

*DOROTHEUS OF  
SIDON: CARMEN  
ASTROLOGICUM  
RE-WORKED*

FROM DAVID PINGREE'S TRANSLATION

## PREFACE

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This is a re-working, in my own words, of David Pingree's translation of Dorotheus of Sidon's *Carmen Astrologicum* primarily to make it easier to reference and study. If you are looking for the original text of the translation, there are a number of them online, most notably a copy of Pingree's original book on [Archive.org](https://archive.org) or Deborah Houlding's copies of Pingree's translation along with her notes on the text: [Book I](#), [Book II](#), [Book III](#), [Book III Notes](#).

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**CAP** *Carmen Astrologicum: Dorotheus of Sidon* trans. David Pingree, Ascella, 1993.

**DH** *Notes on Dorotheus III: the haylāj, kadhkhudāh, and terms of life* by Deborah Houlding, [URL](#), as at August 03, 2020

**HHA** *A History of Horoscopic Astrology*, James Herschel Holden, AFA, 2nd. ed. 2006

## Useful Resources

### PlanetDance Astrology Software

A free astrology software application created by J.C. Remers. Includes a number Hellenistic Greek techniques under Horoscope->Classical.

### Table of Hellenistic Ascensional Times

### Ascensional Rising Times & Oblique Ascension Tables

One of the many astrology tools on the *AstroSeek* web site.

### Traditional Chart Calculator

AstroSeek chart calculator that produces a clean graphic with planet dignities, 7 Hermetic Lots, dodecatemoria, as well the ability to calculate circumambulations, profections, antiscia, and more.

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## BOOK I ON UPBRINGING AND THE LIFE'S CONDITION

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*In the name of God, the merciful and compassionate. May the lord be rich in compassion towards you.*

*This is the first book of Dorotheus the Egyptian, on the judgments concerning nativities. He chose it and selected it and picked it from the books which were before him, and he wrote it for his son Hermes.*

*He said to his son at the tie of his testament: I shall relate to you, oh my son, and I shall explain to you so that you may depend on and be confident in your heart about what I shall show you of my work and words according to the stars which indicate for men what will pertain to them from the time of a [person's] birth till his leaving the world, if God wills. I have traveled, o my son, in many cities, and I have seen the wondrous things which are in Egypt and in Babylon, which is in the direction of the Euphrates. I collected the best of their sayings from the first [authorities] who were before me like the bees which gather [honey] from the trees and all kinds of plants; for from it there is the honey of medicine.*

### 1.1 Triplicity and Sign Rulers

Know the longitude and latitudes of the seven planets (☉, ☿, ♀, ♂, ♄, ♀, ♁), the degrees of the Ascendant and MC, which signs are straight and crooked<sup>2</sup> in rising, and that

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<sup>2</sup>The *straight* signs are those that appear to rise straight up from the horizon taking slightly more than two hours each: ♉ thru

the signs, their triplicities and rulers are:

Sign	Ruler	Sign	Ruler
♈	♂	♊	♀
♉	♀	♋	♂
♊	♀	♌	♂
♋	♂	♍	♀
♌	♂	♎	♂
♍	♀	♏	♀
♎	♂	♐	♂
♏	♀	♑	♂

Table 1.1: Signs and their Domicile Rulers

The shaded cells represent the sign the planet ruler rejoices or is *happiest* in.

Triplexity	Rulers		
	Diurnal	Nocturnal	Participating
♈-♊-♌	♂	♂	♂
♉-♋-♍	♀	♂	♂ (and ♀ in ♎)
♊-♌-♎	♂	♀	♂
♋-♍-♏	♀	♂	♂

Table 1.2: Signs, their Triplexities and Rulers

The rulers of the triplexities give indications for, and decide, everything.

The masculine, diurnal signs are the ♈-♊-♌ and ♊-♌-♎ triplexities and the diurnal planets are ♂, ♂, and ♂.

The feminine, nocturnal signs are the ♉-♋-♍ and ♋-♍-♏ triplexities and the nocturnal planets are the ♀, ♀, and ♂ (with ♀ having a share in ♎).

Dorotheus doesn't spell this out until §1.28 but in latter sections the reader is assumed to understand these categories.

In mundane astrology, the “afflictions and distress” that effect the world are timed and indicated by the trip-  
♌, the remaining signs are called *crooked* as they rise at an oblique angle to the horizon and each take slightly less than two hours.

licity rulers of a solar or lunar eclipse. Every hour that the ☉ is eclipsed is equal to one year while every hour that the ☾ is eclipsed is equal to one month. T

The sign of the solar eclipse gives indications as to who will suffer the afflictions and distress: ♄, sheep; ♃, work-horses and horses, ♌, lions, etc.

## 1.2 Exaltation of the Planets

Each planet has a sign and degree of *ascent* known as its *exaltation*, and another sign and degree, lying opposite, known as its *descent*<sup>1</sup>.

Planet	°	Ascent	Descent
☉	19	♈	♏
☾	3	♉	♍
♀	15	♊	♎
♂	27	♋	♏
♂	28	♌	♐
♂	15	♍	♑
♂	21	♎	♒

Table 1.3: Planet Exaltations

## 1.3 Ease or Difficulty of the Birth

If the ☉, ☾, and Ascendant are in masculine signs (for males) or feminine signs (for females) then the birth was an easy one for the mother. If you find the reverse then there is “misery and death.”

In particular, ♏ angular in a feminine sign has an intense power to make the birth slow, difficult, and unfortunate.

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<sup>1</sup>The place of *descent* may also be referred to as a planet’s place of *depression* or *fall*.

If ♂ is angular, especially if he is in a feminine sign, the birth will come upon the mother unexpectedly but generally it is easier because ♂ cuts.

The mother will have a difficult time if:

- the ♃ is in a crooked sign (♈,♉,♊,♋,♌,♍) and aspected by ♄ or ♂
- the ♃ is in an angle and aspected by both ♄ and ♂, who are both in crooked signs
- both ♄ and ♂ are in angles and neither the ☉ nor the ♃ aspects the Ascendant

#### 1.4 Upbringing

Don't worry for the person's life because you see a malefic in an angle, there are conditions involving the triplicity rulers of the Ascendant that can increase and strengthen the life.

Mitigating conditions include:

- a triplicity ruler in its own term and angular or in another place where it is strong<sup>1</sup>
- all three triplicity rulers in strong places
- two triplicity rulers in strong places, preferably with the first triplicity ruler in a good place<sup>2</sup>
- all three triplicity rulers in strong places and square or trine each other, and its even better if they aspect the ☉ or ♃, or both

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<sup>1</sup>It is not clear what he means by “strong” placement; could be by sign, degrees, or good places which he calls *powerful* in §1.5.

<sup>2</sup>The *good places* are given in §1.5.

- if ♄, ♀, or both are actually in the Ascendant look to see if all three of the Ascendant's triplicity rulers are in strong places and "coming out in their light"<sup>1</sup>

If the triplicity lords of the Ascendant are in a "sign of misfortune"<sup>2</sup> check the first<sup>3</sup> triplicity lord of the Lot of Fortune. If it aspects the lot or is in a good place and aspecting the ☉ for day births, the ☾ for night births, then the person will be brought up.

Other conditions that indicate the person will be brought up are:

- ♄ in the Ascendant or in a sign that is of the same triplicity as the sign of the Ascendant
- ♄ in the 2nd place from the Ascendant
- ♄ in the 4th place with the ☾ and ♀ both in the Ascendant
- in a day chart, ♄, ♄, and ♀ in angles
- in a day chart, ♄ angular and in his own triplicity

(also see §1.7 *More On Upbringing*, §1.9 *Upbringing Again*, §1.12 *Upbringing and Livelihood*)

## 1.5 The Superior Places

The order of the places<sup>4</sup>, according to their *superiority* or *power* for good events occurring in the person's life<sup>5</sup>, relative to each other is:

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<sup>1</sup>This usually means the ☉ must be moving away from a conjunction with the planet such that there is 15 to 120° between them.

<sup>2</sup>The places of *misfortune* are the 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 8th or 12th places from the Ascendant, they are described in §1.5.

<sup>3</sup>This is an assumption on my part as the first triplicity lord rules the first part of the life, which is when *upbringing* occurs.

<sup>4</sup>Where Dorotheus does not provide a descriptive name for a place the commonly given Greek place name is listed.

<sup>5</sup>That the power of the place is related to the *good of the life* is implied by the text. The activities of the *good* places are generally



- 1st Ascendant
- 10th Midheaven
- 11th [*Good Daimon*]
- 5th Children
- 7th Marriage
- 4th Angle of the Earth
- 9th [*God*]

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- 3rd Joy of the  $\mathfrak{D}$
  - 2nd [*Gates of Hades*]
  - 8th Death
  - 6th [*Evil Fortune*]
  - 12th [*Evil Daimon*]

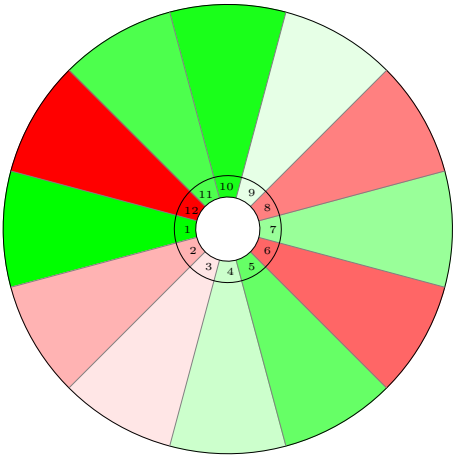


Figure 1.1: The Superior Places

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those people consider to involve good events while those of the remaining houses are generally considered to involve difficult events.

In the figure the seven *good* places are in shades of green; the bad in shades of red.

## 1.6 Power of the Seven Planets

Every planet in its own sign, exaltation, or triplicity is benefic as “what it indicates of good is strong, increasing.” This is true even of malefics as their “evil becomes lighter and decreases” when they are in their own places.

♄ in a masculine sign<sup>1</sup> in a day chart (even though he is a diurnal planet) can cause harm but it will be less harmful if he is also in one of his own dignities.. The same is true for ♂, a nocturnal planet, in a feminine sign in a nocturnal chart.

A planet’s power *disappears* if it is within 15° of ☉ while the ☉ is moving towards a conjunction with the planet.

A retrograde planet indicates “there is difficulty [and] misfortune” for the person and others.

## 1.7 More on Upbringing

### Good Upbringing

The person will be brought up if diurnal planets in a diurnal chart or nocturnal planets in a nocturnal chart are found in:

- one or more of the seven strong places; it is beneficial if one of them is a benefic

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<sup>1</sup>In §1.4 we are told ♄ (a diurnal planet) is at his worst when in a feminine sign. Here we are told he can still do harm when in a masculine sign but not as much and even less if he is in one of his own dignities. In the same section, ♂ (a nocturnal planet) in a feminine sign is described as less harmful than a feminized ♄.

- the 2nd place from the ascending sign if the planet is within 15° of the Ascendant as then “reckon its power as if it were in the ascendent”

## No Upbringing

The person may not be brought up or have a harsh upbringing if:

- the first triplicity ruler is within 15° of the ☉ or in a bad place; especially if the second triplicity ruler is with him
- both malefics aspect the ♃, especially if she is in an angle and one of the malefics is in opposition while also making an exact aspect to the Ascendant<sup>1</sup> as “this is an indications of ruin”
- the ♃ in the 7th place with no connection to a benefic and while a malefic is in an angle for “then the women give birth to what has no escape from ruin”
- the ♃, not in her own places, in the 4th with ♄ and ♂ or in their opposition
- one of the malefics in the Ascendant opposite the other malefic and the ♃ in the 10th or 7th

## Rejection or Exposure

The person may be cast out by his parents if:

- the ♃ in the 4th place with ♄ and ♂ or in their opposition unless the ♃ is in her own triplicity and the benefics are trine the malefics in which case, rather than ruin, the person is brought up by strangers and sometimes they “will be a slav and will be employed and then will be miserable”

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<sup>1</sup>Dykes indicates it could be an aspect to the Ascendant’s terms rather an exact aspect to the Ascendant’s degree (CAD p.69).

- the ☽ “between the two malefics and one them casts its rays upon it” then the person’s livelihood will be little and if the ☽ is also waning “it indicates fate and shortness of life” which he may escape if a benefic is also part of the configuration
- the ☽ is with a malefic in an angular or succedent place and is configured with a benefic and if the ☼ aspects the malefics, the father favours casting him out and thinks badly of him; if the ☽ is injured<sup>1</sup>, the mother wants to cast the person out; if both lights are injured, both parents want rid of the person
- in a diurnal chart, ☿ angular and opposing the ☽ or the ☼ while they are not in their own places; in a nocturnal chart, ♁ under the same conditions

### Calamity

If the ☽ is in the term of a malefic without the aspect of a benefic while a malefic is in an angle there is “calamity” for the person unless first ruler of the sect light’s triplicity aspects the ☽.

### Injury to the person and his mother

If there is no benefic in (a) an angle, (b) in the same sign as the Lot of Fortune, or (c) in a sign of the same triplicity as the Ascendant while malefics aspect the ☼, ☽, and SAN<sup>2</sup> the indications are evil.

If a benefic does not aspect the Ascendant (representing the person) or the ☽, an unfortunate condition is indicated for the person and their mother if the ☽, or worse

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<sup>1</sup>This is odd as we’ve already been told the ☽ must be with a malefic, which would be an injury; possibly it must also be harmed by the other malefic?

<sup>2</sup>The most recent new or full moon that occurred prior to the birth.

yet, the ☽ and ♀ (as both indicate the mother) are injured.

(also see §1.4 *Upbringing* and §1.9 *Upbringing Again*, §1.12 *Upbringing and Livelihood*)

## 1.8 Masculine and Feminine Hours

The person represented by the chart will be a male if:

- the ☽ is in a masculine dodecatemoron

To determine the dodecatemoria divide the sign into 2.5° sections<sup>1</sup> with, in a masculine sign, the sections running male, female, male, female, etc. In a feminine sign, the sections running female, male, female, etc<sup>2</sup>

- the ☉, ☽, and Ascendant are all in masculine signs
- the ☉ in the ascendant in a masculine sign, even if the hour of the birth is “double” (even)
- a masculine planet in the ascendant in a “two-bodied” masculine sign (♈, ♊), even if the hour of the birth is “double” (even)
- a masculine planet in the 1st and in the 7th, even if the hour of the birth is “double” (even)
- the ☉ and ☽, both in masculine signs, and ♄ ruling the Ascendant regardless of gender of the sign on the Ascendant

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<sup>1</sup>Dorotheus says “two and a half days”, we are basically dividing the 30° of each sign by 12 so it has an analogy with each month of 30 days being equivalent to a sign and the 12 signs being equivalent to a year.

<sup>2</sup>For more information on the *dodecatemoria* see the Appendix §A *Dodecatemoria* to see how they are calculated.

## 1.9 Upbringing Again

Also look to see if the ☽ is with or aspecting either the Lot of Fortune or the Lot of the Demon as this is an indication the person is well brought up and has a beautiful face, fine limbs, and any easy time teething. If the ☽ has no connection with either lot then say the reverse.

(also see §1.4 Upbringing, §1.7 More on Upbringing, §1.12 Upbringing and Livelihood)

## 1.10 Is the Person and their Mother Free or a Slave

First, examine the ☽'s condition.

If the ☽ is in the 12th or 6th place and:

- the first triplicity lord of the place is in a bad place, the native is a slave, unless
  - it is a night chart and the ☽'s second and participating triplicity lords are in good places, or
  - it is a day chart and the first and second lords of the ☼'s triplicity are in good places

In which case the person is born free but his parents are poor.

If the ☽ is in the last degrees of a sign, the mother is of bad descent unless:

- ♄'s aspect removes the misery, which happens even if ♄ is badly placed<sup>1</sup>, or
- the ☽ is with ♀ in one of ♀'s domiciles in which case “the evil” disappears.

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<sup>1</sup>The wording in the original is confusing; this appears to be the author's intent.

If a malefic is in one of the ♃'s angles<sup>1</sup> and ♂ (in a day chart) or ♁ (in a night chart) aspect the ☉ or ♃ without ♄ also being in aspect, the person will be a servant. And his condition may be worse if the ♃ is in a feminine sign and worse yet if ♀ is also injured.

If the ☉ and ♁ are in the 6th, 12th, 8th, or 4th then the father's condition is unfortunate.

If the ☉ and ♃ are in the terms of benefics and aspect the ruler of the place they occupy then the parents condition is good as will be the person's survival and up-bringing. The conditions will be even better if the ☉ or ♃ is angular or it one rules the Lot of Fortune.

If the ♃ is angular or succedent and being overcome<sup>2</sup> by a malefic, the person will be struck down even if he is free. There is destruction if the ♃ is with one malefic while ther other overcomes them.

In a nocturnal chart, if the ♃ is in the 7th or 4th and in the aspect of a malefic, destitution, slavery and difficulty is indicated for the persons livelihood.

The Lot of Fortune or its ruler in another's terms is in the 6th or 12th indicates service.

If the ♃ in a nocturnal chart is in a masculine sign while the Ascendant is in a feminine sign or, if in a diurnal chart, the ☉ is in a feminine sign while the Ascendant is in a masculine sign, the person will be like a slave.

Check the ♃'s, ☉'s and Ascendant's term rulers to see if they are feminine (♁, ♀ ♃) or masculine (☉ ♄, ♂)<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup>If either malefic found in the 4th, 7th, or 10th place from the ♃.

<sup>2</sup>The text has "supervised", Dykes translation has "looked down on" which he equates with *overcoming*.

<sup>3</sup>This is strange for a number of reasons (1) Dorotheus does not connect the state to the condition of being free or a slave, (2)

The ☽ with the malefics without the aspect of a benefic indicates slavery.

A malefic in an angle or ☿ aspecting the ☽ while the ☽ is moving to conjunct ♄ indicates slavery. The same if ♄ is aspecting the ☽ while is moving to conjunct ☿.

If the ☽ is in the end of a sign and aspected by ♄ or ☿ the person may be aborted or his birth made hard; unless ♃ or ♀ also aspect the ☽, in which case the person is born but raised by strangers.

If the first lord of the Ascendant's triplicity is cadent and opposed by the ☽ while the ☼ is in a bad place, the person's parents are slaves.

### Indications from the SAN

Note the degree of the SAN<sup>1</sup> and the 1st and 2nd triplicity lords of its sign.

If the 1st lord is in a bad place and the 2nd in a good place, the person will be born into slavery but freed in later life.

If the 1st lord is in a good place and the 2nd in a bad place, the person is born free but will be reduced to poverty, contempt and service in his later years.

If both triplicity lords are bad places, the person will begin and end life as a slave or servant.

If both triplicity lords are in good places, the person will begin life free and end it free.

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the ☽ and the ☼ do not rule any of the the most commonly used Egyptian terms, (3) ♄ is usually considered a diurnal and therefore masculine planet although Dykes says there are other instances of ♄ being deemed feminine found in Sahl and Theophilus.

<sup>1</sup>SAN is an acronym for *Syzygium Ante Nativatem* which refers to the syzygy, the whole-moon (conjunctional) or full-moon (preventional) immediately before birth which may also be called the *lunation* before birth.



If a malefic is with the SAN and the other malefic is in aspect, the person “will experience his fate and evil will overcome him.”

If the SAN’s term lord is in a bad place or the 7th or the 4th the life will be lived in slavery and poverty.

If the SAN is in a bad place and aspected by malefics but it is also aspected by a benefic and its term lord is in a good place then the person’s father if of noble birth and his mother is of poor lineage.

### Escape from Slavery, Service, or Poverty

Indications that a person will be freed from any indicated slavery, service, or poverty are:

- ♄ in any angle, in any sign except ♋, regardless of being with malefics or benefics. And if ♄ aspects the ♃, “the pains of slavery are completely loosened for him.”
- ♀ in an angle, free of the malefics
- ♀ in the 7th with the ♃
- the ☉, ♃, and ♀ in angles
- the ☉ and ♃ in the same triplicity
- the ♃ angular in ♈ or ♎ free of the malefics or aspected by both malefics and benefics

### Effect of Jupiter

If ♃ is with or square the Lot of Fortune the person escapes slavery but if ♃ aspects the Lot of Fortune while both are in bad places the person will be freed from slavery but will not escape servitude.

If ♃ is in the 2nd or 8th the person will experience what is like slavery and worse if ♃ is in the 6th or 12th.

### 1.11 How many will own the person

In a day chart, if slavery is indicated, to know how many will own the person count the planets between the ☉ and the lord of the triplicity of the Lot of Fortune. In a nocturnal chart count from the ♃ instead of the ☉.

If the ♃ is above the earth count the planets between the 6th place (the sign of slaves) to the 12th place and if the ♃ is under the earth, count the planets between the 12th and the 6th.

And if any planet is in a double-bodied sign (♊, ♋, ♎, ♏, ♊, ♋, ♎, ♏, ♊, ♋, ♎, ♏, ♊, ♋, ♎, ♏) count it as two planets instead of one.

To know how many would own the father, count from the ☉ to the lord of the ☉'s triplicity, and for the mother, count from the ♃ to the lord of the ♃'s triplicity.

### 1.12 Upbringing and Livelihood

#### Moon on the 3rd Day after Birth

Check the sign the ♃ is in on the third day after birth and consider:

- the place the sign occupies
- the planets aspecting the sign
- the place and condition of the sign's domicile and exaltation rulers

The person's condition is good and fortunate if:

- the places occupied are good and in the aspect of benefics

The person's condition is middling, he is "neither happy nor destitute" if:

- the domicile ruler is in a good place, not USB, or in the aspect of benefics

The person's condition is miserable if:

- the places occupied are bad and aspected by malefics
- malefics aspect the domicile ruler

### Indications from the radix Moon

The person's condition is good if:

- the dodecatemoria of the ☾ is with benefics or in their aspect<sup>1</sup>
- the ☾ is waxing and moving North<sup>2</sup> the person “attains good at the end of his life”
- the ☾ ascending, moving from South to North, then “he attains good at the beginning of his life and at the end”; it is best if
- it is best if the ☾ waxing and ascending North as it is an indication of prosperity and virtue

The person's condition is unfortunate if:

- the dodecatemoria of the ☾ with malefics or in their aspect
- the ☾ is void<sup>3</sup>, no planets in or aspecting the Ascendant<sup>4</sup>; the person will possess “pain and hardship in the pursuit of what he needs”
- the ☾ is waxing and is ☿, ♀, or ♀ to ♂

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<sup>1</sup>This is implied from his comments on the dodecatemoria causing misery.

<sup>2</sup>It is not clear if this is North in latitude or North in the sense that Valens describes it under winds in Book 3.4.

<sup>3</sup>There are two current ideas of what what determines if the ☾ is *Void of Course*. The most widely used interpretation is the ☾ not applying to aspect any planet within the next 30° of her travel. Others limit it to her not applying to the aspect of another planet while she moves through the sign she occupies at birth.

<sup>4</sup>Dykes has the ☾ not in or aspecting the Ascendant.

- the ☽ is waning and is ☿, ♀, or ☊ to ☿

### Indications from the 10th Place from the Moon

If there is a benefic in the 10th place from the ☽, there is good for the person. If the benefic is in their own places then the person “attains wealth and gains in right and honesty.”

