, given its phenomenal reports and many innovative functions, that the program has so many fans.