



Beginners

[Home](#) / [Beginners](#)

Beginners

Newbie to the iPad, or newbie to astrological charts, concepts and best/usual practice? Start here! Or just want a clear overview of how to start out?

You may want to read this before you buy AC, it may help you decide if it's for you.

AC (AstroConnexions) is easy to use, and has many advanced features built over four years of continuous development. But if you haven't used an astrology app or program before it can seem overwhelming, at first. You'll soon get used to it though! Take it easy, don't expect to figure it out, or do it all, in one session. The



basics are easy. Some of the other stuff you will (may) need to learn. It's an iPad app – astro-charting has never been so easy and affordable.

Here's some recommended links to posts/articles that may (should) help you get to grips with AC. All articles/posts are on the AC website or on its Blog.

➤ [Configure AstroConnexions](#)

➤ [Concepts and Principles](#)

➤ [FAQ](#)

➤ [AC in action](#)

➤ [Quick Start animated GIFs](#)

➤ [Quick Start](#) – includes many of the above links

Then there's the AC searchable Knowledge Base

➤ [Knowledge Base](#)

The first thing most do after installing AC is to create (or cast) a chart for their birth or a friends birth. Known as a natal or radix chart. After you've read all the above of course!

➤ [Creating your first chart](#)

Note that all initial AC default settings are configured to usual or best astrological practice. By that I mean, for example that secondary progressed orbs to natal planets/points are set to 1



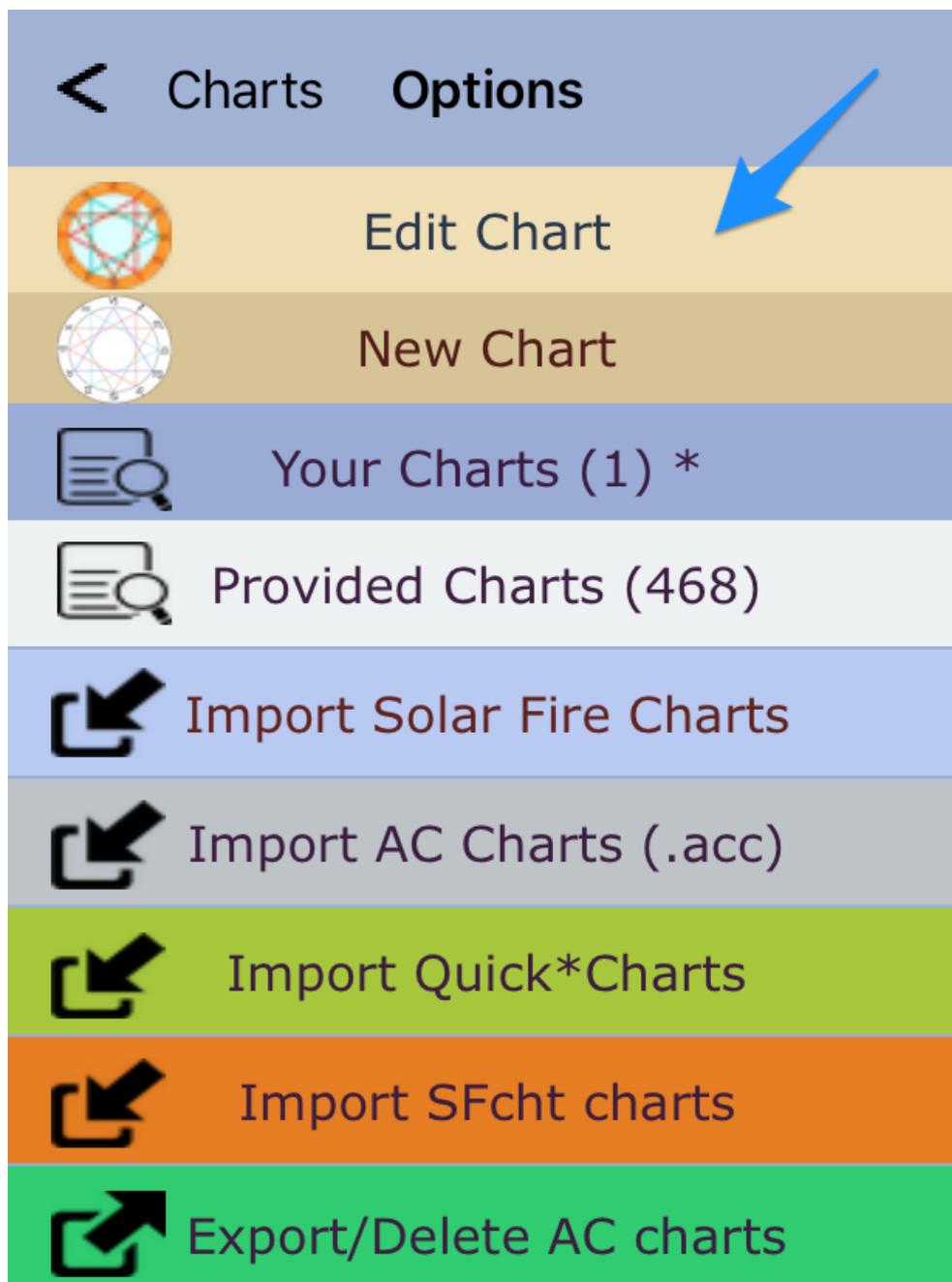
degree, The Zodiac is set to Tropical, single-wheel orbs are variable, eg 8 degrees for an opposition, 4 degrees for a sextile, etc. This means that that AC is usable straight away. As you get familiar with AC you can, of course change the settings.

If some of the things written here are incomprehensible to you don't worry, just know that AC's configurations are initially set to standard astrological settings.

Made a mistake creating your (first) chart? Here's how to fix it.