If there is a malefic in the 10th place from the ☽, the good is less and if the malefic is not in his own places then the indication is for “great harm.”

### Indications for the Parents

The ☼ and his triplicity rulers indicate the father and his end and the ☽ and her triplicity rulers indicate the mother, her end, and the native. The lord of the 4th is also an indicator for the parents.

If the ☼ and his triplicity lords and the ☽ are in bad places then both the mother and father will have “misery and little livelihood” and that the person “will not be brought up” but harmed by his parents. If, at the same time, there is a benefic in an angle, the misery will be held off for a period equal to the benefic’s minor years.

If the ☼ is in a good place with the aspects of both malefics and benefics, it indicates a doubling of the father’s property “but also the diminution of the property” of the person. The same happens re: the mother if the ☽ is in a similar condition. And the loss will be worse if the ruler of the 4th is also harmed.

If the ☼ and/or ☽ is cadent and aspected by malefics then the father, or mother, or both are slaves, living in poverty and in need of “nourishment day by day” and if, along with this, the Ascendant ruler is also cadent “then the native is not brought up out of misery and

expulsion because he is a slave or a pauper or one in need of nourishment.”

### Indications for the Father from the Sun

If the ☉ and the ☉’s first triplicity ruler are in good places then:

- wealth, praise, and fame is indicated for the father
- it is better if the ☉ is also in the terms of a benefic as it means the person will inherit from their father
- if the triplicity ruler is with a malefic there is an decrease in the father’s property and “injuries and calamities”

If the ☉ and the ☉’s first triplicity ruler are in bad places then:

- the father “is not noble and poverty and necessity have overtaken him”

If the ☉ is in a good place but the first triplicity ruler is cadent, then:

- the father “is noble, but he will not keep his property and honor”
- if the ☉ is also in the term so malefic, his father “has no splendor because [this is] an indication of service for him” and if a malefic also aspects the ☉, there will also be illness for his father

If the ☉ is in a bad place but the first triplicity ruler is in a good place, the father increases and both the person and his father are elevated over their peers.

If the first triplicity ruler of the ☉ is in a strong place and the second triplicity ruler is in a bad place, his father is in good condition when the person is born but they do not persist; and the reverse is true if the first triplicity ruler is in a bad place and the second in a good place.

The ☉ and its first triplicity ruler in a bad place, in its “dejection” or other signs not its own, “then it indicates death in a terrible place for his father” and if, at the same time, a malefic is ☐ or in ♀, “all the property of his mother and father will be squandered.”

## Indications for the Mother from the Moon

Things are bad for the mother if:

- the ☾ is descending South, or
- in an eclipse, or
- in the terms of a malefic, or
- in its *dejection* (Fall?)

and if a malefic also aspects the ☾, it is worse.

If the ☾ is in the terms of a benefic and any of the above conditions apply, then “the mother is noble, but ignominy and disdain and humiliation have struck her.”

If the ☾ is in the 4th “a chronic illness will strike [the] mother or she will be harmed in her reputation.”

If the ☾ is in the 4th or 7th, in the terms of a malefic, and her dispositor is cadent, she “is in slavery.”

If the ☾ is angular and is in ♄, ☐, or in ♀ to ♀ or ♂, then the person’s mother “will die a terrible death.”

If the ☾ and her triplicity rulers are in bad places, and the ☉ and its triplicity rulers are in good places then the mother has a bad end but not the father.

(also see §1.4 Upbringing, §1.7 More on Upbringing, §1.9 Upbringing Again)

### 1.13 Lot of the Father

Calculate the Lot of the Father, by degrees, in a day chart from the ☉ to ♀; for a night chart, count from ♀ to ☉

the ☉. Add the degrees found to the Ascendant, the result is the place of the lot.

If ♄ is USB, use from ☿ to ♄ in place of ♄ and the ☉.

If the lot ruler is in any of the good places, then the father's condition is good; if it is in the 6th, 8th, 3rd, or 12th<sup>1</sup> his father's condition is bad.

If the lot's ruler is in the sign following the lot<sup>2</sup>, not aspecting<sup>3</sup> the lot, or if the ruler of the sign opposite the lot is in the lot, then the person's father is not his real father.

### 1.14 Lot of the Mother

Calculate the Lot of the Mother, by degrees, in a daytime birth, from ♀ to the ☽; for a night chart, from the ☽ to ♀, and add the difference found to the Ascendant.

The parents are of different nationalities if:

- the ☉ and ☽ are both in tropical signs (♈, ♊, ♌, ♍), especially if the malefics are conjunct, square, or in opposition to them
- the lights don't aspect each other or the Ascendant
- one of the lights is below the earth, the other above with malefics
- the Ascendant is in a tropical sign with one of the lights and there are other planets with them, especially a malefic

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<sup>1</sup>Probably should include the 2nd place as well.

<sup>2</sup>In the 12th sign from the lot.

<sup>3</sup>Pingree's text omits the "not" but that would contradict what Dorotheus said about the condition of the father being good if the lot ruler is in a good place, all of which would aspect the lot.

## Separation of Parents

The ☉ or ☽ in the 7th place indicates the parents are separated and, if the light is in the terms of a malefic, the indicated parents property is squandered.

♂ or ♀ conjunct, square, or opposed to the ☉ without any aspect from the benefics indicates the father's property is squandered. If the ☽ is in the same position, the mother's property is squandered. And if the parents are separated when the person is young he may be a needy orphan.

♄ angular, especially in the 7th, with ♅ cadent and not aspecting ♄ indicates separation of the parents. The same if ♂ is in the same condition and ♄ and ♀ in the same condition as ♅.

The two lights opposed to each other across the 6th-12th axis, or both together in the 6th or 12th, indicates the parents separation.

The lot of the father and mother together in the same place indicates separation of the parents as do malefics aspecting the lots.

Separation is also indicated if the two lights do not aspect each other or the Ascendant.

“If you find the two lots, each one of them, in a sign at its term[s], and the malefics are also injuring them from the sign, then this is an indicator of the destruction of what is between the parents.<sup>1</sup>”

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<sup>1</sup>Can't make head or tails of this. Dykes has “And if you found the two Lots, each of them in a sign separated [from the other]/*in aversion*], and the infortunes also harming them both from the sign[*possibly the 4th or 7th is meant*], then that is an indicator of the corruption of what is between the parents.” I am wondering if it might mean if you find the lots in the terms of a malefic and also harmed by the same malefic.



## The 4th Place

The ☽ and ♀ both aspecting the 4th indicates “an increase of good and a goodness of condition” for the mother.

If the ☼, ♄, and ♃ are in the 10th in opposition to the 4th “it indicates praise of the father and the goodness of his condition.”

If both the above situations occur at the same time “then judge for his two parents together good fortune and wealth and fame.”

Misfortune, misery, and slavery for the parents is indicated if ♂ and ♃ are in the 4th without a benefic or if the malefics square or oppose the 4th.

The ☽ in the 4th indicates evil for the mother; the ☼ in the 4th, evil for the father.

### 1.15 Parent Deaths

Indications of which parent will probably die first:

- the parental lot that contains a malefic or is in its square or opposition
- ♂☐☼ from the left<sup>1</sup>, the father is indicated; if the ☽ is in a similar situation, then the mother is indicated
- ♂ in the 2nd place from the ☼ (indicates the father) of the ☽ (indicates the mother)
- the ☼ (father) or ☽ (mother) square or opposed to a strong malefic
- if both the Lot of the Mother and the Lot of the Father are in the square or opposition of malefics

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<sup>1</sup>Dykes says “That is, overcoming the ☼” although usually “overcoming” is described as on the “right”; essentially, the ♂ must be in square from the 10th from the ☼, not square in the the fourth sign from the ☼.

without the aspect of the benefics<sup>1</sup> see which of the ☉ or ☽ will first enter the 4th place by diurnal motion

- if both the lights are injured by malefics look to the SAN “as this will indicate to you whatever of that you wish”<sup>2</sup>
- if a light is below the horizon and malefics aspect the Ascendant then the parent indicated by the light will die first

☿☿ or ☿ overcoming ♀ is an indication the father’s property will be destroyed.

The time of death is shown by the lots. If ♀ transits the lot and ♄ is in an angle, the person will inherit their father’s property at his death.

If ♀ and ☿ transit the sign where both lights are then both parents will die.

## 1.16 Person’s Inheritance

### The Father’s Property

The father’s property is indicated by the ☉ and ♀.

In a day chart, if they are both in good places, the person will inherit his father’s property. He will also hold on to it if the benefics aspect the ☉ alone or both the ☉ and ♀.

If ☿ is ☐ the ☉ the person will squander his inheritance.

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<sup>1</sup>The text has “but [the two lots] not aspecting any of them [the malefics]” but that makes little sense; Dykes has “and <the fortunes> not looking at them” (the lots).

<sup>2</sup>He doesn’t say which parent is indicated by the new or full ☽. New ☽, mother?

The person will waste his father's property both before and after his father's death if the ☉ is in the 6th or 12th, or, ☿ is in an angle and especially if, in a day chart, ♄ is in his dejection<sup>1</sup>. The grief from the loss will be mitigated if ♄ aspects.

The father will die a terrible death if:

- the lord of the Lot of the Father is in a bad place and in the aspect of a malefic posited in the 4th or 7th.
- the lord of the Lot of the Father in a bad place and neither the ☉ nor the lord of the ☉ aspecting the Ascendant

Indications for the relationship between a father and son:

- ♄ overcoming ♄; the father will be miserable because of his son.
- ♄☿☉; "misery and misfortune" between the father and son
- ♄ in the triplicity of ♄; they love each other and the son will inherit his father's property

### The Mother's Property

The mother's property is shown by the ♃ and ♀ and their lords.

The the ♃ and ♀ are in the west, in a bad place, and the ☉ is cadent without a good aspect to relieve the ♃, ♀, or the bad place then the person is born to parents who are poor and needy, and so is the person.

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<sup>1</sup>Probably means ♄ is in his Fall (♁).

### 1.17 Number of Siblings

To know how many siblings were born before the person examine the Ascendant's triplicity rulers and see where the stronger one falls in the chart:

- in the 1st, the person is the first<sup>1</sup> born
- in the 10th, the person is the fourth born or the first born
- in the 7th, he is the seventh child or the first
- both triplicity rulers cadent, "sometimes nothing is allotted"

If both the triplicity rulers are on the left side of the Ascendant, look at what is between the triplicity rulers and the Ascendant:

- a malefic indicates the mother had a miscarriage or that a sibling born before the person has a birth-mark or defect
- a benefic, direct, rising from the ☉, indicates there will be more siblings than predicted
- if no planets are found in-between, the person is the first born and if they are not, it indicates the sibling born before them was a miscarriage or will die before them

If there is a planet between the Ascendant and the IC there will be a sibling born after the person and if that planet is a malefic, they will die. If there are no planets found, there are no siblings born after the person.

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<sup>1</sup>Dorotheus says "the cardines indicate the beginning."

### 1.18 On Brothers

A person with the Ascendant or ☽ in ♈ or ♊ will have few brothers.

☿ in a term of ♂ aspecting the ☽ or the Ascendant is harmful to brothers.

If the Ascendant is in ♍, ♋, or ♎, the mother will have numerous children.

### 1.19 Lot of Brothers

To find the Lot of Brothers count (in the order of the signs) from ♎ to ♈ by day or ♈ to ♎ by night and add the difference to the Ascendant. A planet in or aspecting the lot will make clear matters concerning the brothers.

If the lot is in sterile signs (♈, ♏, ♎) “there is not good in his brothers” while if it is in ♋, ♍, or ♎, he will have numerous brothers.

♈ and ♀ aspecting the lot, even by square, indicates good things in the matter of brothers.

♏ or ♎ aspecting the lot by square or opposition injures and diminishes the brothers and sometimes indicates they will die before the person. But if the malefics aspect by trine or sextile “there is no great calamity” for the brothers.

### 1.20 Brother’s Love

To know if the brothers love each other or otherwise, look at the lord of the Lot of Brothers, if it aspects the lot by:

- △ there is love between brothers
- there is “a medium amount of love.”
- ♁ there is “enmity and separation”

♄ there is estrangement between them

♋ there is estrangement between them

### 1.21 How many siblings?

To find the Lot of the Number of Siblings<sup>1</sup>, count (in the order of the signs) from ♄ to ♋ (by night, from ♋ to ♄) and add the difference to the Ascendant. The number of planets aspecting the place of the lot gives you the number of siblings.

Indications from the planets aspecting the place are:

♀, ☿ in aspect from a good place, from feminine signs indicates sisters; in masculine signs, brothers

♄, ♂, ☉, ☿ peregrine, indicate the loss of siblings but if in their own places his siblings “will not love him and are not his friends or who have no use for him because what the malefics indicate is not complete”

any planet in aspect from a bad place indicates the siblings “have no good in them or have sicknesses, or that there is enmity between them, and bad and evil [are their] opinion and thought [of each other]

### Indications from the 3rd Place

If the sign on the 3rd place is double-bodied (♊, ♋, ♎, ♏) or its lord is in a double-bodied sign then the siblings are not the children of both parents.

Indications from the planets as to birth-order:

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<sup>1</sup>Note that *siblings* is being used here and elsewhere in place of *brothers*.

♄,♂ older brothers

♄,♂ middling brothers

♄ younger brothers

♃ older sisters

♃ younger sisters

### General Indications from Mars

If the 1st and 2nd triplicity rulers of ♂ are in bad places, it indicates a small number of siblings.

If one triplicity ruler is in a good place and the other in a bad place then the person has siblings “but it is inevitable that he will see their death.”

### An Example Chart

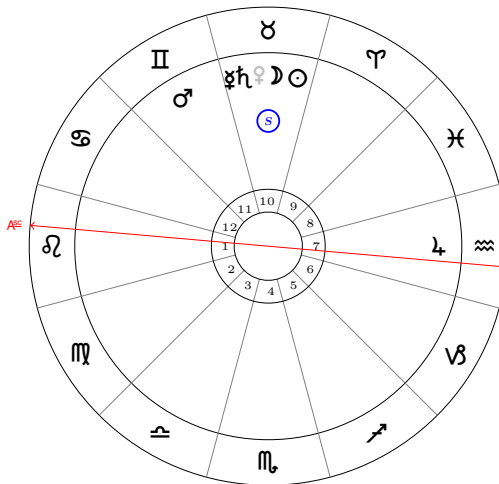


Figure 1.2: Chart 01: Man with 5 Siblings

The chart of a man with the ☉, ♃, ♏, ♀<sup>1</sup>, and the Lot of Siblings in the Midheaven in Taurus with ♂ in ♀, ♏ in ♎, and the Ascendant in ♏.

♏ and ♀ are the indicators of siblings as they are the triplicity rulers of ♂ (the general indicator of siblings). “Because they both happen to be above the earth you count from them to the ascendent, but if they were below the earth you would count from the ascendent to them.”

Predict the person will have five siblings as the two triplicity rulers are in ♎ and counting from there to the ascendent sign of ♏ gives: ♎ (1) + ♀ (double-bodied gives 2) + ♏ (1) + ♏ (1) = 5.

If both the triplicity rulers had not been in one sign it would be necessary to take the count from whichever was eastern and in a strong place, or, if both were of equal strength, to start the count from the day or night triplicity ruler (depending on the chart sect).

### Other Indications from the Lot and Planets

The Lot of Siblings is in a feminine sign (♎) with ♏ indicating his sister will die, as will both an older and his youngest brothers because the ☉ and ♀ are also with the lot and ♏ in ♎ but the fullest effect of these will not be felt because ♏ aspects the place<sup>2</sup>.

Some experts, in predicting the number of siblings, count the planets above the earth in a day chart or below the earth for a night chart.

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<sup>1</sup>♀ is missing from the original chart, Dykes places it in the 10th, dating the chart to May 2 or 3, 29 AD JC, ≈ 11:30AM Sidon, Lebanon.

<sup>2</sup>An example of the ☐ of ♏ being beneficial rather than harmful when he is angular and in one of his own places (he's the participating triplicity ruler of ♎).



If ♄ or the ☉ is with the Lot of Sibling and overcoming the ♃ by trine then the person has older brothers.

If ♄ is in the ascendent, say the person has no older brothers or if he did, they are dead.

If the ♃ is separating from ♄ in a night chart, or ♂ in a day chart, the persons older brother will die before him and he will have nothing from them other than a remembrance of their eminence.

If the ♃ is separating from ♀, the person has an older sister and he will love the acts of ♀. He will be better off, in his old age, with respect to his property and medical care, than he was in his youth.

If the ♃ is separating from ♄ the the person is not older than his siblings “and he is gentle, integral in mind and character for things, and he will be praised concerning this. Look also with this at the varieties of signs as the actualization of this will be made clear to you in them.”

If the ☉ is in the ascendent there is no good for the person with respect to siblings.

If ♂ or ♄ are in the ascendent or midheaven or in the signs following the ascendent or midheaven, it indicates the worst with respect to siblings as the person may have none, or those he has do not survive, or, if they survive, they will be his enemies.

♂ in the 12th, 4th, or 7th means there is no good in the matter of siblings especially if you also find the lord of the Ascendant, or the ♃ is with ♂ or ♂ is aspecting ♄.

### Indications from the Lot of Fortune

If the Lot of Fortune and the Lot of Siblings are together the person will benefit from his siblings and inherit their property if they die before him. Say something similar if

you find the ruler of Fortune with the Lot of Siblings and (at the same time) the ruler of Siblings and the ruler of the 3rd place with Fortune.

### Sibling's Death

Look at the two lots<sup>1</sup> and count from them to the body, square or opposition ♄, as it indicates when the person is most likely to see the death of his sibling or worse if ♂ aspects the place or turns stationary there. ♂ being stationary there “is a calamity” and more so if there is no aspect from ♄.

If ♄ and ♂ are in the place of the lot and aspect ♀, the death of a younger brother is indicated, if ♀, the death of a sister.

### 1.22 The Native's Fortune, Property and Illness

To discover the utmost limit of the native's fortune and status, look at the sect light and its triplicity lords.

If the 1st and 2nd lords are in good places “then his condition will not cease from the beginning of his age to the end of his life to be in excellence and elevation and wealth.”

If the 1st is in a good place and the 2nd in a bad place “then his condition will be better in the beginning of his age, but will degenerate at the end of his life.”

If the 1st is in a bad place and the 2nd in a good place “then it indicates middling good in his life, but this will not last in him.”

If the 1st is in a bad place and the 2nd is under the earth or in a bad place, “then some misfortunes reach

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<sup>1</sup>Most probably the Lot of Siblings and the Lot of the Number of Siblings.

him and he does not have every desire, but some forbearance against calamity and grief and loss in livelihood is inevitably his.”

If you find both cadent, “then this will not cease being in misery and poverty, especially if the malefics aspect these two from quartile or opposition and the malefics are in cardines; whoever is thus will not find bread to fill his belly or clothes in which to clothe himself.”

If the triplicity lord is USB or in the place of ♄, “then whatever of good it indicates is not stable, and his property will not increase, and he will be more learned in meditation than he is in work.”

### 1.23 Good and Evil Planets

In a bad nativity, if ♄ is in an angle, “then it will drive off the evil for twelve years” but if it is in a succedent place, “it will obstruct the calamity until it reaches a sign in which ♄ indicates calamity.”

♀ angular, “will obstruct [evil] for eight years.”

♄ angular and dominant (being a triplicity ruler of the sect light), “will obstruct [evil] for thirty years.”

♂ angular and dominant, “will obstruct [the evil] in a nativity like this for twenty years.”

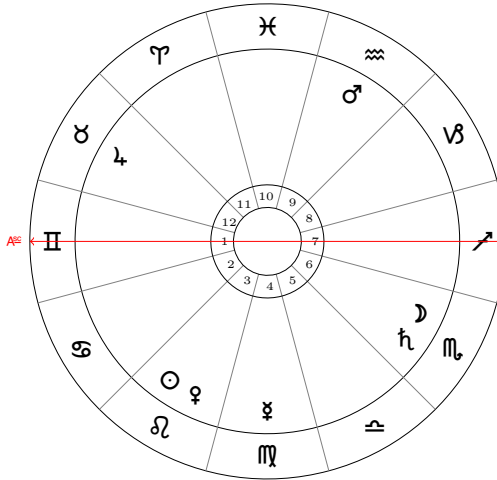
♂ angular and dominant, “will obstruct [the evil] for fifteen years.”

The ☉ angular or in its own triplicity in a day chart, “will drive off the evil for nineteen years.”

The ♀ angular in a feminine sign, “will drive off the evil for twenty-five years, but in a masculine sign, for twenty-five months.”

### 1.24 Judgments (Example Charts)

Examples of judging a person's fortune and property primarily from the placement of the sect light's triplicity rulers.



**Figure 1.3:** Chart 02: Needy, Poor, Miserable

The nativity is nocturnal and the triplicity rulers of the ♀ in ♏ are first ♂, second, ♀. As both are cadent, “this man should be needy, poor, not finding his daily bread, miserable. And this was in him more evident than what I told you.”

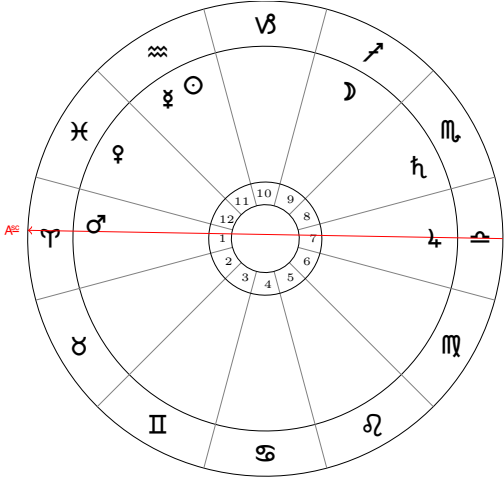


Figure 1.4: Chart 03: Wealthy, Rich, Powerful

The nativity is diurnal and the triplicity rulers of the ☉ in ♊ are first, ♄, second, ♀; both in succedent places. ♀ is in “the place of fortune, so that the native should be wealthy, rich, powerful in business affairs, great in property, seizing eminence and fortune and increasing in them.”

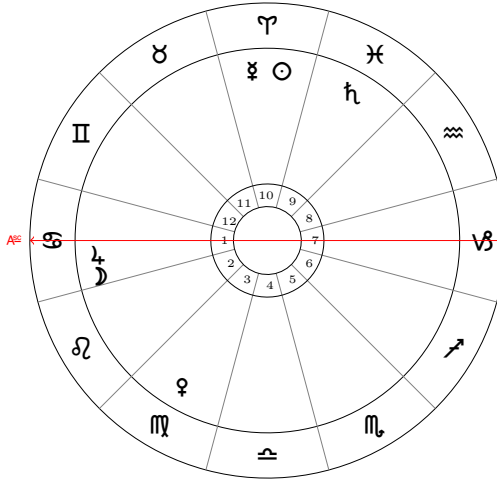


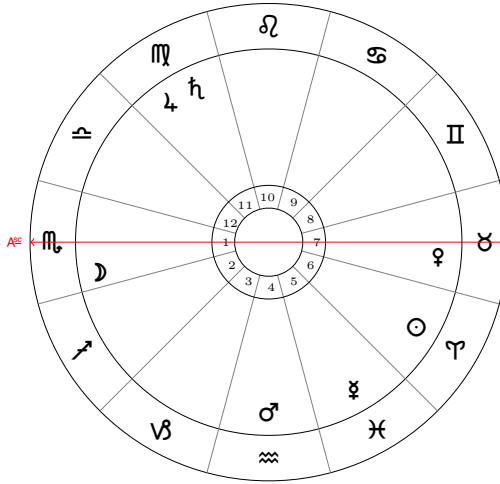
Figure 1.5: Chart 04: Praised by kings, nobles, wealthy men

The nativity is diurnal<sup>1</sup> and the triplicity rulers of the ☉ in ♐ are, first, the ☉, second, ♌, both of which are in angles and in their own exaltations “so that the native should be praised with the praise of kings and nobles and wealthy men.”

He will be “praised with the praise of kings” because ♌, the third triplicity ruler, is cadent in ♌’s sign (♌) in trine to ♌<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>The position of ☿ was not given.

<sup>2</sup>♌ is in the 9th place which the Greeks associated with royalty.



**Figure 1.6:** Chart 04: Eminent, powerful, praised

The nativity is nocturnal and the triplicity rulers of the ♎ in ♈ are, first, ♂, second, ♀, third, the ♎. As all three are angular “this man is mighty in eminence, powerful in leadership so that crowns of gold and silver are placed on him and he is praised.”

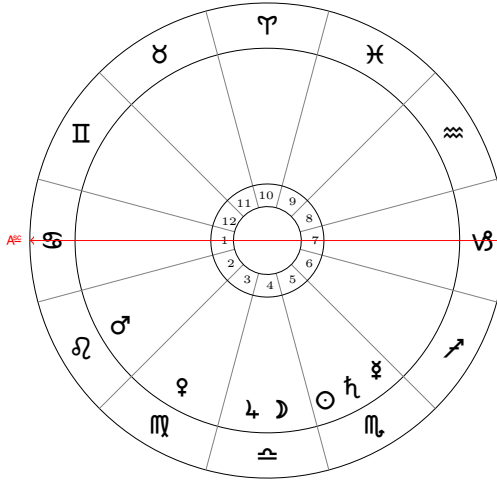
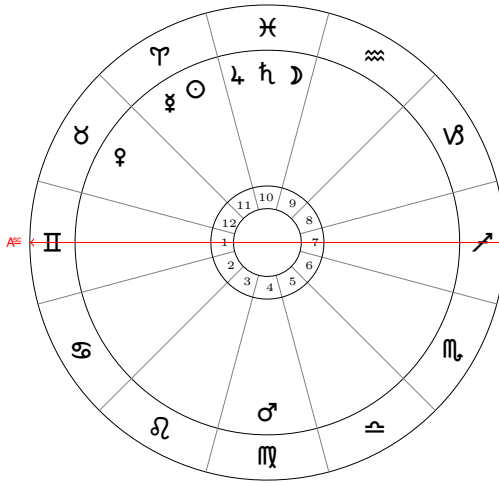


Figure 1.7: Chart 05: Poor, unfortunate

The nativity is nocturnal and the triplicity rulers of the ☾ in ♎ are, first, ♄, second, ♃, third, ♁. As the first and second rulers are cadent near the angle under the earth “the man will be needy with respect to property” but because the third ruler, ♁, is with the ☾ in an angle “he will have the closest thing to living out [his] days in poverty except that he will have the danger of the hand of misfortune.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Dykes translates this as “But because ♁ was in charge of some of this native, and he is with the ☾ in a stake, he will have the minimum of things, roughly what he is paid [with] daily, [but] having no importance [and] without a cessation of tribulation.” (CAD 1.26.12)





**Figure 1.8:** Chart 06: Wealthy, an evil end

The nativity is diurnal and the triplicity rulers of the ☉ in ♎ are, first, the ☉, second, ♄, and third, ♋. As all three are in good places “this man will abound in gold and silver” but he will have an “evil end” because ♋ is the first triplicity ruler of the 4th “from which the matter of the end and the situation of death are known” and ♋ is cadent in the sign of calamity<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup>The 12th place.

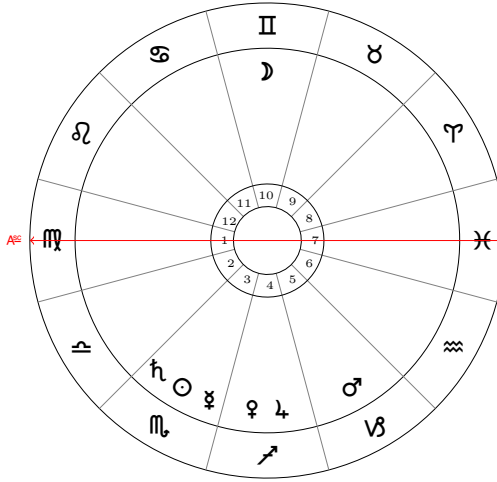


Figure 1.9: Chart 07: Noble family but raised in poverty

The nativity is nocturnal and the triplicity rulers of the ♎ in II are, first, ♀, second, ♀, third, ♀. The first and second are cadent, indicating “poverty and indigence, and he will be beseeching all his days, but he will eat in misery...but since ♀ and ♀ are in cardines they indicate that he will be of noble lineage, but that he will be brought up and will grow up in houses of slavery, and he will curry favor with [his] brothers and nobles and will become acquainted [with them], but he will fail because of the evil effect of the lords of the ♎’s triplicity.”

♂ “indicates the loss of the property of his father and its dispersal in [all] directions”<sup>1</sup>

## 1.25 Excellence of Fortune

Indications of an increased fortune:

<sup>1</sup>Dykes, based on Pingree’s timing for the chart, puts ♂ in the 2nd “harming the native’s assets” but I believe the original also shows harm as ♂, ruler of the 8th of inheritance in the 5th (risks) could indicate a sudden (♂ exalted) loss (♂) of the father’s assets (♂ sextile ♀, ☉) possibly due to his brothers (3rd) stealing them.

- triplicity ruler of the sect light in a good place in  $\text{♄}$ ,  $\text{♅}$ ,  $\Delta$ , or  $\square$  the  $\text{♁}$
- Asc, MC, and 2nd place rulers not malefic, angular or succedent, “in their places with benefics” then the person “will possess fortune, eminence, commendation, praise, and a good livelihood

Indications of a middling fortune:

- a benefic in its domicile, exaltation, or triplicity, not USB or retrograde, with its triplicity ruler aspecting the ascendent but not the  $\text{♁}$
- rulers of the Asc, MC, and 2nd neither all in good or bad places

Indications of a bad fortune:

- the triplicity ruler of the sect averse to the ascendent,  $\text{♁}$ , the sect light and its dispositor, especially if  $\text{♄}$ ,  $\text{♀}$ , and  $\text{♁}$  are not in these places<sup>1</sup> as it “is more harmful and worse” and indicates the person will not survive especially if  $\text{♄}$  or  $\text{♂}$  are found there
- rulers of the Asc, MC, and 2nd all cadent
- rulers of all four angles (Asc, MC, 7th, 4th) and all four succedent (2nd, 8th, 11th, 5th) houses cadent with no aspect to the  $\text{♁}$  by night or  $\text{☉}$  by day, the person “will be needing nourishment for his belly, and it will be worse for him if a malefic is in one of the cardines<sup>2</sup>”

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<sup>1</sup>Ascendant, place of  $\text{♁}$ , or sect light?

<sup>2</sup>Not sure the depicted situation is possible.  $\text{♂}$  rules  $\text{♄}$  and  $\text{♅}$ , which are six signs apart, so if one is cadent the other must be on an angle, and  $\text{♂}$  a ruler of an angle; if he was angular the condition of all angular rulers being cadent would fail. A similar problem arises with  $\text{♄}$ , if  $\text{♄}$  is on an angle,  $\text{♅}$  must be cadent and if  $\text{♅}$  is on an angle,  $\text{♄}$  must be succedent, in either case, if  $\text{♄}$  is angular it negates the condition that all rulers of angular and succedent places be cadent.

## 1.26 Magnitude of Fortune

Examine the distance of the triplicity ruler of the sect light from the angles using equal (oblique ascension) degrees and judge the magnitude of the fortune according to the following:

- 0-15° the person “will be most perfect in fortune and property”
- 15-30° good fortune and property, “the nearer to the degree of the cardine, the higher it is for his rank in eminence and fortune”
- 30-45° the person “will not be known,...and middling in property and fortune”
- 45°+ the person “will be needy [and] miserable”

“[You] should have these degrees in [the rising-time of] the ascendants because degrees are equal, thirty [to a sign], but the ascendants are not equal because some of them are crooked and some straight. And the crooked ones are quicker in rising, the straight ones slow in rising; and their rising-times in every region and clime is not the same because the region of the vicinity of the North is long and square while the vicinity of the South is low [and] excessive[?].”

There is no good or pleasure for the person in his property, even though he thinks it might be good and will increase, if the triplicity rulers of the ☉, by day, are in bad places and those of the ☾ are found in good places [*the opposite for a night birth?*].

If the benefics “have ameliorated” [*are connected to?*] the ascendant and midheaven but there are malefics in the 7th without the aspect of benefics, the person “will be well known [and] good in [his] condition, [but] then will fall from his fortune and his property quickly.”

If the malefics are angular, the benefics succedent, and the ☿ is separating from the malefics and moving to conjunct benefics, the person “will be at the beginning of their life despised [and] in disgrace, then they will attain property and fortune and joy.”

If the [triplicity] rulers of both the lights are in bad places look to the Lot of Fortune.

### Lot of Fortune

By day, count from the ☉ to the ☿ in the order of the signs and add the result to the Ascendant. By night, count from the ☿ to the ☉. Judge according to location of the lot, its ruler, and the aspects they are involved in.

If the lot is aspected by the sect light's sect mates “then this is a good testimony with regard to fortune and property” but if the lot is aspected by planets contrary to the chart sect “this his livelihood is difficult and he will attain property after delay and despair.”

### BAD INDICATIONS:

If the lord of the lot is cadent, or in a bad place, or not aspecting the lot, or out of sect or invisible in the west, or not aspecting the sect light, or in its dejection [*opposite its own domicile*] while not receiving an aspect from the benefics “then judge for him [the native] calamity and misfortune in [his] condition,” especially if the first triplicity ruler of the sect light is in a similar condition.

If the lot and its lord are in the 6th or 12th, USB, or aspected by malefics.

By day, ♂ conjunct, square or opposed to the lord of the lot.

The lord of the lot USB “has no power to grant good.”

If the lord of the lot, ♄, and ♀ are cadent it is a harmful indication and worse if the ☿ does not aspect

the benefics. If at the same time the malefics are angular or succedent then the person “will fall upon misfortunes and he will be injured according to that.”

#### MIDDLING INDICATIONS:

If the lord of the lot is afflicted but eastern benefics in good places aspect it, the Ascendent and the ☽ the person will be “middling with respect to property and livelihood because:

- ♄ in a good place “always indicates...good from nobles and mighty people and from well known work”
- ♀ in a good place “indicates benefit because of women”
- ♁ in a good place “indicates benefit because of commerce and science and calculation” and if mixed with ♄ the person “will be a confident of kings and bands [of people]

If the first triplicity ruler does not aspect the lot but the second one does, then some of the person’s property “will be squandered and some will remain.”

If both the lots triplicity rulers are averse to it while it receives aspects from both benefics and malefics “then his livelihood is a mixture of good and bad.”

#### GOOD INDICATIONS:

If the lord of the lot is in the same sign as the lot or in the 5th, the person is “happy and wealthy” and it is even better if the lord aspects the lot.

“The best that is [possible] is if ♄ witnesses the lord of the lot of fortune in aspect, and it witnesses ♄ or the ☉ by day<sup>1</sup> and by night witnesses ♂ or ♀ or the ☽ or ♁<sup>2</sup>; everything one considers will be good.”

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<sup>1</sup>These three are sect mates.

<sup>2</sup>The ☽, ♀, and ♂ are sect mates; ♁ appears to be treated as one as well.

“The best that is [possible] is if the lord of the lot of fortune is in its house or triplicity or exaltation or terms.”

If the lord of the lot is in a good place while being aspected by benefics that are also in good places, the person “will be one of the kings and the free-born, greedy for righteousness, and he will be one of the mighty nobles” but he “will fall from his fortune” if the malefics witness the lot or the benefics.

If the lot of Fortune is in a good place and in the terms of a benefic while being aspected by a benefic the person “will acquire property from his own property and affluence.”

If both the lot’s triplicity rulers are averse but a benefic aspects the lot the person will have “a good livelihood from strangers together with praise and commendation.”

### Indications from the Malefics

If ♄ or ♂ is “in a sign of property,” [11th?] especially in the 2nd, “it indicates a fall from property and status” unless their sect condition is good.

The same if they are in the 4th, especially if they are opposed to each other with no aspect from ♄ as “flight or a terrible death or hard fall” is indicated.

If ♂ is in the 11th the person “will fall from his property...as destruction and weakness” are indicated while a benefic in the 11th indicates “the acquisition of property unexpectedly.”

### 1.27 The Decline of Status

A “fall from fortune and property” is indicated if ♄ and the ☽ are together in an angle; if ♂ aspects them “it will be a disaster.” If ♄ is with them “the property and

fortune will remain for some time, but after that will decline<sup>1</sup>.”

## 2nd Place

A malefic in the 2nd place or throwing its opposition or square to it indicates a “decline in property and livelihood.”

The condition of the ruler of the 2nd gives indications as to the extent of the decline:

- bad if the ruler is a malefic in a bad place
- middling if the ruler is a benefic in a bad place
- “sometimes the misery is diminished” if the ruler is a benefic in a good place in the aspect of a malefic
- if the ruler is in a bad place, harming the 2nd or other malefics harm the 2nd then the person will be “always anxious about [their] livelihood and have little joy, [but are] filled with grief and misery and misfortune and calamity, and they seek everything in misery and suffering and little profit, so that [even] if it is the nativity of a king, his money will be spent on inferior thing[s].”

If the 2nd place is in relatively good condition, the ♃ will enhance that good if she is waxing, in a good place aspecting the 2nd, trine the ☉ and unaspected by ♀, making the person “well known, mighty in his leadership and work in cities and the service of kings, a confidant of them, [and] influential because of this.”

But if the 2nd is in bad condition and the ♃ is waning then the condition is worsened further and the person will

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<sup>1</sup>The text adds “even if ♃ is aspecting” but that makes little sense as we’ve already been told ♃ must be in the angle with ♎ and ♀.



“not present his management in a favorable light nor will they have praise.”

The manner of the disaster is given by the ruler of the 2nd:

- ♀ as a result of the person’s reputation among women
- ♂ due to “a book or calculation”
- ♂ due to the action of a noble, a king, or the government
- ♂ because of a violent act, anger, thieves, or fire
- ♂ due to “mature men and slaves”, from “one who is free...with no commendation or praise,” or from someone whose life is a misery and full of misfortune, or “with respect to a building” or funeral home
- ☉ due to his father or his wife or the mother’s husband or to debt
- ♂ from his mother or her relatives or because of his father’s wives

## Lot of Livelihood

The Lot of Livelihood is taken from the lord of the 2nd to the 2nd place [*cusp?*] and projected from the Ascendant. The condition of the livelihood is indicated by the condition of the lot and its lords, their location and aspects.

- good if the lot’s ruler is in a good place in the aspect of benefics
- wealth and riches if the lot’s ruler is an angular benefic in its “own place”<sup>1</sup>. If the ruler is not rising from the ☉ (or will not rise within 7 days) the

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<sup>1</sup>Not clear if this is limited to domicile or includes exaltation, triplicity, or term.

person will be rich but not famous or known for his wealth

- great misery if the lord is a malefic in the aspect of another malefic
- the lot in a good place and the lot's ruler rising, the wealth lasts for a long time
- the lot in a good place but the lot's ruler USB, what the lot indicates only remains for a little while
- if the lot is in a bad place the person's livelihood will not increase or be much to speak of

“If you find the planets retrograde in a nativity in which the planets are strong, then he will be distressed, a coward. If it is thus in a bad nativity, then his condition [tends] toward deterioration<sup>1</sup>.”

RETROGRADE

### Benefics Angular or Succedent

If ♄ is in an angle or succedent place, even in a bad nativity, any injury indicated by malefics “becomes insignificant and the misfortunes dissolve; even if [*the person*] does not attain a good livelihood, yet he will achieve something because of the position of ♄” and similarly for ♀ except its effect for good will not be as strong except “in the matter of women, there will be seen for him some participation in livelihood and pleasure.”

If the benefics are also in their own places “they indicate good and beauty in cities and groups of men because many are his acquaintances and friends, and sometimes his enemy will turn to agreeing with him so that they will become friends with him, especially if these two planets are in their places aspecting” the chart's sect light “because this increases their strength and their efficacy and their steadfastness.”

DELINEATION  
NOTE

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<sup>1</sup>Not clear if he is talking about the planets connected to the lot or of planets in general.

## Malefics Angular or Succedent

If “♄, the murderous one, or ♁, the destroyer” are angular or succedent they “indicate the severance of [*the person’s*] upbringing, and that, even if the work of the native is good among men, all will not be grateful to him nor will they praise him, but one whom he did not harm in anything will treat him as an enemy until he shall see from the generality of men grief and sorrow. If he is a king, then his people and his city will be destroyed for him and will fall into discord and quarrel[s] and necessity. Similarly predict in the case of middling and inferior nativities because the sons of his paternal uncle and his kinfolk will treat him as an enemy, and he also will not love anyone of them.”

If ♁ is angular or succedent then the person “will be reflective and anxious, ugly, malicious, [and] haughty to himself and those who mingle with him.”

If ♄ is angular or succedent then the person will be insolent, “a laborer insignificant in his thought and reflection.”

Both ♁ and ♄ are less harmful if ♃ or ♀ aspect them.

Look to see which planet will be the first after birth to reach the Ascendant or ♃ as it will most clearly indicate “the matter of fortune and [*the person’s*] property and what the extent is.”

### 1.28 Sign Gender, Direction, Sect, Triplicity Rulers

♄-♌-♈ masculine, eastern, diurnal

☉ rules by day

♃ rules by night

- $\mathfrak{h}$  associates with the  $\odot$  and  $\mathfrak{L}$   
 $\mathfrak{S}-\mathfrak{M}-\mathfrak{V}$  feminine, northern, nocturnal  
 $\mathfrak{F}$  rules by day  
 $\mathfrak{D}$  rules by night  
 $\mathfrak{M}$  associates with  $\mathfrak{F}$  and the  $\mathfrak{D}$ , “while  $\mathfrak{F}$  has a share in  $\mathfrak{M}$ ”  
 $\mathfrak{H}-\mathfrak{A}-\mathfrak{W}$  masculine, western, diurnal  
 $\mathfrak{h}$  rules by day  
 $\mathfrak{F}$  rules by night  
 $\mathfrak{L}$  associates with  $\mathfrak{h}$  and  $\mathfrak{F}$   
 $\mathfrak{S}-\mathfrak{M}-\mathfrak{H}$  feminine, southern, nocturnal  
 $\mathfrak{F}$  rules by day  
 $\mathfrak{M}$  rules by night  
 $\mathfrak{D}$  associates with  $\mathfrak{F}$  and  $\mathfrak{M}$

“The first book is finished. Praise to God, the grantor of fortune to whom He wishes of His servants because of his excellence, and Who removes misfortune from whom He wishes of His servants because of his faith, and Who is generous, beneficent, just, [and] compassionate. May his blessing be upon His prophets whom He has chosen and [upon] all of His messengers.”

*In the name of God, the merciful and compassionate, to Whom I resort.*

*This is the second book of Dorotheus which he wrote on marriage and children and judgments of the planets. The beginning of its beginning is from marriage. He said:*

### 2.1 Marriage

#### Indications from Venus

- ♀’s triplicity rulers, visible and direct, with ♀, or angular or succedent or in trine to her gives good indications for marriage
- if ♀’s triplicity rulers are cadent or in bad places, “corrupted” or USB then it is unlikely the native will marry or that he will marry disgraced women or one very old or very young
- if ♀’s triplicity rulers are in bad condition but ♀ is with a benefic planet, both being in good condition, then the wife will be agreeable but if the triplicity rulers are between ♀ and the benefic “they indicate disaster and disgrace because of women and anxiety and grief because of them<sup>2</sup>.”
- ♀ with ♄ in a good place indicates marriage to an agreeable wife
- in a diurnal chart, if ♀ is cadent and aspected by ♄ and ♂ while her triplicity lords are in the mid-heaven marriage to a well-known (♄ indicates fame) whore who brings disgrace on the man is indicated

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<sup>2</sup>Sense of the passage is that ♀, the benefic, and one or more triplicity rulers are together in a bad place.

- if ♀ is with, overcome by, or opposed by a malefic the person's life "will revolve in grief and misery because of women, especially if the malefic is the ☿"
- ☿ in ☿ or ♌, aspected by ♄ indicates marriage to a slave girl, or servant, or stranger
- ♄ with ♀ "predict...intercourse with a praiseworthy woman" and if ♄ aspects the ☿ the intercourse is "with his mistress or his lady or the wife of one of the nobles" and if ♄ or ♂ also aspect the ☿ ("which is the king of the night"), say the same if the nativity is that of a woman<sup>1</sup>
- ♀ USB in the 1st or 10th and ♂ in an angle or with the lot of wedding, indicates marriage to someone "of the lowest [class], a stranger and a pauper" and if ☿ and ♀ both aspect the lot of wedding, marriage to "a singer or dancer" is indicated

### Indications from the 7th Place

If malefics aspect the 7th and the ruler of the 7th is cadent or in the aspect of malefics or in a bad position then, the person will suffer injury from the ruler because of:

- ♄ the father, mature men, or the dead
- ♄ kings, wealthy men, or a "decree of the city"
- ☿ argument and talk, or marriage to a woman who'd once been a concubine and was stolen away by thieves
- ♂ a shameful and disgraceful marriage and if ☿ is with ♂ the person "will kill his wife with his own hand and [her] blood will stick to him" and if ♂ is with ♀ "the bride's dowry is damaged, and she will be furious with him"

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<sup>1</sup>Presumably the person, being a woman, will sleep with her husband or the husbands of noble women.

## 2.2 The Lot of Wedding (Man's)

The Lot of the Wedding (*[Marriage]*) is counted from ♄ to ♀ by day, the reverse by night, and projected from the Ascendant. Those planets in the lot or square to it become “the indicator of the wedding.”

If a malefic or an angle of the lot falls in the 6th or 12th then there will be grief and little benefit from the marriage.

## 2.3 Lot of Wedding (Women)

The Lot of Marriage for women from ♀ to ♄ by day, the reverse by night, added to the Ascendant. Planets in the the lot or square to it become “the indicator” of the marriage.

If ♄ is the indicator the women will marry a number of men in succession and “play the whore with men.”

If ♄ rules the lot and is in the 7th it indicates she will marry an older relative. If the woman is a slave or servant then she marries her master.