Tap **Edit Chart**, and edit what you need to change. Similar to when you created a chart. **Edit Chart** always edits the currently displayed chart.





Edit a chart

The chart's time zone is wrong. You actually know what it should be. How to fix?

👉 Time Zone fix

I've got a lot of charts that I've created in another astrology app/program. How do I get them into AC?



➤ [Import/Export](#)

What about historical charts? Pre 17th century?

➤ [Historical Charts – Culpeper](#)

➤ [Historical Synastry](#)

Creating synastry charts – comparison and composite charts

➤ [Synastry Charts](#)

Changing the look of AstroConnexions – themes and chart colours

➤ [Colour Themes](#)

➤ [Chart Colours](#)

Your Charts – sorting, filtering, browsing

➤ [Your Charts](#)

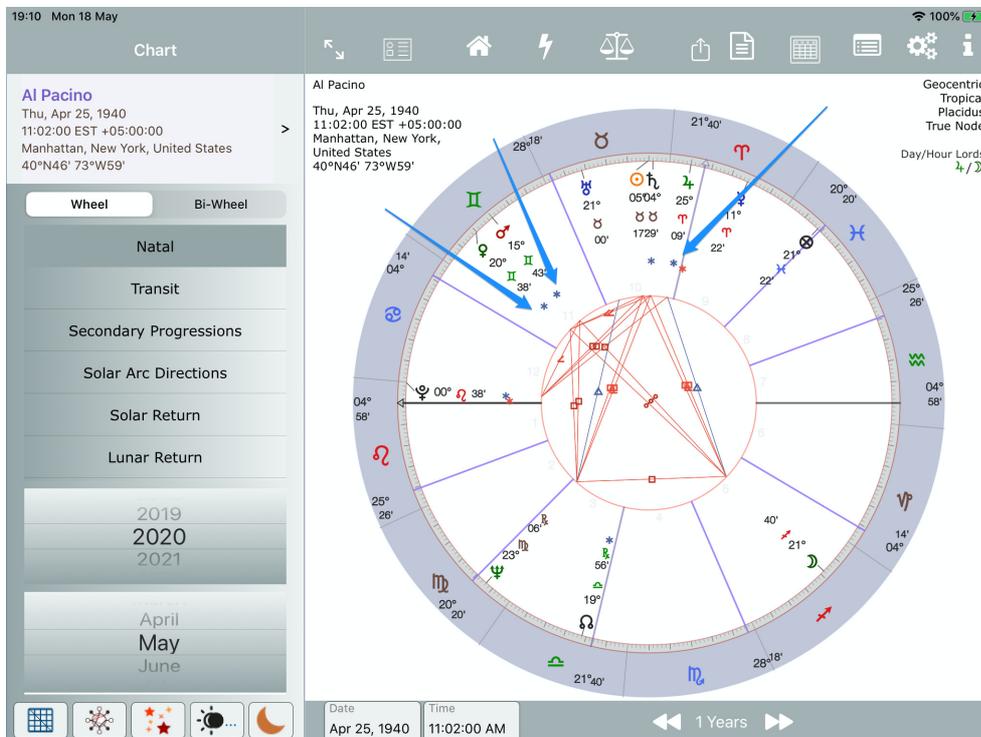
Deleting a Chart



What are those lines in the centre of the chart?

Those are aspect lines. They show the aspects between planets and points. For an explanation of astrological aspect please do a Google search.

What are the blue stars and red stars (*) ? (answer, aspects from the fixed stars)



Al Pacino Fixed star aspects

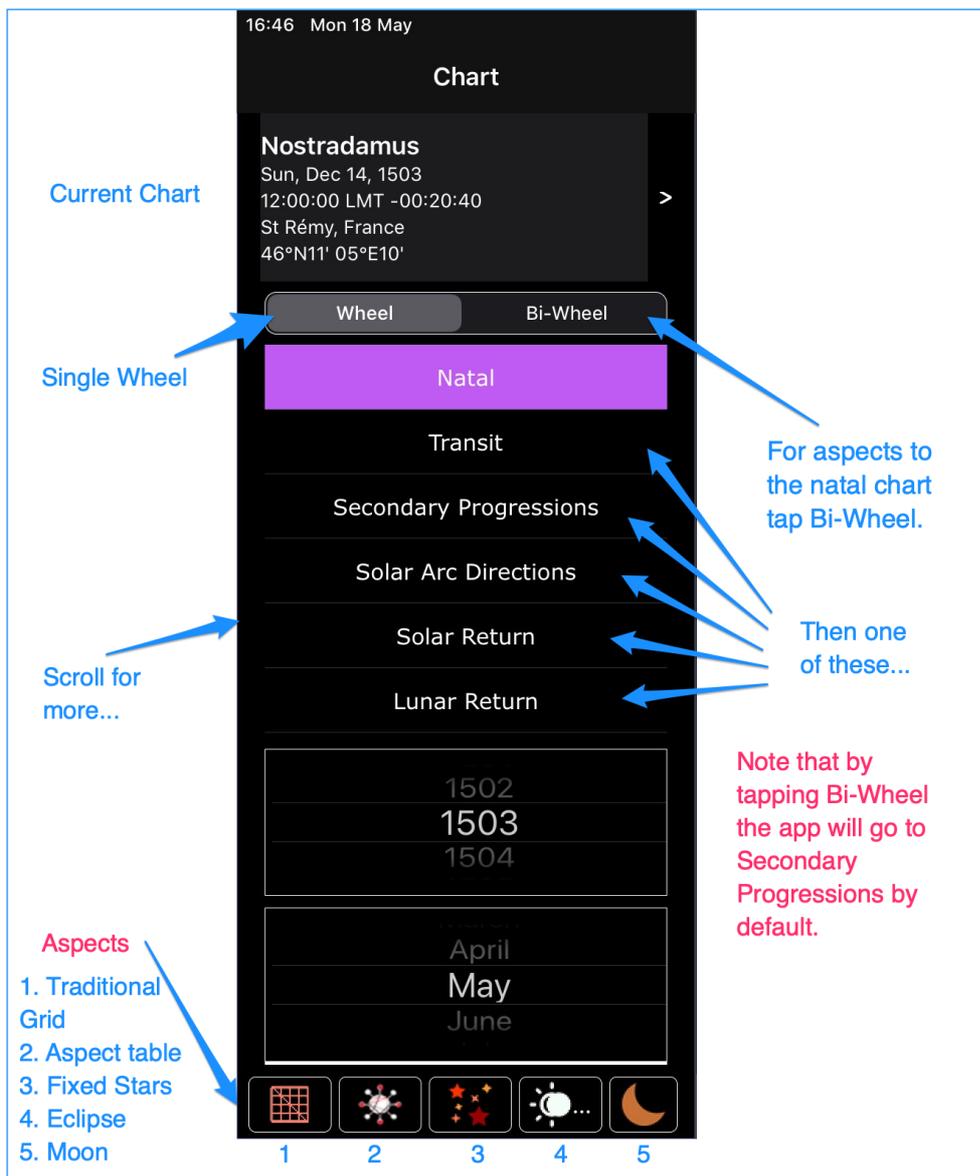
Let's go further and examine the left-hand side of the main



view using Al Pacino's natal chart. Get it from AC's Provided charts.

We'll look at his secondary progressed bi-wheel.

➤ Provided Charts and Your Charts



Left-hand menu explainer

Bi-Wheel Tapped, options from the Miscellaneous menu view (this is for your info, you don't need to do anything with these settings)



Miscellaneous

By default automatically display Transit or Secondary or Solar Arc chart when Bi-Wheel tapped - if chart is Natal

Transits

Sec.Prog.

Solar Arc

Returns: Bi-Wheel Orb

Orb: 01° 00'



1 degree recommended

Transits: Bi-Wheel Orb

Orb: 01° 00'



1 degree recommended



Show info message when changing Country - New & Edit Chart

[Show an example message](#)

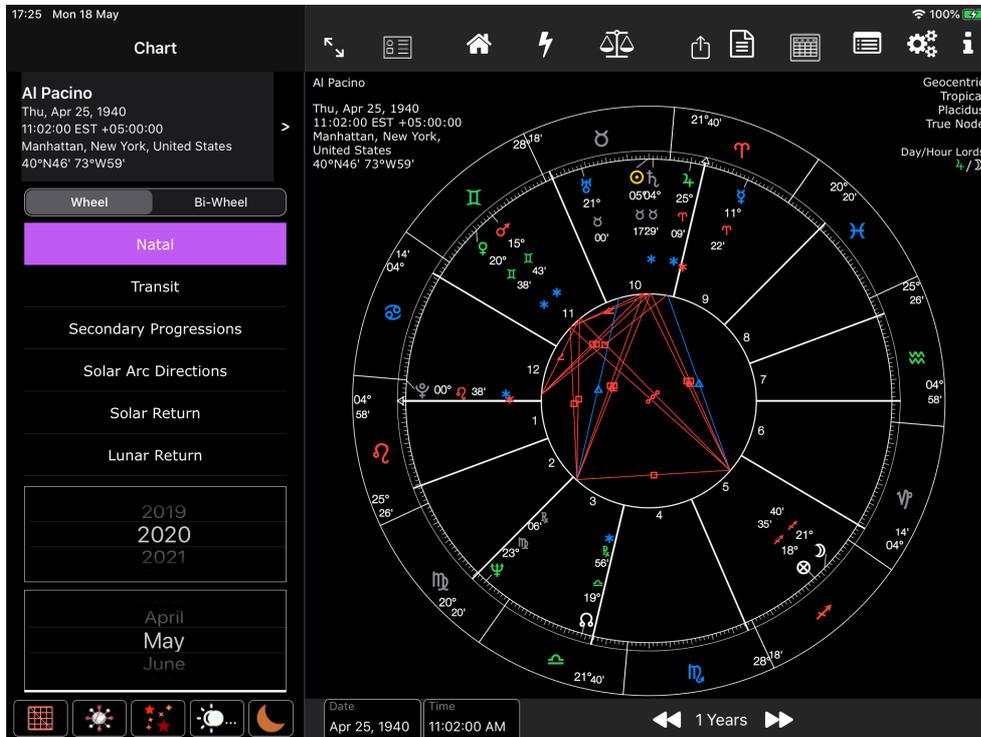
Done



For Bi-wheel tap

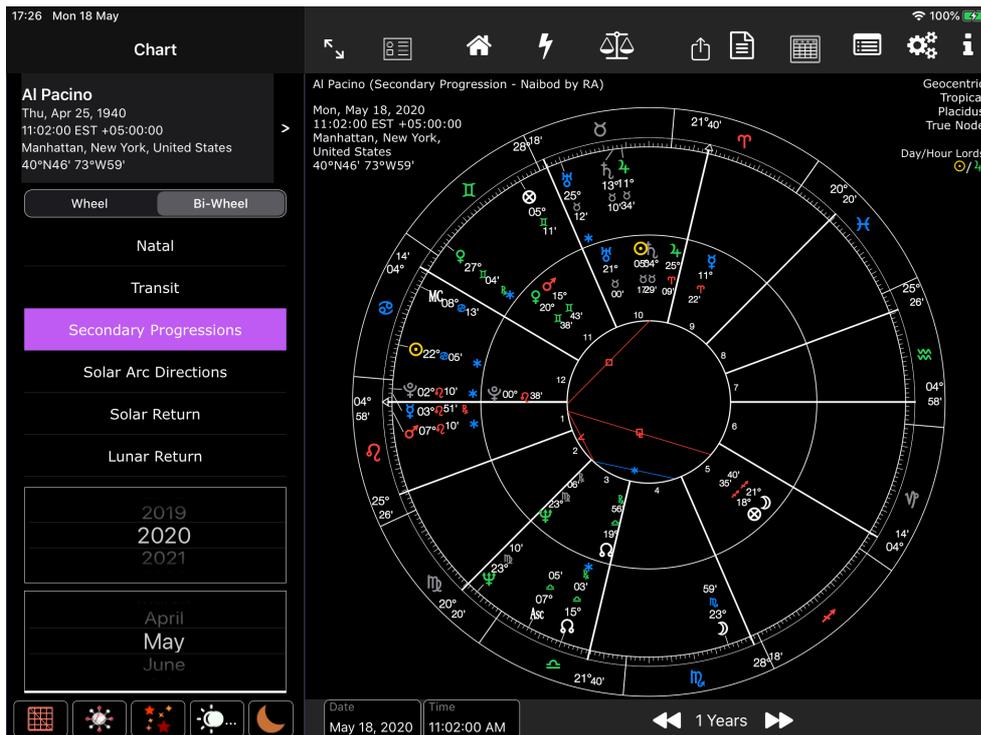


A Natal Chart, before tapping Bi-Wheel



Al Pacino Natal