If ♄ rules the lot, she marries a man “that will not be known” who has a ♄ profession.

If ♄ rules the lot, she marries a man who is known, is famous in the towns and cities.

If ♀ rules the lot, there will be a marriage with “joy from wine.”

If ♄ rules the lot, the marriage will be made with deceit and quarrelling, especially if ♄ aspects.

## Indications from Venus

♀ in a bad place in the charts of men or women indicates a “disgraceful marriage.” If a malefic aspects ♀ its malice

is mitigated if ♄ also aspects ♀.

♄'s aspect of ♀ in a man's chart indicates benefits from women; in a woman's chart, benefits from men.

If ♀ is in a two body or two figured sign then the person will have more than one marriage.

♀ and ♂ in mutual reception by domicile or ♂ with, square, or opposed to ♀ indicates, for the person, "disgrace, debauchery and destruction."

If ♀ is with ☿ and ♂ the person "will have no stability in marriage, but he will rejoice in this woman one time, in that woman another time." If they are in the midheaven or if ♀ is in the midheaven and aspected by ☿ and ♂ the man will be one who befriends women<sup>1</sup> If the planets aspecting ♀ are eastern his befriending will be public. ♄ aspects one of ♀, ☿, or ♂ at the same it mitigates the harm done to the woman. If ♀'s triplicity rulers are in the midheaven "her debauchery will occur publicly and with renown."

If ♄ and ♀ are both in bad (cadent) places then "disgrace, debauchery, and a bad reputation are indicated."

If ♀'s first triplicity lord is in a good place and the second in a bad place it indicates then the women's condition is good in the beginning but worse in the second part of life<sup>2</sup>

## 2.4 Lot of Marriage

### Indications for Marriage

- ♀'s triplicity ruler in its own place

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<sup>1</sup>Dykes says he "will be of those befriending the women of [other] men" (p123).

<sup>2</sup>Dorotheus assigns the three triplicity lords to three stages of life: beginning, middle, end.



- ♀ in one of her own places indicates a marriage that will “abound in children”
- the ruler of the lot of marriage “rejoicing in its light<sup>1</sup>, aspecting its own place while the benefics aspect it, and its place is strong in a cardine or what follows a cardine, then this native will marry a good woman with no blemish in her, virtuous, praiseworthy in this, and he will be noble in his condition and his benefit”. The benefit, as shown by the ruler, is from:

♄ nobles

♁ the spouse’s paternal inheritance or a freed slave

♂ violent deeds or the works of a martial man

♊ calculation and words

♀ praise, women and females

- if ♊ is the ruler of the lot marriage and it is in a bad place while a benefic is in or aspects that place then the person will marry a virtuous wife and good wife but he “will be anxious and unhappy.” If ♊’s dispositor is in a good place the “misery and misfortune because of women” will pass or they will “attain joy and profit” because of it
- ♀ in ♌, indicates more than one marriage, especially if other planets aspect the place
- ♀ in the 7th (an angle) the person will marry but “it indicates injury and misery and calamity because of women and that he will have little stability with them” and he will have intercourse with servants, poor and needy women, and strangers.

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<sup>1</sup>The planet is diurnal, in a day time chart, above the horizon in the same hemisphere as the ☉, or, it is nocturnal, in a night chart, in the hemisphere above the horizon which does not include the ☉.

- ♀ in the 4th indicates marriage but with grief due to the wife and child dying and it is worse if ♀ is in a cardinal sign, especially ☿ or ♄, as it indicates a strong desire for intercourse with disgraced women and whores and debts because of this
- ♀ with ♀ or ♀ in the terms of ♀ while ♀ aspects her, the person will marry a widow or an older woman or one who does not care for him or an insignificant or disgraced woman and the same applies in a woman's chart with respect to a husband and children
- ♀ with ♂ or in in the terms of ♂ while ♂ aspects then the spouse will be an adulterer and there will be grief due to a lack of children through barrenness or sterility
- ♀ with ♄ combust indicates an obscure marriage and the person will marry a widow whose child-bearing years are over
- ♀ with the ♄ in ☿ or ♂, in the aspect of ♄, the person marries a female relative
- ♀ in a bad place ☿♄, or ♀ ☐ or ♀ the ♄, indicates harm to the marriage and if two are angular they indicate marriage to a sister or close female relative
- ♀ and the ♄ together in the 4th in the aspect of ♄ indicates marriage to a relative and children in their later years
- the ruler of the lot of marriage in the lot, aspecting the lot, or aspecting the ♄ indicates marriage to a relative, possibly a niece or nephew
- ♀ and ♀ in the Ascendant in one of ♂, ♄, ♄ or ♄ indicates sex with a daughter or older sister but if

the ♃ is square to them, the sex is with a maternal aunt; if ♂, rather than the ♃ is square them, then he will marry a woman but lose his property because of her and if it is the chart of a woman, she is a lesbian

- the ruler of the lot of marriage in the 7th place from the lot while the ruler of that place is in the lot indicates the person “will keep quiet about their marriage[s] and will have intercourse with women secretly, then they will marry them after that and they will have children”

### Indications against Marriage

The lot of marriage ♀ or ♀<sup>ASC</sup> or in a bad place or if ♀ is in a masculine sign in the eastern hemisphere the person will be without a woman for his entire life because ♀ is a nocturnal planet who rejoices in the western hemisphere and prefers feminine (nocturnal) signs. Diurnal planets rejoice in the eastern hemisphere and prefer masculine (diurnal) signs.

If ♀’s triplicity rulers do not aspect ♀ or the midheaven, “then men will have no pleasure in marriage.”

The person will never marry if the triplicity rulers of the lot aspect neither the lot nor ♀ nor the midheaven.

If ♀’s triplicity ruler is in the last degrees of a sign or in the terms of a malefic or in the 4th or not in its own place or is aspected by malefics then the person will never marry.

If ♀ is in a bad place in the aspect of ♄ with ♄ aspecting neither the place nor ♄, then the person will never marry but “he will have intercourse with those who are disgraced and in whom there is no good.”

If ♀ and ♂ are in the other's house or term or if they are conjunct, square or opposed to each other it indicates "debauchery and wickedness" and if they are in the western hemisphere it will be secret but if in the eastern hemisphere the debauchery will be public and if the ☉ aspects there will be infamy and if with this ♀ rules the lot of marriage and is located in the 6th or a quadrupedal sign while the lot of marriage is also in a quadrupedal sign and injured, the person will not marry young or if they do it will not last as these usually work their lives away without marriage and if the ruler of the lot of wedding is in a good place "he will have intercourse with a sick woman, or a stranger who has no one, and trouble and injury will come upon him because of the"

### Other Indications

- ♀ peregrine or in a tropical (♈,♉,♊,♋) sign with or in the aspect of the ☽ or if ♄ aspects, will be willing to pay for sex
- the ruler of the lot of marriage USB or under the earth while it aspects the lot indicates "intercourse with whores and slave girls or he will have intercourse with one with whom a multitude of men has had intercourse"

### 2.5 How many wives will he marry?

The number of planets between ♀ and the midheaven indicate the number of wives but "wherever you find ♄, then know [his] coldness and distance; wherever you find ♂, [his] death unless a benefic aspects it." If ♀ is cadent from the midheaven, the man has little constancy toward women.

For women, count the number of planets between the midheaven and ♂, unless ♂ is in the midheaven, then

count to ♄. If ♂ is in the 7th the woman has little constancy toward her husband.

The Lot of Happiness and Wedding is counted from ♀ to the degree of the 7th (the reverse by night) and projected from the Ascendant. If the lord of the lot is in a bad place and ♀ is USB and aspected by malefics the person will never marry. If a malefic is in the lot or aspects the lot the person will marry disgraced women and one from whom there is no good.

The wedding is timed by a transit of ♄ or ♀ to the square, opposition, or trine of the lot unless ♄ is also square or trine the lot, in which case the marriage will not occur or, if it does, it not last long.

Marriage is possible whenever ♄ transits radix ♀. And sometimes a ♄ transit, if he is well-placed and connected with the lot in the radix, can time a marriage, especially if ♄ aspects him.

If multiple wives are indicated, marriage can occur whenever ♀ transits or aspects her own house but the marriage will be neither stable nor suitable. The same if ♀ and ♂ are in aspect.

The marriage partners suit each other and are in agreement if:

- both the man and woman have their Ascendants in the same angle, or
- either one has a light in the ascendant or midheaven, or
- the ☽ in one chart is in the place of ♀ in the other or vice versa especially if the two ☽'s are in trine
- a light in one chart is in the same sign as a benefic in the other's chart
- both have all their benefics in angles

- each have their lot<sup>1</sup> in the same sign

Incompatibility or problems are indicated if:

- the sign occupied by a malefic in one chart is the same as the sign occupied by the ☿ in the other chart indicates “injury and little agreement” between the couple

## 2.6 Lot of Wedding by Day or Night

The Lot of Wedding is from the ☉ to the ☿ (from night, the ☿ to the ☉) projected from ♀.

♈ square or opposed to the lot indicates marriage.

If the lot opposes the Ascendant, or is in the 4th aspected by malefics, or if the triplicity ruler of ♀ (in a man’s chart) or ♂ (in a woman’s chart) is in the 4th or 7th, then, the spouse will die.

♀ in the 4th or 7th in a man’s chart not only indicates the spouse’s death but also the man’s “smallness of...constancy toward women.”

♀ western with or aspected by a malefic, in a man’s chart, also indicates the wife will die.

In a man’s chart, ♈ in the 10th or 8th aspecting ♀ in the 6th or 12th indicates marriage to a good woman who will die, causing “fear and weeping and anxiety” for the man.

“But your consideration concerning the time of their [the women’s] death [should] be as I told you in the matter of the parents (§1.15) and brothers (§1.19-21).”

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<sup>1</sup>Not sure if this means the Happiness & Wedding lot or the Lot of Fortune. Dykes, in a footnote to 2.5, says it refers to the Lot of Spirit.

## 2.7 Gender Tendencies

Indications a man will prefer men to women:

- ♀ in ♀ or ♀ and ☿ in the 2nd, 8th, 6th, or 12th
- the lot of wedding angular with ☿ in a masculine sign
- ♂ in ♀ or ♀ and ☿ in ♀ or ♀
- ♂ □ or ♀ ☿
- ♀ in ♀, ☿ ♀, or ♀, USB with ♀ or ♂ or being overcome by a □ of ♀ or ♂<sup>1</sup>
- ♀ in ♀ or ♀ and ♀ in ☿ or ♀ in the 4th, 6th, 7th, or 12th indicates effeminacy
- ♀ cadent or in the 2nd or 8th while ♀ or ♂ are angular in feminine signs indicates effeminacy particularly if the lights are in feminine signs or one of the lights is in a feminine sign and aspected by ♀ or ♂

Indications men or women will prefer those of their own sex:

- ♀ in the 7th opposite the ♀ in the ascendent, men will prefer men, women will prefer women especially if ♀ is in ♀, ♀, ♀, ♀, ♀, or ♀ and particularly if ♀ or ♂ aspect ♀ or ♀ is USB
- ♀ or ♂ in ♀, ☿, ♀, ♀, or ♀ and the lot of illness is with one of them in a feminine sign in a woman's chart or in a masculine sign in a man's chart

Indications as to a woman's sexual tendencies:

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<sup>1</sup>A planet is "overcome" when it is in the square of another planet that is in the 10th sign counted from its sign position e.g. a planet in ♀ is overcome by planets in ♀, a planet in ♀ is overcome by planets in ♀.

- $\mathfrak{D}$  in  $\mathfrak{O}$ ,  $\mathfrak{W}$ , or  $\mathfrak{X}$  and  $\mathfrak{M}\mathfrak{J}\mathfrak{S}$  indicates “the woman will be notorious for adultery especially if”  $\mathfrak{Q}$  is the 1st or 10th
- both lights in masculine signs and  $\mathfrak{Q}$  angular in a masculine sign and one of the three square or opposed to the other
- if both lights are trine to their rulers in a woman’s chart “then [these] women will have much intercourse with men and a great number of men will have intercourse with them”

## 2.8 Children

If  $\mathfrak{L}$ ’s 1st and 2nd triplicity rulers are together in a good place, rising from the  $\odot$ , then the person will have, and benefit from, children.

If one of the rulers is in a good place and the other in a bad place the person will have children “but misery and lamentation and weeping will reach him because of them.” And the timing is shown as usual, by the first part of life being given to the 1st triplicity ruler, the 2nd part of life to the second triplicity ruler.

If both triplicity rulers are angular and USB then the person will have no children, especially if  $\mathfrak{L}$  is cadent and USB<sup>1</sup>.

## 2.9 Number of Children

### Indications from the Moon and Venus

If the  $\mathfrak{D}$  and  $\mathfrak{Q}$  are in  $\mathfrak{E}$  or  $\mathfrak{V}$  or their triplicities ( $\mathfrak{M}$ ,  $\mathfrak{X}$ ,  $\mathfrak{O}$ ,  $\mathfrak{M}$ ), the one in the “better position” becomes the

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<sup>1</sup>Possible if  $\mathfrak{L}$  and its triplicity rulers are all are within 15° of the  $\odot$  and in neighbouring signs.



indicator of children. If they are not in these signs use ♃ as the indicator.

If the indicator is in the midheaven, ascendant, or Fortune the person will have children while they are young.

If the indicator is in the 2nd, 8th, 4th, or the lot of wedding then the person will have children in his middle or later years.

### Indications from Jupiter

If the indicator of children is ♃ and he is in a good place but USB, the person “will have children but they will not live.”

Identify which of ♃’s triplicity rulers is strongest. If it is in the 10th the person will have one child or four. If it is in the 7th then the person will have seven children or one, especially if ♃ is the sign on the 7th.

If the triplicity ruler is in the 9th or 3rd, count the number of signs between it and the Ascendant and that will be the number of children. Modify the number by:

- adding to it the number of planets in the signs counted
- increasing it if ♃ and ♀, are in the signs counted
- if one of the signs is double-bodied (♊,♊,♋,♋), double the count found from it
- if ♃ or ♂ are in the signs counted and those signs are in good places they increase the number of children except the extra child will be expelled, especially if the malefic is in the 7th or 4th.
- if ♃ or ♂ are in the signs counted and those signs are in bad places, a child will die

### 2.10 Lot of Children

To find the lot of children count from ♄ to ♁ by day, or from ♁ to ♄ by night, and project the result from the Ascendant.

If the lot is in an angle or a good place, the indications for having children are good. If it is in a sign of “few children, then it indicates a small number of children”. If ♁ is with the lot then the person “will be sterile or will have few children or will be grieved with an intense grief on account of [his] children.”

If the lot is in the 6th or 12th place, “then neither a male nor a female will be born to him, and he will suffer distress and grief from this; but if he should have children, they will not stay with him so that they will part from him in the cities.”

Planets square or opposed to the lot indicate “a multitude of children” but if no planets are square or opposed to the lot, “then these [natives] have a need for children.”

The number of signs between the lot and its domicile ruler indicate the number of children. If the signs hold a malefic, the children will die.

If the ☉ is square or opposed to the lot, it will increase the number of male children; the ☿ square or opposed increases the number of female children.

If there is no planet in or aspecting the lot the first child will miscarry or die horribly.

♄ and ♀ indicate children if they are in good places but deny them if they are in sterile signs (♈, ♏, ♐, ♑, the beginning of ♉, the middle of ♈, ♏ and ♐.) ♊ abounds in children, as does ♌, but it also indicates their death.

### 2.11 Lot of Transit with respect to Children

The birth of children is timed by the activation of a lot taken from ♄ to ♂ by day or from ♂ to ♄ by night and projected from the Ascendant.

A child will be born when ♄ or ♀ or ♃ transits the lot, its square or opposition.

Children may also be born when the year comes to the place (sign) containing ♄ or ♀.

### 2.12 Lots of Male and Female Children

The Lot of Male Children is counted from ♄ to the ☉ by day, from the ☉ to ♄ by night and projected from the Ascendant.

The Lot of Female Children is counted from the ☽ to ♀ by day or from ♀ to the ☽ by night and projected from the Ascendant.

The condition of each lots ruler is used to determine whether the person will have more male or female children.

The person will have few or no children as:

- ♃♂♂ indicates the death of children
- ♀♂♃ without the aspect of ♄ indicates few children, or, sterility if ♃ also aspects the ☽ while she is in a tropical (♈, ♉, ♊, ♋) sign with a malefic
- the ☽ square a malefic indicates there will be no children

The person will suffer grief and sorrow due to children if:

- a malefic squares the lots indicates the loss of children

- the lot in the 12th or 6th aspected by ♄, which indicates the death of children
- ♄ square or opposed to a malefic or in the 7th or 4th with a malefic indicates the death of children, especially if ♄ is “without light”<sup>1</sup>
- the ☉ and ♄ in the same sign indicates grief related to having children
- ♄ injuring ♀ without the aspect of ♄ indicates grief over children or they will have children but not enjoy them especially if ♄ is also aspecting the ☽
- ♄ cadent indicates a child but they will lose their parents.

If ♄ and ♀ are not injured there will be “an abundance of children”. If the two are USB or in their fall then there will be no children or if there are, they will die.

The planets aspecting the midheaven, its sign and aspects and the sign following the midheaven indicate male and female children.

The likelihood of children can be judged from the strength and condition of the 5th house and its lord. If the ruler is cadent and neither ♄ nor ♀ aspect the 5th while malefics do, there will be few children and their lives may be brief. If at least one benefic aspects the 5th the person will have some children. If the lord of the 5th is in a good place, aspecting the midheaven, there will be an abundance of children and good because of them.

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<sup>1</sup>Not in the same hemisphere above or below the horizon as the ☉.

### 2.13 Number of Male and Female Children

If a feminine sign is the fifth place<sup>1</sup> and its ruler is in a masculine sign, the person will have more male children than female. If the place is masculine and the ruler is in a feminine sign, then there will be more female children.

If the ♃ is angular in an equatorial sign (♈, ♉) it indicates sterility for both men and women.

When ♃ transits, squares, opposes, or trines radix ♂ the spouse is pregnant.

### 2.14 Planets in Trine

♃Δ♃ if ♃ is in a good place, the trine “indicates an abundance of property and land and trees and buildings and mosques; sometimes he will be lord of a group and will agree with his father, and sometimes he will direct the affairs of his city and of landed estates, and he will benefit because of strangers and will be lucky and will be honored in [all] ways”

♃Δ♃ & ☿ the person “will be secretive, learned in hidden [and] secret things, or he will direct the affairs of kings and of cities, or with this he will be pious and will raise a child other than his own, and he will not be benefited by his own children, because they will die or will be separated from him” and if ♂ also aspects then the “good will decrease and misery and evil reputation and misfortune will increase”

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<sup>1</sup>Not sure of this, Dorotheus says “look at the place which I mentioned to you and its lord”, the fifth seems to be most logical choice.

- $\text{h}\Delta\sigma^7$  without an aspect from  $\text{L}$  and  $\text{X}$ , “then he will be rich, a ruler of reason, strong, well known in the metropolis—he will be put up in the manner of kings, but he will see the death of his older his older brothers”
- $\text{h}\Delta\odot$  in a diurnal chart, “then the matter of [his] livelihood will be good because he will be well known, a possessor of renown, praiseworthy—he will seek leadership and will be lucky for his father” and it will be better if both of them are in a masculine sign.  
 In a nocturnal chart, the person “will have a good livelihood, but there will be a decrease from his property and his father’s property”
- $\text{h}\Delta\text{D}$  “indicates respect and great benefit from kings or those like kings, and he will be praiseworthy, especially if the  $\text{D}$  is increasing; if the  $\text{D}$  is decreasing” there will be less of what was mentioned
- $\text{h}\Delta\wp$  “indicates a good livelihood in good repute [and] favor, except that calamity will come upon him on account of his inferiors and he will have no marriage”
- $\text{h}\Delta\text{X}$  “indicates that he will be calm, reasonable, not vacillating in [his] thought, firm in reflexion, learned in calculation and book[s], outstanding in his livelihood”
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- $\text{L}\Delta\sigma^7$  “he will be a leader, a ruler for action, learned in affairs—he will have benefit and honor from the chiefs”

- ♄Δ♀ “he will be handsome in his appearance and face and will have elevation because of women and love”
- ♄Δ☿ “he will be quick-witted, intelligent, perfect, and it indicates that he will be better than his relatives and his relatives will desire honor for him—praiseworthy he will not cease in the work of great cities and kings; some of these [natives] are learned in the stars of heaven”
- ♄Δ♌ “will increase the praise for the native and he will have rank and status. Look concerning what I told you at the time of the native’s fortune; one of these will sometimes be a leader, a chief for men, while another of them will be a leader in business, and another of them for commerce, and another of them in the leadership of armies, especially if the ♌ is increasing”
- ♄Δ☼ “indicates wealth and abundant good fortune and children and a wedding and life in a high rank”
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- ♂Δ☼ in a nocturnal chart with ♂ as the hour ruler of the birth<sup>1</sup> “then he will be elevated in the good because sometimes he will be a powerful king” and if ♄ is also trine or is angular “then he will be a leader mighty in nobility, but if with this the ♌ is good, then he will be valiant, governing life and death and assassination, and [it indicates] lodgings quick to change, and a suspicious

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<sup>1</sup>Dorotheus says if “Mars is the lord of the hour”, I believe the birth hour is meant.

nature quick in distrust—he will [even] distrust himself, especially if it is in a masculine sign”

♂♂♀ “he will be wealthy, rich, abounding in steadfastness, good in horse-[riding], might in endeavour[s], except that he will love intercourse with women and riding forbidden [mounts]”

♂♂☿ “he will be a supervisor in work, learned in quarrels, power will be plentiful for him, [but] his situation will not increase because of quarrels and books”

♂♂♂ if the ♂ is decreasing or is the triplicity ruler in a nocturnal chart, “it indicates that he will be good in supervising work, quickly successful in what he seeks, but if ♂ aspects the two, he will be a governor possessing good fortune and leadership, one abounding in power. But in a diurnal nativity when the ♂ is increasing it indicates sickness in his body”

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☉♂ “look at the power of the planets and their aspect[s], then judge according to that”

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♀♂♂ “he will be handsome [and] happy, [but] he will have no constancy in marriage, and he will make his appearance in debaucheries”

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☿♂ “will make him quick-witted [and] learned”

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## 2.15 Planets in Square

♂☐♂ the parent’s property will be spoiled and overturned, in some cases they “will not obtain no-



bility,” the person’s property will be diminished, their “works interrupted,” there will be neither wealth nor poverty, and it will be worse if  $\mathfrak{h}$  overcomes  $\mathfrak{L}$ .