Natal chart progressed by Secondary progression, Bi-Wheel tapped



Al Pacino secondary progressions



Outer Wheel planets/points – secondary progression for the date shown May 18, 2020 @ 11:02:00 AM

Inner wheel planets/points – natal positions

Here's more info on secondary progressions

➤ [Progressions and Directions](#)

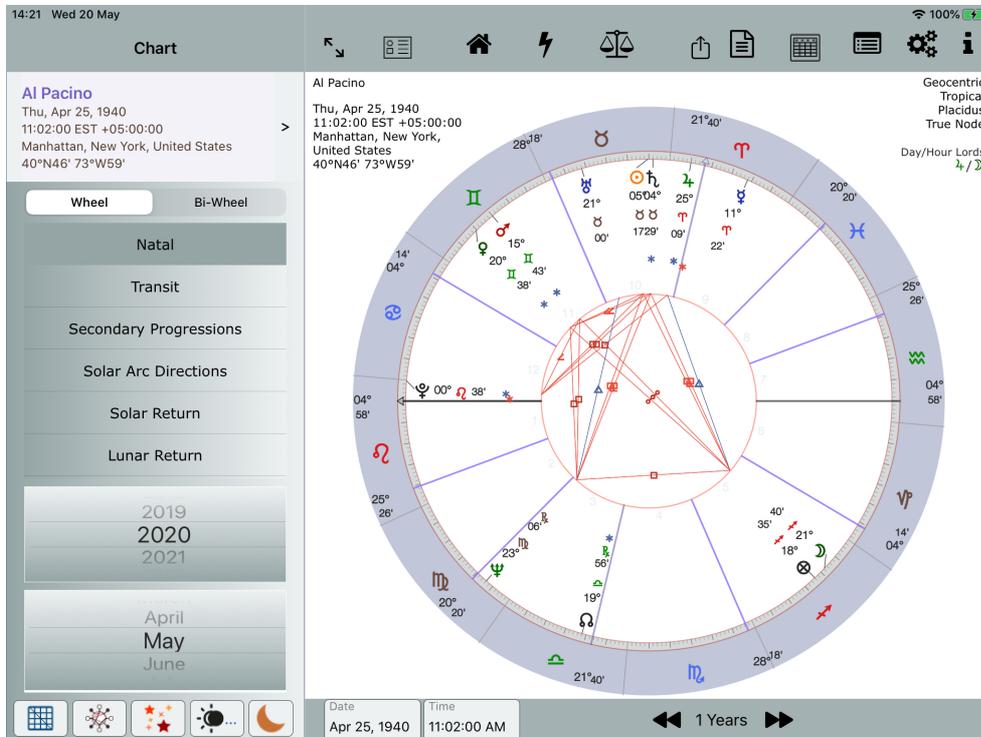
But my display/chart doesn't look like this!

1. I'm using Dark Mode which requires iOS 13+
2. My settings may be different than yours

I'm using AC's Grey Theme, and a proportional chart wheel. With a blue-ish fill for the outer zodiac wheel, purple wheel spokes, black for the ASC/Desc line spoke and a light purple for the MC/IC line spoke. A light red colour for the wheels except for the outer wheel. I'm using the default 1 degree orb for secondary progressed aspects to the natal chart.

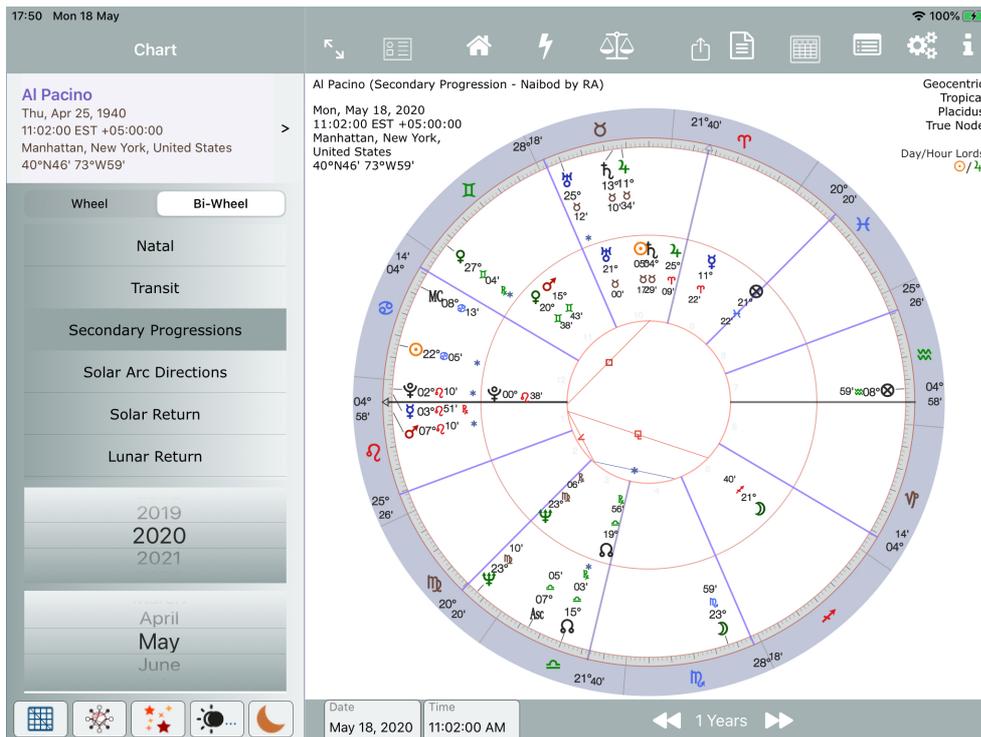
Here's the natal Chart in Light Mode – this is what you may see





Al Pacino Natal chart, Light Mode

Here's the Bi-Wheel chart in Light Mode – this is what you may see



Al Pacino Light Mode Bi-Wheel

dt_gap height="20" /]

Outer Wheel planets/points - secondary progression for the date shown May 18, 2020 @ 11:02:00 AM



Inner wheel planets/points – natal positions

My Wheel Settings

Here's my wheel settings – see if yours are the same





Wheel Type

Plain

Proportional

Plain: No divisions of the wheel into 30, 5 degrees, etc. A common and popular traditional chart design.

Proportional: Wheel shown with degree divisions. Another popular design

+ Terms: Show the terms around the chart wheel divisions. Not available for biWheel.

Terms + Trip: Show the Terms and Triplicities around the chart wheel divisions.

Decans: Show the Decans (Chaldean or Traditional) around the chart wheel divisions. Not available for biWheel.

Decans



Outer Planets (Trad.)