$\mathfrak{h}\square\sigma$  if  $\mathfrak{h}$  overcomes  $\sigma$ , the person “will have little medical treatment, he will be weak in his body, unceasing in diseases because of fevers, he will be shaking, and the properties of his parents will be destroyed, and he will see the death of his brothers” but if  $\sigma$  overcomes  $\mathfrak{h}$ , “then it will hasten [his] father to death before [his] mother, and they will not survive long, but they will spoil the properties of [their] parents and will envy [their] parents and will harm their food”

$\mathfrak{h}\square\odot$  if the  $\odot$  overcomes  $\mathfrak{h}$ , “then he will spoil his parents’ legacies, and he will be an enemy of his relatives, and the clearness of the open air will become cloudy with work, and diseases will rise up upon him, and he will worry about chains, and he will toil with respect to his livelihood, an unknown in his city,” but if  $\mathfrak{h}$  overcomes the  $\odot$ , “he will be confused or he will run away or he will hasten to death or his mother will beat him or there will be leprosy in him,...or his belly will cool until this harms him, and he will be cold in his body and his work”

$\mathfrak{h}\square\wp$  if  $\mathfrak{h}$  overcomes  $\wp$ , “it indicates his fall from women, [that he will be] rejected [and] devoid of good, and every evil will come to him” but if  $\wp$  overcomes  $\mathfrak{h}$  “then he will be weary [and] difficult, but he will be blessed with a good wife who will be better than he in lineage, one who is admirable in herself together with her agreeing with his parents”

𐎧𐎠𐎫 if 𐎧 overcomes 𐎫, “it will bring many misfortunes to these nativities and will make the native base, listless in work, a cheater—he will love the fault that is not his own<sup>1</sup> and with this he will be afflicted, a lisper or a mute or a deaf man” but if 𐎫 overcomes 𐎧, “then it will not be good, but the evil...will be less”

𐎧𐎠𐎡 “it will harm the owner of the nativity” and if 𐎧 overcomes the 𐎡, “a flaw in the manner of his walking and a chronic illness in his body will come upon him, and he will not be courageous for any of his work, and he will spoil his mothers’ properties, and there might be among them some who hate their fathers” but if the 𐎡 overcomes 𐎧, “the years will reach him immediately, and this native will be diseased [and] will have little property, and if it is in a feminine sign, there might be a judgment that he will be blessed with a wife who will be his enemy, and who will consider harming him—he will not be about to enjoy his children”

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𐎧𐎠𐎫 if 𐎧 overcomes 𐎫, “he will be noble, steadfast, compassionate, and some of them will be honored for aid in the houses of kings [and will be] well known in the house[s] of the kingdom, and some of them will control the work of the king, and their status will increase high up, but they will spoil their fathers’ property and be worried by the matter of children, that they will have few children” but if 𐎫 overcomes 𐎧, “then it will make them quick in seeking their livelihoods, and he will be in this feeble-minded, tiresome, fa-

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<sup>1</sup>Dykes says “this does not really make sense,...Rather, the native will remain in other people’s service, and will be resentful of them” with a reference *Mathesis* VI.9.

tigued, and slander and quarrel[s] with men will reach him because of [his] work for the government”

☯☐☉ if ☯ overcomes the ☉, the person “will be noble and his father [will have] great good and connections with kings and many benefits together with honor, and he will lord it over many men” but if the ☉ overcomes ☯, “it indicates that his father will be noble but his property will diminish, and he will rise up from his homeland, and the people of his city will elevate him, and some of the more powerful of his enemies will be furious with him”

☯☐♀ if ☯ overcomes ♀, the person “will be loving to people and he will profit because of women, [will be] good at calculating for [his] livelihood, approaching near to God..., forceful in [his] oaths” but if ♀ overcomes ☯, *<quoting Dykes<sup>1</sup>: “then evil will be spoken of him in his happiness, and a blemish will afflict him from his eagerness for women, loving praise, and pleasure, and cleanliness will accompany him; but he will be afflicted in what he tries to do (of work), and through his own actions he will be seen as [committing] offense, and he will rejoice in whatever good comes to him due to evil, except that he will do evil”>*

☯☐☿ if ☯ overcomes ☿, the person “will be a scribe, a learned man, a calculator, [and] he will live on a side different from his relatives in a good condition” but if ☿ overcomes ☯, the person “will not be rich, but he will be great in generosity, but if in some of the houses in which he stays good reaches him, he will not be charitable in his work and will not be thankful to people”

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<sup>1</sup>The Pingree text does not include anything on ♀ overcoming ☯.

♄♃ in day or night charts, if ♄ overcomes the ♃, the person “and [his] mother will be good in [their] livelihood, superior in [their] nobility and [their] retinue, loving among their kinsfolk, [and] the native will have fame [and be] well known among the mighty of the people, a rich man, and they will praise him, and better than praise” but if the ♃ overcomes ♄, the person “will be good in great matters, praiseworthy, generous to the chiefs, but there will be a clear fate in him, a diminishment and an idleness from work”

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♂☐☉ if ♂ overcomes the ☉, the person “will relax at the beginning of his life, but disease will increase at the end of his life, and ruin will descend upon him, and calamity will be continuous” but if the ☉ overcomes ♂, “then it will be harmful in the matter of his father and of himself, [he will] abound in calamity, misfortune in his property will reach him until everything that he possesses disappears, and he will be frightened, perplexed, obsessed with delusions, and his vision will grow dark and his sight will be in error; in a diurnal nativity the misfortune will be worse except that sometimes he will die from this and perish”

♂☐♀ if ♂ overcomes ♀, “then it is bad in nativities because it produces misfortune and disaster and diseases because of women; and if it is thus and the sign is tropical (♎,♏,♐,♑), then he will be effeminate [and] he will perform this vicious act, and if marriage is judged for him, then he will marry slave girls and disgraced women or he will be debauched by whores, and if the nativity if of females then she will be a whore, one of the women who have intercourse with men wickedly” but if ♀ overcomes ♂, “then those things reach

him which we mentioned before, but the will keep this quiet for shame and will repent in the end”

♂◻♀ if ♂ overcomes ♀, the person “will do things shocking among people, and it will imbue the native with reasons for misery from every place and it will harm him in quarrels and work and everything that he concerns himself with, and slander will come to him from his relatives and the place of his secret; the misfortune is worse than this at a diurnal nativity” and less in a nocturnal one, but if ♀ overcomes ♂, the person “will be inferior, feeble, illegally seizing the properties of the people—he will not have power over any of their goods without taking it and he will think of a thought because they will argue with him lest he be malicious—and he will be exasperated with his relatives, [and] his own eagerness is for the future, or he will be spiteful, greedy for properties, and most of his effort will be in the pursuit of wealth”

♂◻♂ if ♂ overcomes the ♂, the person’s “mother will be a widow, and he will decrease in his livelihood and his property, and his mother will perish or one of his brothers will die horribly, and [his] grief [will be] great, and some of them will be afflicted with madness, and they will flee to a house of worship, or it will afflict him with the destruction of [his] vision and [with] dismay, especially if ♂ is in a term of ♀ or the ♂ in a term of ♀ or a term of ♂ as sometimes the power of the terms changes nativities” but if the ♂ overcomes ♂, “it indicates the small standing of his mother and scarcity in her livelihood, and for the native a spoiling of [his] property and misfortune”

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☉☐☽ if the ☉ is square ☽ or if they are in angles while the benefics aspect both “it indicates for the native an abundance of properties and nobility and happiness, but if the malefics aspect they will be in alarm about their livelihood[s] and their live[s]” and if at the same time the ☽ is applying to ♄ while ♄ aspects her, the person “will be noble, but will arrive at trouble, and some for whom he intends evil will envy him;” but if ♄ is not in aspect and a malefic is, “the danger will be more suitable that misfortune and misery will reach him”

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☿☐♀ regardless of who overcomes whom, the person “will be learned in a marvellous [and] beautiful craft, [and] he will be known among people because of taking pains at this, and their sayings about him will abound, and the mother of women will regret [his existence]”

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☽☐♀ if the ☽ overcomes ♀, it indicates the person “will be wealthy, and it indicates in the nativities of men [that there will be] censure on account of women” but if ♀ overcomes the ☽, “then it will increase his good, and he will be good in [his] condition and livelihood and complexion, he will be handsome [and] clean, and he will be charming in [his] speech, but he will have no constancy in [his] union with women; and it indicates that his mother will be clean [and] well supplied and his wife beautiful, but she will not be virtuous [and] will not love her husband”

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☿☐☽ if ☿ overcomes the ☽, the person “will be insignificant, cold, [and] shameless, without having any satisfaction in anything or any trust in [his] heart or [his] speech” but if the ☽ overcomes the ☿, the

person “will be good in [his] opinion, good in [his] words, a reasonable man, but he will worry about the affairs of his city; if the malefics overpower ☿ in its quartile of it [the ♃], then he will be caught in a contract and a book, and will be thrown in prison and chains”

## 2.16 Planets in Opposition

♄♃ “there will be no good in his condition or his work, and he will grieve for his children. If ♄ is in the ascendent and ♃ in the West, then in the beginning of his years he will be miserable but in their end happy”

♄♂ the person will have “misery and misfortune in [his] livelihood and grief and disease and harm and a decrease in his life and a paucity of children and an abundance of enemies and distress and a struggle concerning what is between him and his relatives and a quick death for his father and misery on top of misery.

If these two planets are in a wet place, then this native will be miserable in streams and the sea or near this, and diseases from dampness will reach him so that he will be harmed in his body.

If it is in a quadruped sign, then injury and biting will reach him from lions or he will be poisoned at the end of his life. If these two are in quartile (☐), it indicates approximately this or whatever of falling may come to the native until he sees that he is dying, and it is worse for him if the two malefics are injured by the ♃ without the aspect of ♄.

If they are both, together with this, in cardines, then this is an indication of death in separation

from his relatives and his country, and some of them will tumble from the good or fall into the hands of the people. But if they are both in what follows the cardines, one of them in opposition to the other, it indicates the end of hope and destruction, especially if it is in a feminine sign.

If both are in cadents, then there will be less for the evil of these two, but according to this the native will fall and [this] will sadden him, but if the ☉ aspects it dissipates this injury”

☿☉ without an aspect from ♄, “it indicates trouble for his father in [his] livelihood and chronic illness, and the spoiling of his father’s property—if his father dies he will quickly spoil his property—and his death will be a bad death, and the native will fall upon evil, especially if it is in a feminine sign”

☿♀ “he will be excessive in fornication, a disgraced man, and he will not marry; if he does marry, he will marry a disgraced songstress or a stranger or one in whom there is a chronic illness or a servant or one in whom there is sickness, and joy will not reach [him] in the acts of ♀”

☿☿ “it indicates a stammer of the tongue and few words, or he will be a lisper, especially if ☿ is in a sign which has no voice (♊, ♋, ♎) and is under the ☉’s rays and with this aspects the ♄. If ♂ aspects it, it diminishes from these evils but increases [his] trouble; but he will be perfect in intellect [and] sedate, but no gain will reach him from his intellect and his reason except that he will be learned, stuffed with intelligence, and because of this he will be good in rank because, even if he is younger than they, his older [broth-



ers] will die and he will be their leader, and his father will die before his mother”

☿☽ “it indicates the spoiling of his mother’s property and pain and hidden illness and grief and irritation. If a benefic does not aspect it, it indicates a blemish in his mother’s body and badness of condition in the matter of livelihood.

If it is in a quadruped sign, it indicates injury from lions. If it is in one of the signs which resembles a human, this evil will reach him.

If the sign is wet, then [the injury] is from water and streams and diseases.

If the benefics do not make it ineffectual, it indicates chronic illness in his body and darkness in [his] two eyes, and some of them will live exiled from their city”

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The text for ☿☿♂, ☼, ♀, and ♃, is missing. What is shown below for these configurations is taken from Dykes *Dorotheus: Carmen Astrologicum* footnotes, p153 that are based on Firmicus’s *Mathesis*.

☿☿♂ “there will be unevenness in life and a loss of wealth, as well as hostility from friends, and dangers from rash actions”

☿☼ “there will be a loss of the father’s assets, and he will fall from a previous honor, with lesser people being preferred to him, and it is worse in a nocturnal nativity”

☿♀ “it indicates promotion, advancement, good fortune, and wealth; but also unfaithfulness and dis-

*agreements from friends, and their friends are ungrateful*"

♄♂☿ *"the native will be trained in speech, but it also indicates insurrection and strife from the people, that envy from others will harm their reputation among kings, and also the death of siblings or conflict between them"*

♄♂☾ if the ☾ is waxing and west of the ☉ in the evening the person "will be celebrated with respect to [his] livelihood, a famous man, and he will be one of those who relies on himself and will not obey another, especially if the ☾ is less in degrees than ♄.

If the ☾ is greater in degrees, then it is harmful because [there will be] a decrease in [his] livelihood [and] afflictions and agony will come to him"

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♂♂☉ "in a diurnal nativity, it indicates a horrible death for the native's father or a decrease in his sight, and the native will fall from a lofty place and afflictions will come to him; in a nocturnal nativity his work will be slight and his property will be dissipated"

♂♂♀ the person "will be one of those in whom there is no constancy with respect to [his] thinking, and it will harm his father and his marriage. If it is in a tropical sign (♈, ♉, ♊, ♋), it indicates quarreling and misfortune because of women"

♂♂♂ the person "will have little shame [but will be] a master of lies and books or bewitchment and injury, and his livelihood will be from this, and he will have little property, but his wife will be

good, and he will not cease being surety and giving guarantees for it, but he will run away from the discharge of [his] trust, and he will submit it to the judges and to argument, and fear will come to him and dread of [his] superiors, and he will depart for places in a land other than his own, especially if ☿ is in ♁'s term or in its own term or house"

- ♂♂ the person's "life will be short, and as long as he stays alive [it will be] in misery and calamity, and some of them will die before they marry and some of them will die a terrible death, and he will be discontent and his limbs will be cut off or tied up"

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The ☿♂ is missing, Dykes includes the following from Firmicus' *Mathesis* in a footnote:

- ☿♂ *"it alters the life, status, and wealth of the native, alternating between wealth and poverty; it also adds blemishes to the face, and bodily weakness"*

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- ♀♂ "there will be no good in [his] marriage and no children (even if there were, they would die), and he will be disgraced and beaten because of women"

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- ☿♂ "indicates quarrels and affliction from groups of people and great slander, and he will be a coward in speaking"

## 2.17 Planets in Sextile

"The aspect of sextile: judge it in this about as the aspect of trine except that it is weaker."

## 2.18 Saturn in a sign with another planet

♄,♄ the person “will abound in landed estates [and will be] the steward for kings and nobles, entrusted with properties of other than his own, and...will be noble if ♄ does not aspect”

♄,♄ “indicates good in [his] character, but there will be no good in regard to his property, and reason will keep him waiting, and he will marry, and his body will be weakened, and [his] bile and black bile will be aroused against him, and his father will die before mother, and he will spoil his father’s property, and he will turn to his brothers who were born before him because they will die or their disease[s] will be severe, and grief will come [upon him] and dependence, misery and blemish. And if ♄ aspects, it will make easy and dissipate this misery [and he will] bear it”

♄,☉ “he will spoil his father’s property and his end will come to misery, and worse than this in a nocturnal nativity, [if ♄] is eastern or western, with regard to his father and his brothers and his own peculiarity<sup>1</sup>.

If the ☉ is in less degrees, then it is more terrible and worse because a horrible death will come to his father and like this, as I told you, of what the native will suffer, and he will fall from his good fortune, and disease from dampness and weakness will befall him, and he will love building[s] and sometimes will acquire wealth from them so that his living is from them, but still he will be miserable.

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<sup>1</sup>Dykes has “and especially to himself.”

If it is in the house of the ☉ or in the house of ♀, it indicates that his father will be noble and will not be discomforted, but the native will be hostile to his father, and what is like this as I mentioned”

♂,♀ “he will marry a blemished woman for whom he will not be suitable, or he will have intercourse with a barren woman or one whom there is a chronic illness, and he will be blemished and will be despised because of this, and he will have few children, and the one for whom children are judged will have few male [children]; he will have no constancy toward women [and] will have no comfort, but it will chill him; and according to that practice predict in the nativities of women”

♂,♂ “he will be a lisper, cumbersome with [his] tongue, slight in [his] work, but a calm man, a smart fellow [and] profound”

♂,♂ “will spoil the good of his mother and her work, and she will be emaciated, [but it will be] strong in decrease for his mother’s property, weak in [his] body and in his mother’s similarly.

If the ♂ is increasing and the nativity diurnal while the benefics aspect, then it will remove the evils.

If the nativity is nocturnal and the ♂ is increasing or decreasing in the aspect of ♀ and ♀, then it indicates an increase in everything”

## 2.19 Planets in the same sign

♂,♂ “indicates leadership and property and honor in metropolises and cities, and he will be one of the judges for communities, abounding in work.

If they are both in the house of one of them, then he will be powerful, steadfast, celebrated in arms, and the like”

♄,☉ if ♄ is USB “it indicates decrease of everything. If it [♄] is eastern<sup>1</sup>, it indicates good fortune and property and gain and luck to his parents and joy in [his] children”

♄,♀ “he will be one of those who will be brought up in honor and wealth, he will love the generality of people, [he will be] merciful, good in [his] intention, good in [his] appearance, pleasant in the eyes of chiefs and nobles, desirous of good and of fame; property and leadership will come to him because of women and houses of worship, and [he will be] good in [his] marriage and children.

If a malefic is [not]<sup>2</sup> between these two, then he will be beloved and received wherever he may be; thus [also] in the nativities of women.

If ♄ is with ♀ in a strong place and the ☽ and ♂ aspect these two, then a disgusting and shameful affair involving one of his relatives will be added.”

♄,☿ “he will be an expert in law, victorious in words, and perfect in reasoning and intellect, learned, the raiser up for the great among the people, and some of them will be secretaries for the more powerful grandees or kings”

♄,☽ “indicates an increase in property, dignity, and good fortune. If ♄ is powerful [and] eastern,

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<sup>1</sup>“Eastern” here probably means that ♄ is at least 15° degrees from the ☉, and rises ahead of it.

<sup>2</sup>There is no ‘not’ in the text but the statement doesn’t make much sense if it is excluded; malefics between the two would be more apt to cause conflict or separation than love and a warm welcome.

there will be good for the native from his fathers. If the **Д** is less in degrees and **Л** is not bright, then this will decrease the good fortune of the native”

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**♂, ☉** “indicates the swiftness of his father’s death. It is worse and more terrible if it is in a cardine or what follows a cardine—it indicates pain for the native an aches, and he will be envious, squandering his father’s property, and iron or fire will fall on him; and he will be mixed up in his opinion[s and] will have no constancy in them”

**♂, ♀** “indicates quarreling and disaster and injury because of women. If the sign is tropical (**Υ, ☿, ♌, ♍**), then he will have intercourse with a bad woman, and however it may be quarreling will come to him because of women, and he will be excessive in sexual intercourse; predict similarly in the nativities of women that they will be disgraced in sexual intercourse”

**♂, ☿** “he will be a liar except that he will be reasonable, intelligent, learned, desirous of culture, [and] he will love arguments.

If **Л** aspects it, [he will have] praise for that.

If it is **♀**, then [it will be] like this and he will be strong in love for his children.

If **♄** aspects, then there is no good in it because he comes to hatred and defects; and it will punish this native

If **☿** and **♂** are thus USB in a cardine and they aspect **♀**, then he will be misleading in his intention and thought, [and] the leaders of thieves will be opposed to him, [and] he will act perfidiously in pleasure.

If 𐌚 aspects, the evil will desist from him.

♂, 𐌔 “indicates the shortness of his survival and a terrible death and a chronic illness, and some of his flesh will be cut with iron, and it indicates misery for his mother. If they are both in a cardine, then he will be relaxed in his work [and] refractory, and in addition to this it indicates injury

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☉, ♀ If “western in nocturnal nativities and eastern<sup>1</sup> in diurnal nativities, then he will be praiseworthy [and] welcome”

☉, ☿ whether ☿ is east or west of the ☉, the person “will be gentle, a scribe, [and] he will have status for his culture and reasoning, and he will be a chief and will benefit others”

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♀, ☿ “he will be lazy in [his] jobs, desirous of joy and pleasure, abounding in women, adorned with culture and words, loquacious in poetry because he will compose pleasing [and] beautiful words, but he will be disconcerted because of intercourse with women so that his pleasure and his desire will be in slave girls.

If both are in the ascendent, then it is better and more secure for their strength, or profit and nobility will come to him from women if 𐌚 aspects it”

♀, 𐌔 “he will be great in [his] appearance, good in [his] children, joyful, fortunate, but he will have no constancy in [his] marriage [and will be] desirous with respect to women other than his won, and the wives of some of them will do similarly in having intercourse with other than them”

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<sup>1</sup>“Western” most likely means “setting after the ☉,” “Eastern”, rising before the ☉.



☿,♃ “he will be praiseworthy in [his] reason and understanding, perfect except that he will be a liar [and] will not be constant with respect to an affair.

If a benefic aspects these two, this evil will diminish and it indicates for his mother good except that she will be disgraced by men.

If the ♃ is greater in degrees than ☿, then it will be good because, if the ♃’s degrees abound, it accomplishes the strength of the planets which it is leaving because the ♃ is nearer the earth than the planets [are]”

## 2.20 The Places of the Planets

“Look with this at the places of the planets and their portions<sup>1</sup>, and know this as says the honored [and] praiseworthy by three natures, Hermes, the King of Egypt.”

## 2.21 Moon in the Places

ASC OR MC:

If the ♃ is in the hemisphere opposite the ☉ and aspected by benefics the person’s good is increased, if by malefics, the person’s good is decreased.

ANGULAR OR SUCCEDENT:

In her house (☾) or exaltation (♊) or term<sup>2</sup> the person “will be well-known, abounding in friends and acquaintances, [and] staying a long time, he with his mother.

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<sup>1</sup>This probably refers to the planet’s bounds (terms) as the Greeks used the word *portions* for *degrees*.

<sup>2</sup>The ♃ has no terms under the Egyptian Term system most commonly used; its possible *triplicity* is meant: ♀, ♁, ♃, ☿.

If a malefic is with it or aspects it, it will cut off [his] hope, and if he is master of something he will not take pleasure in it.

If a benefic aspects it without a malefic, then he will be a powerful chief [and] a commander.

If a malefic and a benefic aspect it, the he will be miserable [but] will attain some nobility and status, or his brothers will die a terrible death.”

7TH:

In the 7th the ☿ “indicates sudden death for the mother, and for the native a decline in his livelihood and character from his position and grief for his children and his women.”

4TH:

If malefics aspect, it “indicates an intense disease in a hidden place, and argument[s] and grief for [his] children, and women will be roused up against him.

If a benefic aspects it, it indicates that he will benefit from an evil job.”

## 2.22 The Sun in the Places

ASC OR MC:

If the ☉ is “in its own house or a male sign, then it will be good.

If the benefics aspect it from the tenth place, he will be praiseworthy, a leader over groups in nobility; and it indicates similarly if it is in the midheaven except that he will have few brothers.”

7th:

“[I]ndicates hidden misery for his parents and his brothers.

If ☿ is with it, then he will abound in property, especially if ☿ is western<sup>1</sup>.”

If the ☉ is not in its own places and is aspected by malefics, especially in the opposition or square of ♂, it “indicates terror because of fire or a terrible death or evil rising up in him or a [bad] name or yelling or murder arises, and some of them will be food for lions; if the ☽ is injured, then it will be worse, but if the benefics aspect they will diminish the misery.”

4th:

A fall is indicated or “a decrease in the property of his fathers, but if the lord of its house or its exaltation overpower it, it will ameliorate this evil<sup>2</sup>.”