House Numbers

Grey

Black

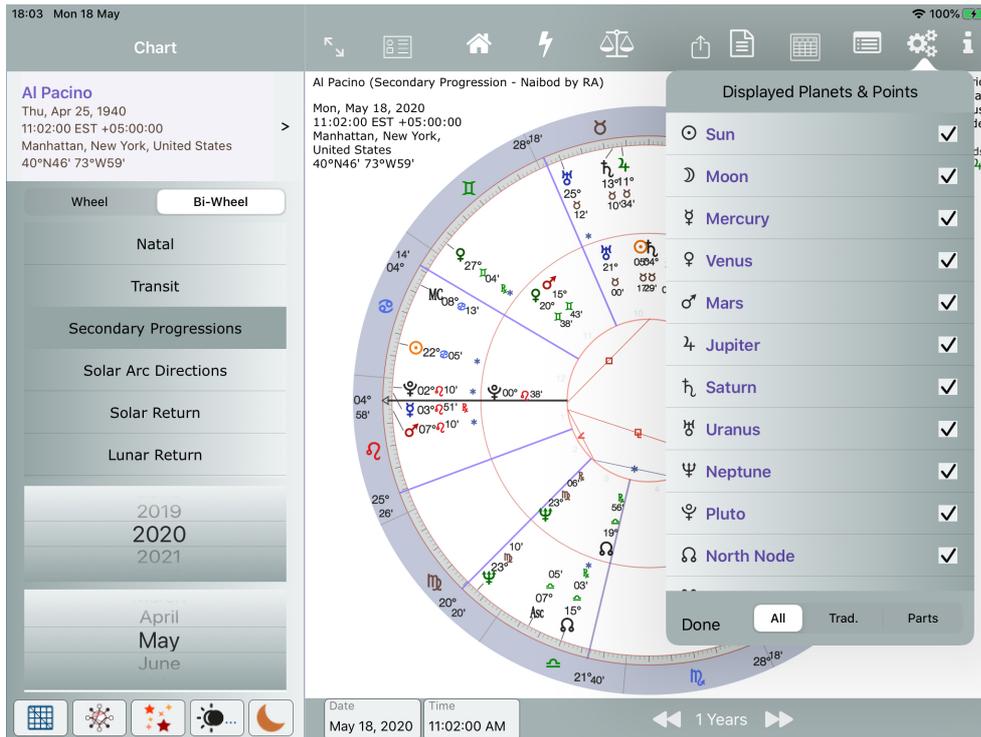
White

Done



Animated GIF – wheel choice/type

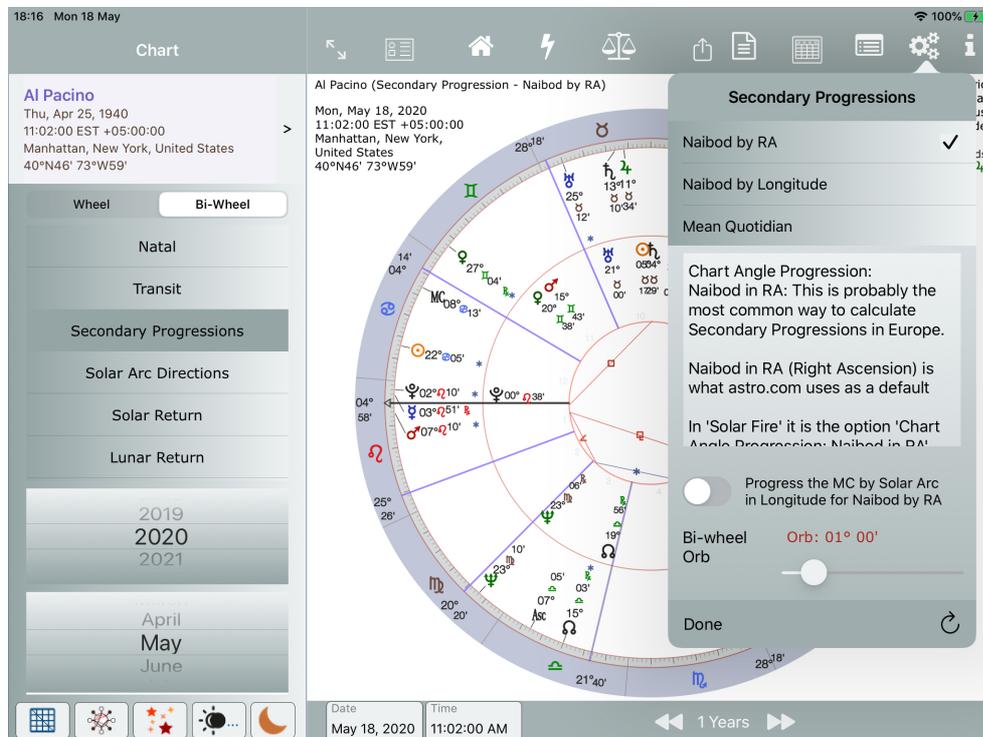
Planets and Points selected



Planets and points selected

My Secondary Progression settings





Secondary Progressions settings

Why has the progressed chart now got a date of May 18th 2020?

As a convenience when a chart that is selected as a Transit, sec. prog etc, the date of the progression/transit changes to a Now date. This does not happen with historical charts.

The concept of wheels within wheels

Looking at the above progressed chart **Al Pacino Light Mode Bi-Wheel** what is going on here?

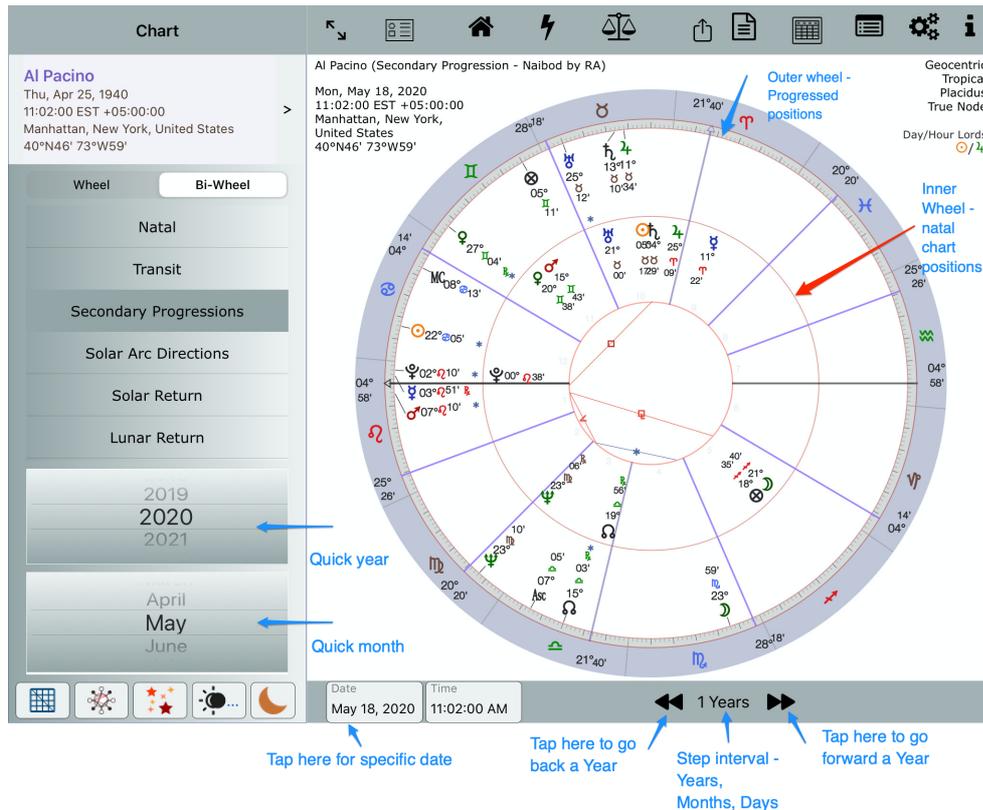
It's quite simple:

1. the inner chart (planetary positions) is the natal chart
2. the outer chart has the progressed planets/points
3. the aspect lines now show the aspects to the natal chart planets/positions from the progressed chart planets/points positions.
4. the house positions are always the natal chart positions, such as the Asc at 4 degrees 58 secs of Leo



Note a point can typically be the Ascendent (Asc), the Midheaven (MC)

The inner chart never changes – because it's the natal chart. The outer chart (progressed planets and points) is the progressed chart. The progressed positions can be changed in a variety of ways.