## 2.23 Saturn in the Places

### ASCENDANT

In its own places in a diurnal chart “♄ will have no harm because he will be a lord of landed estates and buildings” according to the level of rank or status as indicated by the chart; however, “he will be weak in body, conspicuous in diseases, [and] he will not attain complete nobility, but he will be mediocre, he will not profit in the matter of marriage, and he will leave his parents.”

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<sup>1</sup>As they are already in the west, in the 7th, this most likely means ☿ is western of the ☉, setting after it sets.

<sup>2</sup>Here he seems to be saying that if the domicile or exaltation ruler of the ☉ is square from the 1st (the 10th from the 4th) it lessens the harm. A trine “from the right” or 9th place of a sign can also be said to “overcome” or “overpower” the aspected planet so in this case, a trine from the domicile or exaltation ruler from the 12th (9th from the 4th) may also lessen the evil, possibly by harming others (12th is a cadent house) rather than the native himself. Angular houses usually effect the person, succedent houses, the person and others, cadent houses, effect the person indirectly via other people, especially if an exalted planet is involved, they tend to deflect the harm onto others.

If ♄ is the places of his enemies<sup>1</sup> “it will be more injurious because his reputation will become bad and his children will be few; in a nocturnal nativity it will be worse because he will have difficulty in affairs, [will be] tormented by diseases, ugly in [actual] appearance and [in] rumor, secretive, injurious in nature and [to] most of the things which are near [him, and children] will not be born to them nor will they love their relatives.”

Other planets in the 7th while ♄ is in the 1st indicate:

♄ his older brothers will die before him and “he will fall into the hand[s] of his enemies.”

♂ “abundant evil and a bad death for the native and [his] parents.”

♀ the death of the person’s wife.

♂ his parents may die suddenly

#### MIDHEAVEN

♄ here mars the person’s livelihood and good fortune for thirty years, especially in a nocturnal nativity, in a fixed sign. In a mutable sign, the person will do better but his good fortune will be slight.

If ♄ is in the 10th with ♂ the person will come to a bad end unless a benefic is in the 7th.

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“Indicates the death of [his] children and brothers or their paucity, and he will be heavy in [his] body, diseased, and injury will come to him from the sea or [from] water or from the coldness of his limbs, and his death will be a terrible death, but also he will see what he loves in his enemies.”

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<sup>1</sup>In his detriment (♄, ♀) or detriment (♄), or possibly in ♄, or peregrine.

“If ☿ is with ♄, then it will be worse in the matter of his children and his slaves and his servants, and his good fortune and his property will be spoiled.”

## 2.24 Jupiter in the Places

### ASCENDENT

The person “will possess a good marriage and children and brothers and reputation, especially in a diurnal nativity,” less so in a nocturnal nativity.

The father is better than the mother if ♄ is in a masculine sign and the reverse if ♄ is in a feminine sign and, if it is in a mutable, sign the person “will raise up his parents<sup>1</sup>”

If, at the same time, ♄ is in the 7th, his father will be harmed and his holder siblings will be destroyed and “he will see what he loves in his enemies together with praise and condmenation, and he will be in the houses of worship and the houses of kings entrusted with a throng of people.” ♂ in the 10th or 11th “will diminish this or spoil it in the end.”

If ♂, rather than ♄, is in the 7th the person will be superior to his enemies and his superiority will be even better if ♀ witnesses ♄ and more so again if the ☽ is also involved with them.

### MIDHEAVEN

The person “will be far out in his fame, noble, having good fortune and children, especially in a diurnal nativity.” And if ♂ is in a good place and “in his own portion<sup>2</sup>,

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<sup>1</sup>Dykes sames he will be “named” for his parents; he believes Pingree’s reading, which implies the person will raise their parent’s status, is a misreading (CAD p.163 fn1).

<sup>2</sup>Dykes has “in his own share” meaning “in his own sect” p.164 fn2. Although “portion” could possibly mean “term” or “bound” as the Greeks used “portion” for “degree.”

then he will be one of the chiefs and lords of armies, well known [and] praiseworthy.”

“If ♀ aspects, it will increase his good fortune because of women, and he will be praiseworthy [and] famous.

If ☿ aspects from a good place, it will increase [his] learning and reason and intelligence.”

#### DESCENDENT

The person’s condition and status will be better when he is older, “and his end will be good, but it is better if ♄ is in his own house or exaltation, but he will be troubled and miserable in his youth and he will see the death of his women and his brothers, especially if a malefic aspects it or is with it, but he will have work and medical treatment in the houses of kings and of chiefs, and he will be a lord of property and goods from what he attains of power, and his reputation will grow, and, if he dies, he will leave behind a good name and a pleasing reputation.”

“If the West [7th] is a tropical sign (♈, ♉, ♊, ♋), then he will rise up and escape from his neighborhood and rob kings and spoil the property of his fathers, especially if a malefic aspects it (we have seen [people] like this who were lords and leaders, [but] then were expelled from their properties [and were] empty), and one of them will be consoled with a woman servant or a foreign woman or one who is worse in [her] lineage than is he.

If ♄ aspects ♀ and ☿ and ♂ while the ☽ is with it, it indicates debauchery and misfortune and misery.

If ♀ aspects ♄ “while both of them aspect the ☽, then he will be learned, a fortune-teller, [and] will predict things before they happen.”

#### IC

The person will have success from “an act of secrecy, and the native will rise, and his control over his property

and his good will improve, and the condition of his parents will be better, but [there will be] no good in his marriage, or he will marry at the end of his life and [children] will be born to him at the end of his years or their middle, and he will fall in the middle of his years from his good fortune, [but] then he will get up and his affairs will prosper.”

## 2.25 Mars in the Places

### ASCENDENT

If the chart is diurnal “it indicates misery and pain in his good, and he will be malicious in character, have few children, be filled up forcibly<sup>1</sup>, [and] he will love debauchery and do this in other than charity and the like; it indicates similarly in the nativities of women, and it is worse than this if ♄ aspects, but better than it if ♃ aspects because it strengthens him [the native] and he will be welcome.

But if ♂ is in the ascendent while [one] luminary is in the West [7th] and the other in the cardine under the earth [4th], and ♄ is cadent, then his parents will die suddenly a terrible death, and the native will be taken, but will not remain long in prison, and chronic illness will be in him, and this will be as if he had no upbringing and good.

If in nocturnal nativities ♂ is in the ascendent in a feminine sign while ♄ aspects, then it indicates intelligence and prosperity in [his] work and courage and daring, and besides this he will not escape from any of the misery.”

### 2ND PLACE (PROPERTY, ASSETS)

“If ♂ is in the house of property, it indicates the ruination of his property, but if a benefic aspects, then it will spoil some and leave some behind.”

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<sup>1</sup>Dykes says the person will be “full of anger” p.165

## MIDHEAVEN OR 11TH PLACE

“If ♂ is in the midheaven in diurnal nativities or in what follows the midheaven, then it indicates a fall and a terrible flight from his land.

If this sign is tropical(♊,♋,♌,♍) or possesses two bodies [*mutable*: ♀, ♁, ♃, ♄], then he will return to his city, especially if a benefic aspects it, but if a malefic aspects, he will spoil his father’s property, especially if the ☉ aspects. The calamity is less in nocturnal births, especially if ♄ aspects because ♄ diminishes the indolence and evil and increases the reason [and] intelligence.”

## MIDHEAVEN OR 4TH PLACE

“If ♂ is with the ♄ in the midheaven or under the earth, he will destroy property and goods, but if a malefic aspects, the native will repair what he had destroyed.”

## DESCENDENT

“If ♂ is in opposition to the ascendent, then it is bad because he [the native] will die or run away from his city or fall in misery, and it is worse than this if it is in other than its portion<sup>1</sup> and not in its place as misfortune and fire and disobedience will come to him from an evil act. Know which this is of the kinds of signs in which ♂ is. If ♄ aspects, it will make it easy for him, and misfortune will come to some of them until they look at death, [but] then they will escape. Know which this is of the kinds of signs in which ♂ is.

If ♄ aspects, it will make it easy for him, and misfortune will come to some of them until they look at death, [but] then they will escape.”

If ♂ “aspects the ☉ or ♄, it indicates his separation from his parents and his deflection from a livelihood.” If

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<sup>1</sup>Dykes reads this a being in its own “sect”, although the Greeks used “portion” to mean “degree” so it may refer to being in its own bounds or terms.



the ♄ is waxing and aspecting ♂ “then it will be bad because sometimes death and a terrible harm will come to him, and this will come to some of them in individuals or things, and with this misery he will be taken in blood.

If ♄ does not present itself, it will increase that which I mentioned very much, but in nocturnal nativities less.”

## 2.26 Venus in the Places

### ASCENDENT AND 2ND PLACE

If ♀ is rising before the ☉ and “rejoicing in its light<sup>1</sup>, he will be praiseworthy, handsome, a master of women, well known among kings and lords of men, well known in metropolises and cities, and some of them will have intercourse with the women of the rich, but they will not profit or excel by means of this, and some of them will occupy houses of worship [and will be] pure (we have seen something like this), great, one whom praise will lift up and his head will be crowned and he will be good in [his] character [and] will love wealth, especially if the ♄ aspects.

If with this ♂ and ♀ aspect, he will be delighted with joy, openly rich in this.

If with this, ♄ aspects, he will have intercourse with a mature woman who is not praiseworthy and its not famous for goodness. Predict like this in the nativities of women.”

### ASCENDENT

In the ascendent in a double-bodied sign (♊, ♊, ♊, ♋) “the native will be named with [the names of] two fathers or two mothers or with two names.”

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<sup>1</sup>Visible and in sect.

♀ and ☿ in the ascendent and ♂ in the 7th “indicates ruination of his father’s property and the expenditure of what was acquired because of nobles and the quest for knowledge and approaching houses of worship because he will seek glory and high rank, but will fall in quarrel[s] because of an evil affair or on account of a woman, and he will be seized because of blood or poison, a shameless fellow, and emptiness and fear will reach him from this, but this evil will fade away by his donating property—afterwards he will be in charge of death. If ♄ aspects, it will diminish the evil, but if ♄ does not aspect, misery will reach him and flight and a fall from his property; in the nativities of women they will have intercourse with the nobles and some of them will get remuneration and profit.”

If ♀ is in the ascendent and ♁ is in the 7th, “it indicates his wife will give him poison to drink so that he will die by means of it.”

If ♀ is in the ascendant and ♁ is in the 10th, “he will be satisfied, wealthy, he will believe in God and will be a mightier noble than his fathers were, and he will travel to many cities and countries, but he will return to his city and will fall into contracts because of women, and children will be born to him unless a malefic aspects...predict similarly in the nativities of women.”

If ♀ is in a feminine sign, “it indicates that his mother is of nobler lineage than his father and she will live long.”

ASCENDENT, 10TH OR 4TH

If ♀ and ☿ are in the ascendent, MC or IC while being east of the ☉, “it indicates nobility and honor and praise in groups of people, and this will be because of insight and knowledge” and it is better if they are in a feminine or tropical sign (♈, ♉, ♊, ♋).

If ♀ is in the ascendent or 10th and aspects the ☽, “it

indicates marriage to one of his relatives.”

#### MIDHEAVEN, IC OR 5TH

The person will be “praiseworthy [and] welcome, but if a malefic aspects” ♀, it diminishes her power.

In a woman’s chart, ♀ in the 10th in a masculine sign indicates the woman will be a harlot and if ♂ or ♀ aspects ♀, the woman will be a lesbian, especially if the ☿ also aspects from a masculine sign.

In a man’s chart, if ♀ is in a feminine sign, “he will not be satisfied and the character of a woman will be in him, [he will be] weak; if ♀ aspects, it will enfeeble him and make it difficult for him in the acts of ♀.

#### DESCENDENT

♀ in the 7th “indicates that he will have a good end except that he will have no good in marriage, especially if there is none between these two [?]”<sup>1</sup> without the aspect of ♄. But if ♀ is in this place in nativities of women, then [it indicates] what is better than this because she will be one of those who do not perform the act of ♀ in an unnatural way. But if the ☿ is with it [♀] in the West in the nativities of men, then he will be effeminate and will marry a whore whom many men have had intercourse with.”

#### IC

If ♀ is in a masculine sign in a day chart, “it indicates disgrace because of women, and if ♀ or ♂ aspects he will see the death of his women; if the sign is tropical (♈, ♉, ♊, ♋), then it will not happen once but many times.”

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<sup>1</sup>Could possibly mean if there is no friendship between the two places.

## 2.27 Mercury in the Places

### ASCENDENT

The person “will be bent over in everything and for everyone, and he will have many children, be reasonable, well known to everyone, desirous of instruction and words.

### MIDHEAVEN OR 11TH OR 2ND

And if ☿ is in a tropical sign (♈, ♎, ♊, ♋), the person “will be well known, praiseworthy among tribes and praiseworthy people.

If the sign possesses two bodies [♄, ♀, ♁, ♃], then he will be a trainer, a teacher or the leader of other’s children.

If it (☿) is in a feminine sign, he will attain nobility because of women.”

### ASCENDENT OR MIDHEAVEN

The person “will be wealthy or a scribe or possess [his] livelihood from calculation.

If ♀ is with it [☿], then he will be intuitive or an artisan for words, and he will be praised among most men.

### MIDHEAVEN

If ☿ is in the midheaven with ♄ the person “will speak in revelation and be mighty and overpower many men and be a chief in the houses of worship or the houses of kings or in metropolises or in cities, especially if it is in a tropical sign (♈, ♎, ♊, ♋). But if it is beneath the ☉’s rays, he will be silent for secrets, will not be about to reveal anything of what is tricky within himself.”

### DESCENDENT

“There will be no good in his brothers or his children, and quarrels and slander will be stirred up against him, especially if it is a sign possessing two bodies (♄, ♀, ♁, ♃) or tropical (♈, ♎, ♊, ♋) or ♂ aspects it; it indicates similarly also if it is under the earth.”

4TH

If ☿ is rejoicing in its light [*in sect*], with the benefics or the malefics, he will be good in [his] intentions, intelligent, a disclaimer and a secretive [fellow], but if the malefics aspect, with this he will be a magician or a thief, vicious, filled with falsehoods.”

Parts of Chapter 2.33, which covers the lights and planets in the house of the ☽ (♁) or ☾ (♂) has been blended into the following chapters 2.28 to 2.32.

## 2.28 Saturn in Another Planet’s House

If ♄ is in a house or terms of:

- ♄ “it indicates a good condition and honor, and he will raise the children of others, and he will be a steward, and he will love his wife and will be one of those who love nobles together with a goodness of livelihood; it indicates similarly in ♄’s term”
- ♂ “he will be difficult in his own and in other’s work”
- ♀ “there is no good in the matter of marriage because he will marry a young girl or an old woman or a whore, or grief and misery will come to him because of women, and some of them will come to fornication in order to acquire its fee”
- ☿ “he will be secretive, and will love silence except that he will be reasonable, learned in the secret of books, and injury will come to him for this reason, and his tongue will not be distinct or clear”
- ☽ “he will destroy his mother’s property and robe it in her lifetime, and his mother will be sick, and her limbs will complain of the cold and the black bile and the harsh pain until she shall make a vow for herself to a house of worship”

- ☉ “his father will be praiseworthy [and] will increase in his livelihood, but besides this his father will complain of dampness or will die a terrible death”

## 2.29 Jupiter in Another Planet’s House

If ♃ is in a house or terms of:

- ℥ the person “will be wealthy and for this no praise or honor for him will be known, and his secret affair[s] will not be looked into, but he will live in easy circumstances [and] will not be according to the extent of his condition [*but above them?*], and with this he will be charming in forgiveness and will not stretch out his neck to power and praise, and will not consider it, but tribulations will come to him in time.”
- ♂ “he will be one of the chiefs, a leader or a calculator for the stars, but if it is in a cardine aspecting the ♃ and the ☉], while these two are in cardines, then he will attain praise, but if both the luminaries are in a masculine sign, the he will be a chief of he armies on land and the seas, put in charge of death and life.”
- ♀ “he will be an overseer in the houses of kings and their works and his livelihood will be from nobles, and we have seen some of them abounding in secret intercourse with a noble woman so that because of her he attains wealth and goods, and she is his backer; some of them control the properties of women and their works.”
- ♄ “he will be one of those who stand up in probity in cities or [he will be] a calculator for everything, [and] he will stand healthy in [his] reasoning, and he will be praised for this, and [men] will resort to him.”

### 2.30 Mars in Another Planet's House

If ♂ is in the house or terms of:

- ♏ “he will be pleasant, courageous, agile, in what he improves, but he will squander his father's property and kill his younger brothers”
- ♌ “If ♂ is in ♌'s house or its term, he will be friendly with kings, beloved among them; if ♌ is aspecting ♂ which is in its house, then he will be one of the nobles and commanders of armies, a leader of soldiers and forces, and he will be ruling in cities, one who has ascended in nobility”
- ♀ “If ♂ is in ♀'s house or its term, then he will be a master of fornication, he will love the women of others, and he will harm his relatives, and he will rejoice in an evil sexual intercourse, and most of them [will be men] who murder their wives with their own hand and consider how the death of their women may occur”
- ♊ “If ♂ is in ♊'s house or term, then he will be reasonable, desirous of marriage, clear in [his] thinking, intelligent, but he will collect property illegally and will be poor and an ascetic in his work”
- ♎ “he will be sharp in his reasoning, a seeker for work and property except that his work and his livelihood will weaken and he will be chronically ill or will die a terrible death, and he will have a short life or little property, [but] will abound in disease; it is worse for one who is born in the daytime”
- ☉ “he will spoil his father's property and rob it, and he will be one of those who do difficult and unpleasant work in fire or iron, and his livelihood will be from this.

If ♂ and ♀ are both in a house of the ☉ or the ☿, they indicate the shortness of [his] life or the terribleness of [his] death”

### 2.31 Venus in Another Planet’s House

If ♀ is in a house or terms of:

- ♂ the person “will have intercourse with his brothers’ wives or women; if he is a slave he will be set free and will have intercourse with his mistress”
- ♂ “he will have power and property fro [his] wife or the work of [his] wife, and some of them will be stewards for women and will amass wealth on this account, and he will rejoice and will be in a house of worship and will love his wife with a powerful love”
- ♂ “he [will be] one of those in whom greed and evil quarrels are stirred up and injury, and this misery will reach him from women, and he will have intercourse with a woman not his own, [but one who is] subservient or disgraced or a serving girl, and women will not be constant with him but it will confuse him”
- ♂ sometimes “he will rejoice in women and sometimes he will work for women, and an argument will come to him because of this, and some of them will be some of the masters of a craft and of painting and artisans of magnificent things, and they will sell perfume”

### 2.32 Mercury in Another Planet’s House

If ☿ is in a house or terms of:

- ♂ “he will be dumb or lisping or deaf, silent, [and] he will inform no one of what is in himself, [he will be] contemplative, inquiring about all the affairs of men



so that he will be enthusiastic about this and some of them will know the secrets of the book which [belong] to the people of religions, and some of them will be learned in the stars, and some of them will drive away birds [be augurs]”

♄ “he will possess dignity, [be] an orator, or control the affairs of kings or nobles, or instruct the people in words and arguments and judgments, and he will always be about the business of metropolises or kings”

♂ “he will be a fool, insignificant, a liar with no shame, and he will not believe in God or in good work[s and] he will love adultery, and some of them will act with perfidy, and some of them will keep company with magicians or confer with them or investigate their affair[s] in regard to measures, and they will refuse to receive religion, and the people will treat them as enemies who have no fidelity and no good reputation”

♀ “he will be welcome, pleasant, rejoicing, [and] he will do all his work [and] will hurry it up and will press on with it, and some of them will be learned or intuitive or wealthy or will make dye[s], and some of them will be learned in backgammon and the like; if ♄ is in a cardine free of the [☉’s] rays, then he will be intuitive, intelligent, acquisitive of property, needing everyone”

### 2.33 Sun or Moon in Another Planet’s House

#### Sun and Moon together in Another’s House

If the ☉ and ☾ are in a house or terms of:

♄ “and they are thus together, then he will be honest in [his] properties, but will have intercourse with his

brothers' women, and some of them will have intercourse with their mothers; in indicates similarly in nativities of women because she will have intercourse with her mother's husband or her sister's or one closer to her"

## Moon in Another Planet's House

If the ☾ is in a house or terms of:

- ♏ "he will be in difficulties or thwarted from work, dull in work and body, disgraced"
- ♊ "he will be daring, steadfast, a usurper of the property of others, and he will have no regard for truth and justice, but most of them will be masters of arms and murder, chieftains. But look at the planets' portions and the benefics' aspects because the benefics dissolve evil"
- ♀ "he will be handsome of face, pleasing, handsome in [his] eyes, agreeable, enjoyable [?] for everyone, especially if the sign is one of a human figure as then he will be a debaucher, wealthy in this, and scandal will reach him on this account, and together with this he will be good in [his] condition and livelihood"
- ♉ "he will be reasonable, a scribe, [and] profits will come to him from [his] works except that he will love [both] females and males and will have few children"

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## Sun in Another Planet's House

If the ☼ is in a house or terms of:

- ♊ "he will be afflicted with a difficult disease, but he will be good in [his] livelihood, strong in [his] work, [but] insignificant and in difficulties in it"
- ♀ "he will be a soothsayer, truthful in [his] visions, a man of discernment, learned in things, a calculator"

for the stars, but he will be moist in [his] body, abounding in anger”

✂ “he will be steadfast, insignificant, silent for a secret, a confidant except that he will be afflicted with disease and wetness”

*This which I have told you of the houses and the terms, if the house and the term agree, then it is more secure and more correct in judgments, if God [so] wishes.*

*The second book ends. Glory to God, the lord of the two worlds.*

*In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. [Here] begins the third book of Dorotheus which he wrote with respect to the haylaj<sup>2</sup> and the kadhkhudah<sup>3</sup>, which are the governor and the indicator<sup>4</sup> of the time of the years of life.*

### 3.1 The Indicator (haylij) and Governor (kadhkhudah)

This book is a bit of a nightmare to understand, the basic rules are jumbled in with definitions, delineations, and interpolated text across two chapters. In reading them I've often referred to Dykes *Carmen Astrologicum* and *Persian Nativities Vol. II* as well as Holden's *Abu'Ali Al-Khayyat: The Judgment of Nativities*, Hand's *Omar of Tiberias: Three Books on Nativities*, Deb Houldings Notes on Book III, Valens and Robert Zoller's DMA Course. As a result, the text in this section of the book has been extensively re-organized; an effort has been made to include references to the original chapter and line numbers.

### Definitions

Dorotheus describes some of the conditions that effect the ability of a planet to be effective (strong):

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<sup>2</sup>The medieval *hyleg*.

<sup>3</sup>The medieval *alchocoden*.

<sup>4</sup>The terms and definitions have been transposed. The *governor* is the *kadhkhudah* or *alchocoden* while the *indicator* is the *haylaj* or *hyleg*.