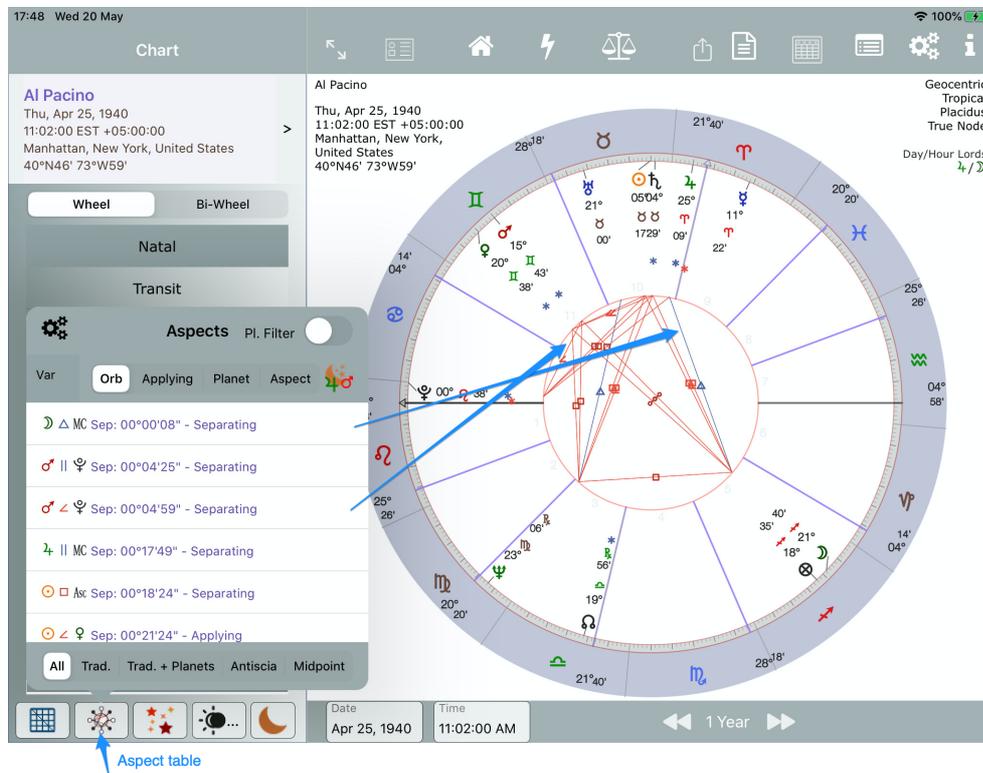
Al Pacino Bi-Wheel explainer

Play around with the progressed positions – you can't do anything that will cause problems with AC! If you get confused. just tap on the Natal button and start again. Thats what I do.

Looking at the aspects in the Aspect Table

Let's start with natal aspects. Tap the Natal chart button for Al Pacino and then tap the Aspect Table icon. See below.





Al Pacino Natal Aspects – Aspect table

Here's some guides to astrological glyphs

- **Astrological glyphs** – Goes to an external web site.
- **Astrological glyphs** – Goes to an external web site.

Sorted

The table is sorted by the smallest separation of an aspect, ie the closest aspects first, as these are usually deemed the most effective. Let's see how the aspects in the aspect table relate to what's shown on the chart.

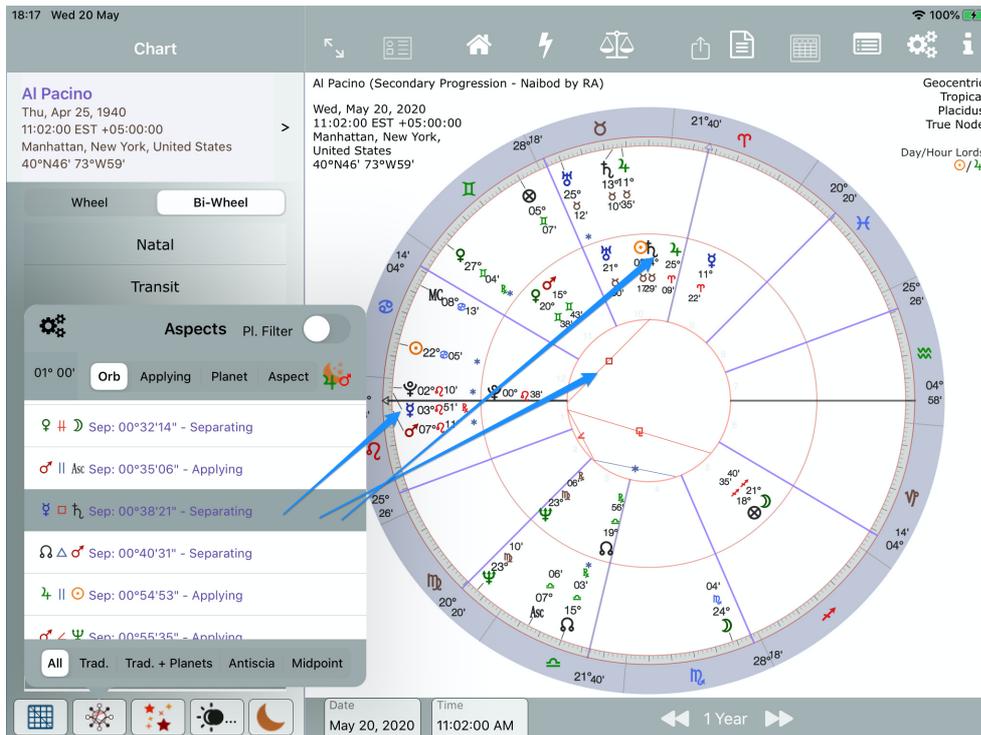
The arrowed aspects shown in the above screenshot:

1. Moon 120 degrees to MC, a trine. The aspect line is shown in blue. A trine is considered 'easy'.
2. Mars semi-square (45 degrees) to Pluto. The aspect line is shown in red. A trine is considered 'difficult'.

Note that parallel aspect can't be shown on the chart.



Al Pacino's bi-wheel aspects – his secondary progressed aspects

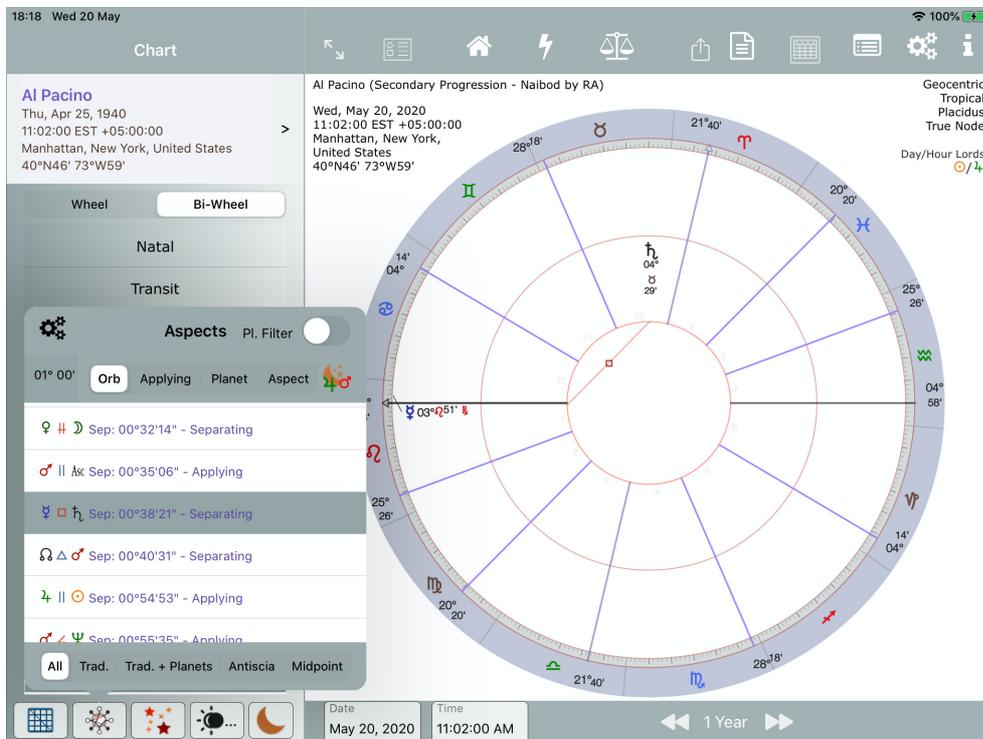


Al Pacino's BI-Wheel Aspects

Al Pacino's progressed Mercury square (90 degrees) to his radical Saturn (ie his natal Saturn) – isolated.

Just tap the Mercury square Saturn aspect in the Aspect Table to see the isolated aspect. Tap again to revert back to show all the aspects.

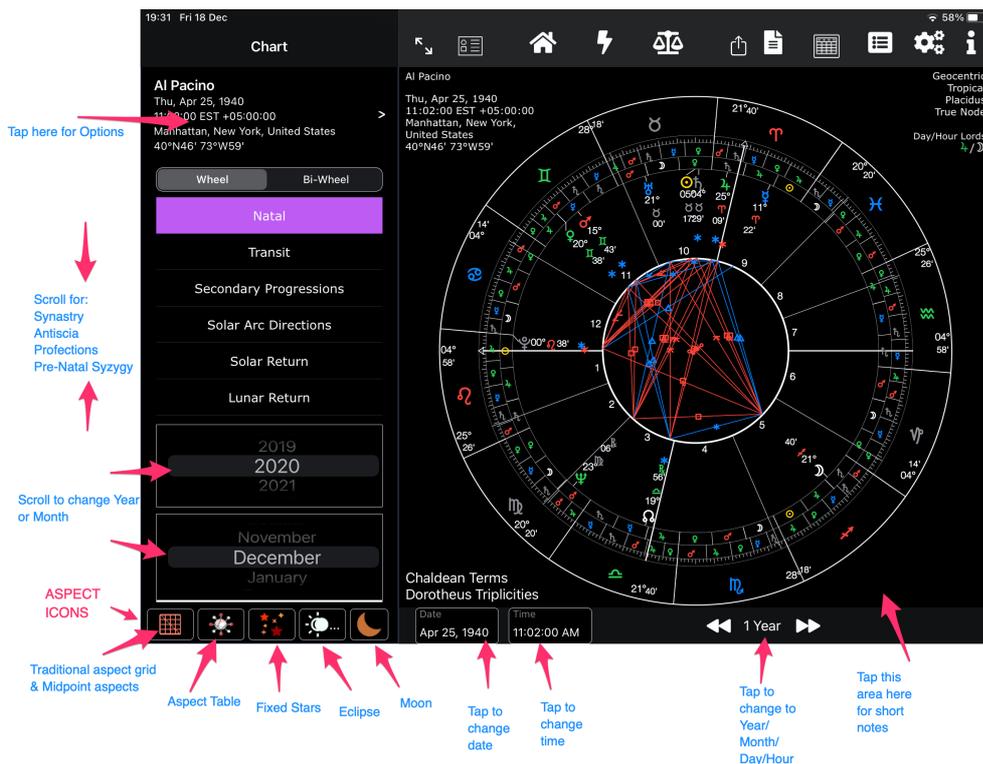




Al Pacino BI-Wheel isolated aspect

The top left corner of the Aspect Table show the orb allowed for the currently displayed chart. Note that it is possible to different orb values for different types of charts.

Main/Opening View



Main screen annotated



A look at the Options View

Options View

Investigate any of the above menus options etc, using AC's knowledge base:

➤ Knowledge Base



© Roger Pearson, 2016-2021