<b>Eastern</b>	a planet at least $15^{\circ 1}$ from the ☉ and rising ahead of it and visible	1.4
<b>Western</b>	a planet at least $15^{\circ}$ from the ☉ and setting after it and visible	1.5
<b>Station</b>	stationing direct or retrograde within 7 days before or after birth greatly strengthens the planet	
<b>USB</b>	a planet less than $15^{\circ}$ from the ☉ is “under the ☉’s” rays or beams (usually referenced as USB); it is essentially invisible	1.6

Planets that are direct, eastern, and visible<sup>2</sup> are best at effecting what they signify.

### Possible Indicator (haylaj or hyleg)

Find the indicator first; begin with the ☉ in a day chart, the ☾ in a night chart *unless* the ☾ is New, Full, or making a phase<sup>3</sup>, in which case she will be the indicator. 1.10

If the chosen indicator does not receive an aspect from its term lord, triplicity lord<sup>4</sup>, domicile lord, exaltation lord, or decan lord then it cannot be used as the indicator; check the other light, the Ascendant, the Lot of Fortune 2.2 or the SAN in that order.

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<sup>1</sup>The  $15^{\circ}$  is a generalized value; Dorotheus gives  $18^{\circ}$  for ♂,  $19^{\circ}$  for ♀ and the same is usually assumed (see Dykes) for ♀. Essentially, you want the planet to be visible, so the distance from the ☉ can vary depending on whether the planet is *superior* (♄, ♀, ♂) or *inferior* (♁, ♁) and also based on the birth latitude. It is sometimes necessary to check actual **sunrise-sunset times** for the day in question.

<sup>2</sup>see appendix B:Visibility

<sup>3</sup>*ibid.*

<sup>4</sup>It is not clear whether the aspect must be from the first triplicity lord or anyone of the three. I suspect it must be the first triplicity ruler, the one coinciding with the chart sect.

Once the indicator is identified, by default, its term lord or the lord in aspect, if it qualifies, becomes the governor (kadhkhudah or alcocoden).

### An Exception for the Lights

If either light is in its own domicile ( $\odot$  in  $\delta$ ,  $\text{D}$  in  $\text{E}$ ) and its term lord is in square or trine that light becomes the indicator and its term lord the governor<sup>1</sup> 1.24

### The Sun

In a day chart, the  $\odot$  is the default indicator unless it is found to be in one of the following situations:

- in the 8th or 7th in a feminine sign, look to the  $\text{D}$  1.15
- if cadent, look to the  $\text{D}$  and if it is also cadent, look to the Ascendant 1.21

### The Moon

In a day chart, if the  $\odot$  does not qualify as the indicator, the  $\text{D}$  will if she is found in one of the following situations:

- in the 10th or 11th in a feminine sign 1.17
- in the 7th or 8th regardless of sign 1.18

If the  $\text{D}$  is in the 12th or 9th, regardless of sign, look to the Ascendant<sup>2</sup> 1.21

In a night chart, the  $\text{D}$  is the default indicator unless it is found to be in one of the following situations:

- cadent or its lord is USB, in which case the  $\odot$  is the indicator if it is in the 4th or 5th, otherwise look to the Ascendant 1.19, 20

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<sup>1</sup>Presumably if this is true for both lights you would need to use the sect light or the best positioned light or possibly, the light whose term lord had the closest aspect.

<sup>2</sup>The preceding definitions imply that the  $\text{D}$  must be above the horizon in a day chart and not cadent. As the  $\odot$  has already been disqualified we are to move on to examining the Ascendant.

### The Ascendant

If the ☉ or ☿ have been disqualified from being the indicator, or their lords have been disqualified from being the governor, examine the Ascendant degree. If its term lord is disqualified, examine the Ascendant's domicile lord and if it is USB [*or cadent?*], examine its [*remaining lords: triplicity, exaltation, decan?*]<sup>1</sup> 1.12

If the Ascendant doesn't qualify check the Lot of Fortune, if it doesn't qualify, check the SAN. 2.2

### Possible Governor (kadhkhudah or alcocoden)

If the lord of the indicator is found to be in one of the following situations it is disqualified, move on to the next possible governor:

- USB 1.18, 19
- cadent 1.11
- does not aspect the terms the indicator occupies 2.23

If all the of the indicator's rulers are disqualified, move on to the next possible indicator.

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<sup>1</sup>Dorotheus then tells us to see if the place [*sign?*] of this lord is masculine or feminine but he does not say if one or the other disqualifies the lord.

### Contradictory or unclear text re: the indicator and governor

This is essentially text that did not make sense in the context in which it appeared.

#### Indications from the Sun

*Calculate if the ☉ is in the first degrees of ♃ and the lord of its [the ☉'s] term or house aspects it as this becomes the indicator.* 1.25

#### Indications from the Moon

If the ☾ on the third day after the birth is in the term of: 1.7

- a benefic which is in a good place trine the ☾ while the ☾ is in an angular or succedent place “then say that all of the nativity’s condition is good”
- either a benefic or malefic in a good place aspecting the ☾, “then it will be mediocre” 1.9
- a malefic which is in an angle while Fortune is opposite the ☾ “then say [that there is] no doubt that the nativity is bad” 1.8

#### Indications from the Ascendant

If the lord [*term or domicile? it’s not clear*] of the Ascendant is disqualified from being governor “then say [that there is] ruination in this nativity and that he [the native] will have no upbringing” unless there is a benefic in the ascendant sign within 15° of the Ascendant. 1.22,23

#### Other planets

*If ♂ and ♃ are in cardines or some of those that follow cardines or in the places which I* 1.26



*mentioned above or in their houses or in their terms or in their exaltations or in their triplicities or in their portions, then it will be good as [those] planets will rule in the nativity which are in their house[s] or term[s] or image[s] [decans] or exaltation[s] or triplicities.*

There has been some speculation that the above, coupled with the first chapter's opening paragraphs that describe various planet conditions, may mean any planet might act as the indicator (haylaj, hyleg) or that there is another technique used to identify a third planet that acts as the "ruler of the nativity." Later authors do occasionally try to flesh out such a technique but to my knowledge there is no one agreed on, practical technique.

**Longevity Example Chart 3.1.1**

This particular chart is dated to February 26, 381 CE JC according to Ben Dykes (CAD p17) and so could not possibly have been included in Dorotheus' original manuscript as he lived in the 1st century, not the 4th. The other nine charts in the text have been dated between 12 and 44 CE. Dykes also believes the chart is based on the sidereal zodiac, although the oblique ascensions given agree with the values computed using the tropical zodiac for the year 381.

The method described, and referred to as *circumambulation* or *prorogation*, measures distances in zodiacal longitude and rate of motion in oblique ascensions, converting motion to time at the rate of  $1^\circ$  of OA = 1 year; the technique is the source of modern primary directions and secondary progressions the difference being that primary directions use  $1^\circ$  of right ascension as the rate of motion and measure of a year while secondary progressions use one day of the  $\odot$ 's motion in the ephemeris as the measure of one year.

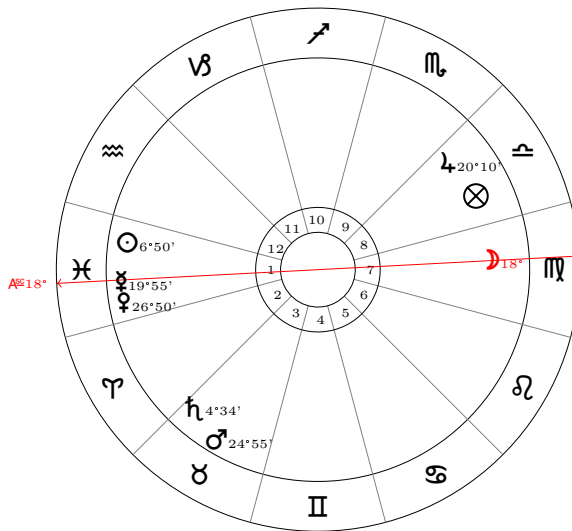


Figure 3.1: Longevity Example Chart 3.1.01

Figure 3.1 is the chart of a person “born in the ninety-sixth year of the years of Darinus [Diocletian] in the month of Mihr on the second day in one and a half equinoctial hours of daylight....in the 4th clime<sup>1</sup>”. The author uses the chart to “explain...the length of life and the number of years as [*he attempts*] [to compute it].”

*“I wanted to know the places of the haylaj among which he was born because they are five places, and none of the planets was in them except in the ascendant in which the ☉ was; and it is the best of places.”*

1.29

The author has not spelled out “the five places” at this point, at a guess he is referring to the 1st, 7th, 11th, 10th, and 9th(?). He says he chooses the 1st because the

<sup>1</sup>The ☾ is missing from the chart in the text, assuming the Ascendant and ☉ degrees are roughly accurate, it should be around 18-19 ♏.

☉ is there; that it is cadent by degree does not appear to matter, it is angular by whole sign. He then begins to direct the Ascendant (not the ☉ or its term lord) through the bounds.

“I wanted to know in how many years the ascendant would conjoin with the rays of ♂. I took the eighteen degrees of the ascendent and I found in the [tables for] my clime and the twelve parts [signs] [that] placed under it [was] three hundred and fifty-two [time] degrees and thirty seconds”

1.34-5

The Ascendant is at 18 ♄ and ♂ is at 24 ♃ 55, sending its sextile (✳) ray to 24♄55. The author wants to know how long it will take for the degree imprinted by ♂’s sextile ray to rise up, by primary (diurnal) motion, to the Ascendant degree. He uses a technique commonly called *circumambulation* or *prorogation* that relies on the use of “tables”, in this example, those for the 4th clime, to find the corresponding oblique ascension degrees for 18 ♄ and 24 ♃ 55. The 4th clime corresponds to Rhodes with a latitude of 36N<sup>1</sup>.

Parallax in Ptolemy’s Handy Tables			
Clima	Place	Geographical Latitude	Longest Daylight (h)
I	Meroe	16;27°	13
II	Soene	23;51°	13½
III	Lower Egypt	30;22°	14
IV	Rhodes	36; 0°	14½
V	Hellespont	40;56°	15
VI	Middle of Pontus	45; 1°	15½
VII	Borysthenes	48;32°	16

Figure 3.2: Ptolemy’s Climes

“Then I took the twenty-four degrees and fifty minutes where ♂ cast its rays to ♄ and I

1.36-7

<sup>1</sup>See [Verification of Parallax in Ptolemy’s Hand Tables](#) by José Chabás and Anne Tihon

*found the rising-times under this [to be] three hundred and fifty-six [time] degrees and forty-eight minutes”*

Dykes gives the date of the chart as 381 CE, using [Astro-Seek’s Online Calculator](#) to calculate the oblique ascensions for custom latitude 36N in the year 381 CE the values for the two longitudes are within a few minutes of those given in the text:

*“[S]o I subtracted the three hundred and fifty-two [degrees] and thirty [minutes] which belong to the ascendent, and there were left four [time] degrees and eighteen minutes. And I said that the degrees of the ascendent would conjoin with the sextile rays of ♀ in four years and a fifth and a tenth of a year.”*

From the Astro-seek tables (see Figure 3.3):

Traditional Astrology Online Calculator

Latitude:

Custom Lat & 0-30° Sign

Year:

381

Zodiac:

Tropical zodiac

Tables:

O.A. (Oblique Ascension)

Values:

Degrees

OK

Custom latitude:

36°

00'

N

Sign*	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈
0°	0°00'	19°19'	42°09'	71°26'	106°36'	143°34'	180°00'	216°25'	253°23'	288°33'	317°50'	340°40'	
1°	0°37'	20°00'	43°01'	72°32'	107°50'	144°47'	181°12'	217°39'	254°36'	289°38'	318°41'	341°21'	
2°	1°14'	20°41'	43°53'	73°38'	109°03'	146°01'	182°24'	218°52'	255°50'	290°43'	319°32'	342°02'	
3°	1°52'	21°23'	44°46'	74°45'	110°17'	147°14'	183°37'	220°06'	257°03'	291°47'	320°22'	342°42'	
4°	2°29'	22°05'	45°39'	75°52'	111°31'	148°28'	184°49'	221°20'	258°16'	292°51'	321°12'	343°22'	
5°	3°07'	22°47'	46°33'	76°59'	112°45'	149°41'	186°00'	222°34'	259°29'	293°55'	322°02'	344°02'	
6°	3°45'	23°29'	47°27'	78°07'	113°59'	150°54'	187°14'	223°47'	260°42'	294°58'	322°51'	344°42'	
7°	4°22'	24°12'	48°21'	79°15'	115°13'	152°07'	188°27'	225°01'	261°54'	296°00'	323°39'	345°22'	
8°	5°00'	24°55'	49°16'	80°23'	116°27'	153°21'	189°39'	226°15'	263°07'	297°03'	324°28'	346°01'	
9°	5°38'	25°38'	50°12'	81°32'	117°41'	154°34'	190°52'	227°29'	264°19'	298°04'	325°16'	346°41'	
10°	6°16'	26°22'	51°08'	82°41'	118°55'	155°47'	192°04'	228°43'	265°31'	299°05'	326°03'	347°20'	
11°	6°53'	27°05'	52°04'	83°50'	120°09'	157°00'	193°17'	229°57'	266°43'	300°06'	326°50'	347°59'	
12°	7°31'	27°50'	53°01'	85°00'	121°23'	158°13'	194°30'	231°11'	267°55'	301°07'	327°37'	348°37'	
13°	8°10'	28°34'	53°58'	86°10'	122°37'	159°25'	195°42'	232°25'	269°06'	302°06'	328°23'	349°16'	
14°	8°48'	29°19'	54°56'	87°20'	123°51'	160°38'	196°55'	233°39'	270°17'	303°06'	329°09'	349°55'	
15°	9°26'	30°04'	55°54'	88°31'	125°06'	161°51'	198°08'	234°53'	271°28'	304°05'	329°55'	350°33'	
16°	10°04'	30°50'	56°53'	89°42'	126°20'	163°04'	199°21'	236°08'	272°39'	305°03'	330°40'	351°11'	
17°	10°43'	31°36'	57°53'	90°53'	127°34'	164°17'	200°34'	237°22'	273°49'	306°01'	331°25'	351°49'	
18°	11°22'	32°22'	58°52'	92°04'	128°48'	165°29'	201°46'	238°36'	274°59'	306°58'	332°09'	352°28'	
19°	12°00'	33°09'	59°53'	93°16'	130°02'	166°42'	202°59'	239°50'	276°09'	307°55'	332°54'	353°06'	
20°	12°39'	33°56'	60°54'	94°28'	131°16'	167°55'	204°12'	241°04'	277°18'	308°51'	333°37'	353°44'	
21°	13°18'	34°43'	61°55'	95°40'	132°30'	169°07'	205°25'	242°18'	278°27'	309°47'	334°21'	354°21'	
22°	13°58'	35°31'	62°56'	96°52'	133°44'	170°20'	206°38'	243°32'	279°36'	310°43'	335°04'	354°59'	
23°	14°37'	36°20'	63°59'	98°05'	134°58'	171°32'	207°52'	244°46'	280°44'	311°38'	335°47'	355°37'	
24°	15°17'	37°08'	65°01'	99°17'	136°12'	172°45'	209°05'	246°00'	281°52'	312°32'	336°30'	356°14'	
25°	15°57'	37°57'	66°04'	100°30'	137°25'	173°57'	210°18'	247°14'	283°00'	313°26'	337°12'	356°54'	
26°	16°37'	38°47'	67°08'	101°43'	138°39'	175°10'	211°31'	248°28'	284°07'	314°20'	337°54'	357°30'	
27°	17°17'	39°37'	68°12'	102°56'	139°53'	176°22'	212°45'	249°42'	285°14'	315°13'	338°36'	358°07'	
28°	17°57'	40°27'	69°16'	104°09'	141°07'	177°35'	213°58'	250°56'	286°21'	316°06'	339°18'	358°45'	
29°	18°38'	41°18'	70°21'	105°23'	142°20'	178°47'	215°12'	252°09'	287°27'	316°58'	339°59'	359°22'	
30°	19°19'	42°09'	71°26'	106°36'	143°34'	180°00'	216°25'	253°23'	288°33'	317°50'	340°40'	360°00'	

Figure 3.3: OA table for Chart 3.1.1 calculated on Astro-seek

18♎ 352°28' vs 352°30'  
24♎ 356°52' vs 356°48'

The difference between 352°30' and 356°48' is 4°18' or 4 years, 3 months (18/60 = 0.3 x 12 = 3.6) and 18 (.6 x 30) days<sup>1</sup>.

“Because ♀ [is] in this term, it dissolves the fear and misery that ♂ indicates and he will not die, but this misery will pass by him because whenever the rays of the benefics are

<sup>1</sup>Dykes explains the author’s calculation as 18/60 = .3, 1/5 = .2 and 1/10 = .1 so 4 years plus 1/5 and 1/10 of a year (p.184 fn 34). It computes to the same 4 years + 365 x (1/5 + 1/10) = 4 years + 365 x 3/10 = 4 years 109.5 days or 4 years, 3 months, 18 days

*found with the rays of the malefics, then the benefic dissolves whatever the malefic indicates; but if the malefic and its term cast rays without the benefics, then it will not be long before he dies."*

The sextile of ♂ falls at 24 ♄ 55 in the terms of ♂ which run from 19-27° ♄. ♀ is sitting at 25 ♄ 50 so she is in the same terms as the sextile ray and therefore removes its malice.

Next the author looked at when the Ascendant would contact 4 ♂ 34, the degree the body of ♄ was projecting itself to at the time of the birth. Using the same set of tables for the 4th clime, the oblique ascension of 4 ♂ 34 was found to be 22° 21' (the Astro-seek table yields 22°23.8' if interpolation is used between 4 ♂ and 5 ♂). Taking the difference between the Ascendant's OA of 352°30' and ♄'s OA of 22°21' leaves 29°51' equating to 29 years, 1/2 + 1/4 + 1/10th of a year or 29 years 10 months and 10 days, the age at which the Ascendant will conjoin with ♄'s degree.

*"Because the ☉ cast its rays from sextile to the first term of ♂ where ♄ was staying, the heat of the ☉ will drive away all the maleficence of ♄, and the harsh misery will pass him by, and he will not die."* 1.50

The first terms of ♂ run from 0-7°; ♄ projects to 4♄ and the ☉, at 6♄, throws his sextile to 6♄ so both ♄ and the ☉'s ray fall in the same set of terms. The ☉ is apparently acting as a benefic here.

Next the author looked to see when the Ascendant would enter ♄'s terms in ♂ which begin at 22♄, followed by it coming to the degree of the body of ♂ at 24♄. He 1.51-7

found the OA of  $\text{♂}$  in  $24\text{♄}55$  to be  $37^{\circ}43'$  (the Astro-seek table gives  $37^{\circ}08'$  for  $24\text{♄}$  and  $37^{\circ}57'$  for  $25\text{♄}$  so  $37^{\circ}$  and  $45'$   $((57-8) \times 55/60)$ ). He found the difference between this and the OA of the Ascendant to be  $45^{\circ}13'$  ( $37^{\circ}43' + 360 - 352^{\circ}30'$ ) or 45 years and  $1/6$  and  $1/10$  of a year or roughly 45 years 2 months and 19 days.

*Because ♀ also cast its rays to this place from sextile, it will dissolve the maleficance of ♂, and he will not die because of ♀'s aspect, and whatever of [its] rays it cast to this place, by means of them this misery will pass [him] by.* 1.57

In  $\text{♄}$ , the terms of  $\text{♄}$  run from  $22-26^{\circ}$ , ♀, at  $26\text{♄}55$  throws her sextile to  $26\text{♄}$ , within the same terms as ♂ and so protecting against any misery he might cause.

Neither malefic throws its rays to the rest of  $\text{♄}$  or to any degrees in  $\text{II}$  as both  $\text{♄}$  and ♂ are in  $\text{♄}$  and the Greeks did not recognize the semi-sextile ( $30^{\circ}$ ) as an aspect, as well, there is no mitigation between  $\text{♄}$  and  $\text{II}$ , so he moves on to the sextile of  $\text{♄}$  at  $4\text{♄}34$ . He found the OA of the degree to be  $76^{\circ}20'$  (the Astro-seek tables yield  $75^{\circ}56'$ ) and the distance between the Ascendant OA to be  $83^{\circ}50'$  ( $76^{\circ}20' + 360 - 352^{\circ}30'$ ) or roughly 83 years 10 months and 4 days. 1.55-64

*Because the ☉ aspected from trine and cast [its] rays to this term in which are the rays of ♄, it will dissolve the misfortune this time, [but] he will die then when the rays of ♂ reach it [the ascendant].*

The first degrees of  $\text{♄}$  (0-6) are ruled by ♂.  $\text{♄}$ 's sextile is at  $4\text{♄}$  the ☉'s trine falls at  $6\text{♄}50$ , within the same terms so he will "dissolve the misfortune" caused



by ♄ but when the Ascendant reaches the sextile of ♂ at 24♌, in the terms of ♄ (19-25 ♌) he says ♂ kills the person. ♀'s sextile falls to 26♌, in the terms of ♄ but ♄'s square falls at 20♌ in the same terms. Why does it not protect the person from death? Most likely because the person, by this time, is fairly old. The OA of 20♌ is 94°28' minutes, taking the distance from the OA of the Ascendant gives 101°48' or over 101 years old.

### Longevity Example Chart 3.2.1

This chart example was most likely in Dorotheus' original text. Dykes, following Holden, dates it to October 2, 44 CE 8:15:01 AM JC using the tropical zodiac (CAD p87). Unfortunately Dorotheus did not give the Oblique Ascensions or yearly values for the example so we can't easily test for the clime.

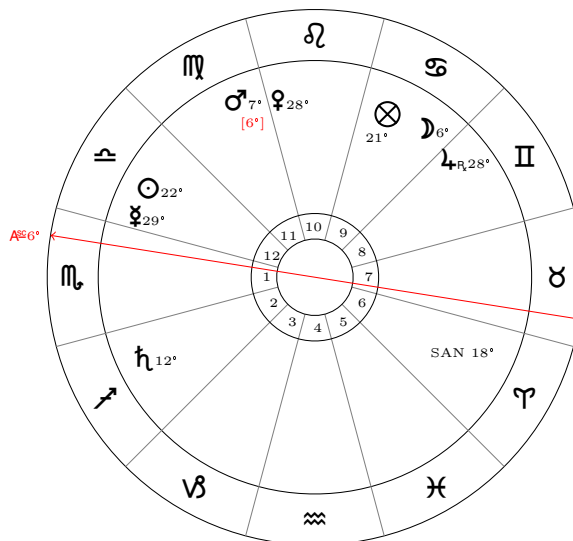


Figure 3.4: Longevity Example Chart 3.2.01

*Because the nativity was diurnal, I looked in search of the haylaj at the ☉, and found the ☉ cadent. I also looked at the ♃, and I found it cadent. I found the lot of fortune and the fullness [of the ♃] also in cadent[s]. There was nothing obvious from which the haylaj might be found except the ascendent.* 2.19-22

The author began looking for the indicator by examining the ☉ as the chart is diurnal (☉ above the horizon) but ended up rejecting it as a possible indicator (hyleg), along with the ♃, ☌, and SAN, because they were all cadent. He ignores the fact that the 9th (holding Fortune and the ♃) is a good house.

*The lord of the term of the ascendent, ☿, was above the earth and near the East<sup>1</sup> and the four parts which have been mentioned and [in] the place of the good fortune aspecting the ascendent and casting [its] rays to that term in which the ascendent is, from above it, because it casts to the house and term together; if that casting were to the house only, it would not have this power. There is left of the term one degree that belongs to ☿.* 2.23

The Ascendant is at 6♌, in the terms of ☿'s (0-6 ♌); making him the governor. ☿ more than qualifies as he is more than 15° from the ☉ and is rising before the ☉ (east), in a good place (11th), and sends his sextile ray to the ascendant.

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<sup>1</sup>Pingree appears to interpret this as ☿ being in the eastern hemisphere of the chart or nearer the the Ascendant, in the east but it is more apt to be a reference to the planet being *eastern* or rising before the ☉.

There seems to be a slight error in the text as we are told  $\text{♂}$  is at  $7\text{M}$  but that he casts his ray to his own terms, which end at  $6\text{M}$ , with one degree of  $\text{♂}$ 's terms in  $\text{M}$  left. If that is true  $\text{♂}$  would need to be in, at the least,  $6\text{M}$ , and his sextile at  $6\text{M}$ .

The second last line of the paragraph implies that if the aspect falls to the house only, and not the term,  $\text{♂}$  would not “have this power” to be the governor. That is a limitation that was not mentioned elsewhere.

*So  $\text{♂}$  takes over the governorship of the pro-rogation and ray. Until this degree in its pro-rogation and its ray ends without the ray of any [other],  $\text{♂}$  indicates in this year injury from fire and disease. Even though  $\text{♂}$  is in a good place, it is necessary that it indicate like this. This misfortune is worse for him [the native] because the  $\text{♂}$  aspects it [ $\text{♂}$ ]. If it were not that the  $\text{☉}$  stands between its ray and the ascendent and breaks the power of  $\text{♂}$ , it would be worse.*

2.25-39

As the governor,  $\text{♂}$  manages the beginning of the native's life, which was prone to “injury from fire and diseases” (general significations of  $\text{♂}$ ) regardless of the fact that  $\text{♂}$  occupies a good place (11th) and the risk is made worse by the fact that the  $\text{♂}$  ( $6\text{S}$ ) is  $\text{♂}$ . Although the text does not mention it, she is also  $\Delta\text{Asc}$ . The  $\text{♂}$  and the  $\text{Asc}$  both signify the physical body,  $\text{♂}$  (injury) aspecting both increases the risk of physical harm.

We are then told that the  $\text{☉}$  “stands between its ray and the ascendent and breaks the power of  $\text{♂}$ ”, reducing the risk. The  $\text{☉}$  is at  $22\text{A}$ , he is in the 12th, averse to the 1st so he cannot cast a ray there, the only way the  $\text{☉}$  can break  $\text{♂}$ 's ray is by his body since, as Deb

Houlding points out, he is within  $15^\circ$  of the ascendent (DH p9) which means the  $A^{sc}$  would be combust, falling within the  $\odot$ 's light or glow, which in this case appears to protect the Ascendant from  $\sigma$  ray rather than harm the Ascendant itself<sup>1</sup>.

*Then the prorogation of the ascendent comes to the term of ♀ till the eleventh degree. Because ♂ has left and ♀ has entered it is necessary to mix the power of these two together. Because of this the native will be blessed with love from his parents because both of these [planets] are in a good place, and moreover pain will reach him.*

2.30-32

The ascendent will reach the terms of ♀ when it moves into  $7\mathfrak{M}_\bullet$ . While the text says the power of ♂ and ♀ must be mixed because the terms of ♂ have been left, need to also keep in mind that ♂ will share the times by sextile with ♀ until the ray of another planet is met, which won't happen until the  $A^{sc}$  enters the terms of  $\mathfrak{h}$  ( $24\text{--}29\mathfrak{M}_\bullet$ ) where ♀ throws her square to  $28\mathfrak{M}_\bullet$ .

That the native will be loved by his parents is most likely indicated by ♀ (love) determined to parents by her opposition to the 4th (parents) and trine to  $\mathfrak{h}$ , ruler of the 4th. As well, ♀ is in the terms of ♂ herself, an indication she will show her significations when ♂ is ruling the times. As ♂ is still sharing in the times there continues to be a risk of bodily harm.

*Then till the nineteenth degree is the prorogation of ☿, and in this period he will increase [his] learning and culture and the like.*

2.33

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<sup>1</sup>Evidence combustion can only harm planets?

The terms of ☿ in ♀ run from 11° to 18°. During this period the native will be occupied with mercurial pursuits, namely “learning and culture and the like.” ♂’s is still sharing by sextile but his influence is not mentioned.

*The prorogation at puberty reaches ♄, and it will indicate praise on account of [his] culture and good from [his] eloquence and the manifestation of [his] ways which are pleasing to people. Even though ♄ is retrograde in motion and does not aspect the ☽ and the ascendent, this will not decrease it because, whenever the planets are thus, their power is weakened and its gift is muddled. If ♄ were in a better place than this, it would increase the good.*

2.34

The terms of ♄ in ♀ run from 19° to 23°, when the  $A^{\text{sc}}$  enters these degrees the things signified by ♄ will predominate; however, they will not be as good as they could be since ♄ is retrograde, does not directly aspect the ☽ or  $A^{\text{sc}}$ , and is in a bad place (8th). Again, there is no direct mention of ♂ influence even though he continues to share by sextile.

*The the prorogation comes to ♃ while ♀ casts [its] rays to the twenty-seventh degree of ♀ from quartile<sup>1</sup>, so that ♃ and ♀ govern this prorogation together. ♃ indicates his slowness in work and disease and distance from his land and grief and obstruction and difficulty, and this is worse because ♂ is elevated over ♃. If it were not that ♄ aspects ♃ it would be worse.*

2.37-39

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<sup>1</sup>♀’s degree is given as 28♌ in the chart description which still would throw a square to ♃’s terms in ♀.

When the Ascendant enters  $\mathfrak{h}$ 's terms, which run from  $24^\circ$  to  $29\mathfrak{m}$ , he will share the times with  $\mathfrak{f}$ , who takes over from  $\mathfrak{o}$  because her square falls at  $28\mathfrak{m}$ . The period will predominately be marked by "slowness" ( $\mathfrak{h}$ ), "obstruction, difficulty" ( $\square$ ), in "work" ( $\mathfrak{h}$  in 2nd of livelihood,  $\mathfrak{f}$  in 10th of career), "disease, grief" ( $\mathfrak{f}$  rules 12th) and "distant from his land" ( $\mathfrak{h}$  indicating absence?) All this is made worse by  $\mathfrak{o}$ 's square overcoming  $\mathfrak{h}$  in the radix and slightly lessened by  $\mathfrak{l}$ 's opposition to  $\mathfrak{h}$ .

*Because of the place of  $\mathfrak{h}$  his mother will die in this period...*

2.40

This is a little odd at first until you realize that (a)  $\mathfrak{f}$  rules the mother in a day chart, (b) the Lot of the Mother falls at  $14\mathfrak{m}$ <sup>1</sup>, in the 8th from the 4th (parents), and (c) it is square  $\mathfrak{h}$  whose place in the 2nd also signifies death by his opposition to the 8th. As well, in 1.15 we are told that the parent who will die first is the one whose lot is in the same place as a malefic or is opposed or square to a malefic. The Lot of the Mother is in  $\mathfrak{m}$ , with  $\mathfrak{o}$ , and is square  $\mathfrak{h}$ . And, while the Lot of the Father at  $26\mathfrak{m}$ <sup>2</sup> is in a similar position (in the same sign as the malefic  $\mathfrak{h}$  and square the malefic  $\mathfrak{o}$ ) the aspect between  $\mathfrak{h}$  and the Lot of the Mother is stronger ( $2^\circ$ ) than the one between the Lot of the Father and  $\mathfrak{o}$  ( $21^\circ$ ), the Lot of the Mother is actually in the sign of the parent's death,  $\mathfrak{f}$ , the main significator of the mother in a day chart has a share of the times, the  $\odot$ , main significator of the father in a day chart, does not.

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<sup>1</sup>The Lot of the Mother is given in 1.14 as being calculated from  $\mathfrak{f}$  to the  $\mathfrak{D}$  projected from the Ascendant (the text actually says to subtract the difference from the Ascendant "by day" but this is likely an error, the majority of other sources says to add it.)

<sup>2</sup>The Lot of the Father is given in 1.13 as being calculated from the  $\odot$  to  $\mathfrak{h}$  and projected from the Ascendant.

*... but he will acquire goods because ♄ indicates these, and he will marry a wife with a dowry, and [a child] will be born to him who will live a short while and die in the third year; his enjoyment of women and children will be from ♀, but his lament and the death of his child will be from ♄.*

The acquisition of a wife is shown by ♀ indicating a “wife” by her nature and by being ruler of the 7th (spouse, marriage). Goods and a dowry, by ♄ (property) in opposition to the 8th (wife’s money). Children are shown by ♄ ruling the 5th (children). The child’s life and death is shown by ♄ in the 8th (death), where it is retrograde and acting as an accidental malefic (a benefic connected with bad places or severely injured). Zoller taught that an accidental malefic was most likely to give a benefit according to its nature and then, if retrograde, take it away.

The “three years” probably comes from the degrees 27 (♀’s position) minus 24 (beginning of ♄’s term) although it seems to be a bit of a fudge as he originally gave ♀’s degree as 28 and normally oblique ascension values, not longitudinal degrees, would be used to time the event.

*Then the prorogation arrives at ♄, the first term, which is the house of ♄ and its term. Because ♄ makes this place its house and its term, it governs the prorogation alone without any [other] of the planets [and] it increases its power. It indicates for the native leadership and honor among groups of men, and his elevation among them.*

2.41-43

This adds another wrinkle to “who” actually governs the times. Normally it would be the new term lord and

the planet ruling by ray (in this case ♀) but here we are told that because ♄ is both the domicile ruler and the term lord he “governs the prorogation alone.”

*Because ♄ is in the twelfth degree, it indicates the last day of his life, and he will live after the twelfth degree for forty-eight nights because ♄ is in the beginning of the degree [at 12°8']. 2.44*

The person will die when the Ascendant meets the body of ♄ at 12♌. The 48 nights comes from 8 minutes /60 x 365 days. While ♄ is in the terms of ♄ (0-11♌) ♄, in the 8th of death, has been shown to be an accidental malefic who does not throw a ray to the same terms and neither does ♀ (at 28♍), the other benefic.

### Additional Advice on Prorogations

The author advises us to look not only at the prorogation of the Ascendant but also at the prorogation of the ♄:

*...because the conjunction of the ♄'s degree with the malefics indicates misery, especially if with this the benefics do not aspect as, if they do aspect, they dissolve misery and death 1.66*

As well we are told...

*It is necessary for you to look at the transit of the planets and the revolution of years<sup>1</sup>; in these sometimes it makes him miserable and spoils [his] life, but we do not find this peculiarity in everyone [of the books]. I sought for 1.67-68*

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<sup>1</sup>This most likely refers to the practice of *profecting the chart* (turning the chart at the rate of one sign per year) which is described in Book IV.



*this in a long period of years and I suffered every misery so that I might write it down.*

And that we need to pay special attention to a planet's latitude:

*Look at the casting of the rays in latitude also because sometimes a planet is aspecting from opposition, and if you calculate it in latitude and you find one (planet) in the south, the other in the north, then this is not in opposition and also does not cast [its] rays, which according to this indicates misery. Also if you find both the ☉ and the ☾ in the sixth or the eighth or the twelfth and the malefics aspect [them], then they indicate death when their degrees conjoin with malefics. But if they are in a bad place but are not injured, and you find the malefics casting [their] rays close to their degrees, then the misery which would be will pass by, and he will not die of it.*

1.69-71

The rays of planets at different *latitudes* reach the various longitudinal degrees at different times depending on how far they are to the north or south of the ecliptic, which can completely alter the timing and or even completion of aspects i.e. planets that look as though they are nearing an aspect may actually be well past it.

And lastly, we have a loose summary of the technique:

*If you want to know how each planet increases the nativity and how it diminishes it, then look at the transit of the planets and which aspects the haylaj from right or left, and [look] at the term of the ascendent and at the lord*

2.45

*of the ascendent's term and the planets which are in it.*

The above implies we should always direct the Ascendant, whether it is the indicator (haylaj, hyleg) or not.

*Consider well the rays, whether of benefics or of malefics or mixed, because if the rays are of malefics without benefics' then it is bad. See which [planet] casts [its] rays in aspect or in being with it [the haylaj?], and in how many degrees of rising-times in the clime in which you are it will arrive at the prorogation. Consider the planet which casts [its] rays to the planet which aspects it [the haylaj?] or [is] with it and the lord of the prorogation; then mix them together in proportion to their maleficence and their beneficence and their power in the places and the planets' aspect of them and their portions and their terms and their houses, and judge in accordance with how you find them.*

2.46-48

*The third book of the books of Dorotheus is finished. Praise to God—He alone deserves praise and merits it.*

*In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful, to Whom I have recourse. The fourth of the books of Dorotheus, relating to the transfer of years.*

Pingree does not break the this book into chapters, here it is broken into sections that follow Dykes chapter numbering.

4.1 Profections

*When a native is born, the lord of the year is the lord of the house [ascendent] in which the native was born. Thus count from the ascendent a year for each sign until you reach the year which you desire; the lord of that house is the lord of the year.*

4.1-2

Place	Age on Birthday								
1st	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96
2nd	1	13	25	37	49	61	73	85	97
3rd	2	14	26	38	50	62	74	86	98
4th	3	15	27	39	51	63	75	87	99
5th	4	16	28	40	52	64	76	88	100
6th	5	17	29	41	53	65	77	89	101
7th	6	18	30	42	54	66	78	90	102
8th	7	19	31	43	55	67	79	91	103
9th	8	20	32	44	56	69	80	92	104
10th	9	21	33	45	57	70	81	93	105
11th	10	22	34	46	58	71	82	94	106
12th	11	23	35	47	59	72	83	95	107

Table 4.1: Profections

Dorotheus calls it the “transfer of years” but the method described is commonly called *profection*. The radix chart is turned at the rate of one whole sign per year. The domicile lord of that sign becomes the “lord of the year.” Essentially, the zodiac signs “turn” at the rate of one per year, rising up so that a new sign occupies the first house on each successive birthday such that, on your 1st birthday the sign occupying the radix 2nd house moves to occupy the 1st place, on your 2nd birthday, the sign occupying the radix 3rd moves to occupy the 1st place, and so on until at the end of 12 years the original ascendant sign is back occupying the 1st place, and again at the end of 24 years, 36 years, etc.

*[A]nd the beginning of the year is always when the ☉ enters the beginning of the minute in which it was on the day of the native's nativity.* 1.4

The new year, for each birthday, begins when the ☉ holds the same degree and minute it held at birth so if you are born on July 13 with the ☉ at 20°30' then each “new year” for you will begin exactly when the ☉ re-occupies that degree and minute on your birthday or the closest day to your birthday<sup>1</sup>.

### Lord of the Year (LOY)

*Look at the lord of this sign<sup>2</sup>, whether it is a benefic or a malefic, and in the base-nativity how its position was and in which foundation it was. From the base-nativity is known what* 1.3-4

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<sup>1</sup>Depending on the actual time and place where you were born the actual day the ☉ return's to its birth position maybe earlier or later than the original calendar day of your birth.

<sup>2</sup>The profected sign.

*is concerning him [the native] at the beginning  
of the year*

The general condition of the year depends on the condition of the lord of the year as it is found in the radix. We are told that if the lord of the year is:

- western [*setting into the ☉*] then “misfortune will reach the native” 1.5
- retrograde and USB (invisible) by being conjunct the ☉ or opposite the ☉ in *curtailed passage*<sup>1</sup> there will be misfortune but if the planet is direct in motion “it will be better for him and it will be good” 1.6-7
- in his own domicile or if the ☉ or ☾ aspect the profection sign from a sign of the same triplicity there will be no harm 1.8
- in the sign of an enemy, the person “will be sick, and injury and loss with respect to his property will reach him” 1.9

### **In bad condition**

The form the misfortune takes depends on which planet is acting as the lord of the year:

- ♂ “his reasoning and his thought will diminish, and his reasoning will drain off to the right and left and various places, and some blood and iron and nose-bleed will reach him, or [a defect] in his reasoning and his logic and sometimes disease and injury will be difficult, or he will go on a journey in which [there will be] no good and no profit, and he will be in exile from his city” 1.10
- ♄ in unfortunate condition and “above the earth, then it is bad with respect to [his] property and disease” 1.11

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<sup>1</sup>See Appendix B: Visibility

will reach him in his body for cold, and pleurisy and injury and his property will diminish, and sometimes a sting will happen to him and also evil will reach him from work in his hand[s], and frustration in everything, and worry and grief and disease will reach him from his work”

- ♄ “he will have little greed for property, and his property will diminish without it being robbed and without his being pleased by it, but so that the will be pleased or will have kindness from the town of his fathers or from [his] children” 1.12
- ♀ “injury will reach him from women, and quarrels and an ugly blemish” 1.13
- ♄ if USB, “injury will reach him from commerce or from an associate or from a book and computation or from slaves, and his hope will be cut off except for what God wills, and he will be told what he should not make, and sometimes property and the good will be offered to him, but he will not receive it” 1.14

### **In good condition**

The form the good will take also depends on the good condition (eastern, direct, not USB) of the lord of the year and which planet holds the role:

- ♂ he will make a quick success of any work he undertakes during the year and “the man will increase in [his] reasoning” 1.17
- ♄ the person “will be an owner of land and crops and plants and everything new, and he will dig canals and rivers” 1.18
- ♄ “he will have a good reputation among nobles, and every work in his hand will be completed and he will be exalted above the nobles, and if children are 1.19

judged for him, then they will inherit their father's property"

♀ "joy and marriage and good will reach him on account of women" 1.20

♂ "he will accumulate property and attain good from wisdom and opinion and science and a good reputation, with the help of God" 1.21

### Planets in or Aspecting the Profected Sign

Indications for the year are also given by planets in or aspecting the sign of the profected ascendant:

♄ the person "will have a bad reputation and there will reach him folly and injury and hostility from men and [his] city, and some of them the government will be angry at and treat as an enemy" 1.23

♂ if the profected sign contains ♂ and ♄ and "something similar" to ♂'s aspecting ♄'s place occurs; "calamity and grief" will reach the person and "he will be afraid of kings and their anger" 1.26, 28

♄, ♂ if both malefics are in the profected sign, the person "will not work at anything, but will run away and will be discovered in a crime [leading] to exile and haste [in departing]" 1.29

♄ "if children are necessary for him, then he will have a son-in-law as well and his property will increase" 1.27

♀ the year "is not maleficent, but is beneficent, admirable, so that if he has attained [the age of] marriage, he will marry and will have children, if [♀] is good in its position in the base[-nativity]" 1.30

♂ "he will attain good, and [children] will be born to him. If ♄ aspect it, then he will be ashamed of his children and will grieve on account of [his] slaves, and murder and grief will reach him" 1.31

- ▷ if ♄ is aspecting “then disease will reach this [person] and his body will waste away. If ♃ also aspects ♄ “it will be worse for him, his work will increase, and murder and sorrow and disasters from the dead will reach him” 1.33

### Profection Reaching an Angle

Indications from the profected sign being a sign found originally on an angle:

- ASC if ♄ and ♀ are aspecting the sign “then good and honor and joy and children will reach the native, and he will marry a wife” and if ♄ and ♂ are in aspect, “his property and his good will diminish, and he will grieve for his relatives” 1.35
- ☾ if the profected year is in the sign on the radix 4th and contains or is aspected by ♄, “then injury and hostility from men will reach him, and the evil will debilitate him; if this is [the situation] and ♂ aspects it also, then evil will be worse, some cutting with iron will reach him or strangulation or burning in fire or sweat and fever, if this is necessary for him. If ♄ aspects these malefics, then the disease will be minimized” 1.24-5
- ☾, DSC if ♄ is in the sign or aspects the sign from the 4th or 7th “then this is a difficult indication, and a severe pain or grief for [his] property will reach him. If ♂ is with it [♄], then it is worse, blood and disasters from fire will reach him, and hot diseases will reach him, and he will fall from a distant place, and he will not attain good, or he will be like the form of a madman” 1.38
- MC if a malefic is in or aspecting the sign, “then every evil and misfortune will reach this native and no good will reach him [save] from God” 1.39



## The Profected 7th

If the profected 7th contains **h** or **♂** there will be no good in the year; if **♄** and **♀** are in it, the year is “good and elevated”

1.40-2

## Delineating Months

The instructions on how to find the profected days and months is not clear (see the next section) but it does seem clear from the following that they should be delineated in much the same manner as the profected year.

*Similarly [in the case of] the months also, if the malefics aspect them or are in them, then there is no good in it also. If the benefics aspect them, then it diminishes from the evil of the malefics. If the benefics are not aspecting, then the malefic will destroy the mother of that native in that month<sup>1</sup>.*

1.43-5

## Unclear Instructions

There are other instructions, purportedly from Valens<sup>2</sup>, for finding the “sign that is the ascendent of the year” as well as for finding the month and day.

The conflicting instructions can be found in lines 15-16, and 46 thru 64. Most appear to infer the instructions relate to calculating Solar and Lunar revolutions. Here is the text, for reference:

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<sup>1</sup>It is not clear why a malefic in the sign of the profected month, not aspected by a benefic, should kill the person’s mother. The statement appears to be out of context.

<sup>2</sup>Anything attributed to Valens must have come directly from the original translator of the Dorotheus text (not Pingree, who is translating that earlier translators work), and so cannot be attributed directly to Dorotheus.

Valens also said: Look at the planet which is the lord of that year; if it is seen on the day on which the ☉ enters the minute in which it is on the day of the native's birth, then see at that hour in which this degree rises what [is] the ascendent, which [is] the sign which rises from the East. Look at where the ☿ is an in which sign it is, then know to how many [degrees] it is from that degree in which it was on the day of the native's birth; then make that sign the ascendent of the year.

1.15-16

Now I will make the matter of months clear to you so that you will know them. If you want to know this, then mark off from the sign and degree and minute in which the ☿ was at the hour of the native's birth, then subtract it from the ascendent<sup>1</sup>; wherever the number is used up, know which of the seven is the lord of that sign which you have reached, and this planet will be the lord of the month at the hour of the native's birth.

1.46-47

If the lord of the month is in a good place, rejoices in it, and is strong in its light, and was thus in in the base-nativity, then it is good. If it was in a good place in the base-nativity but is in a bad place when you look<sup>2</sup>, then the matter of this native is middling between this [and that]. If it was in a place without good in the base-nativity and is in a place without good when you look, then the maleficence is strong, there is no good in it; it will be worse

1.48-50

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<sup>1</sup>From the year's projected ascendent?

<sup>2</sup>Compare the planet position to its radix position and its position in the turned chart?

for this [native] if it is not visible in the East and is under the ☉'s light<sup>1</sup>.

If the ♃ is the lord of the month, look at the ♃ on what side [of the ecliptic] it is. If it is ascending and increasing in counting, then it is good, but if it is descending and decreasing in counting, then its condition is middling between this [and that], but if it is in a decrease in light and is increasing in counting, then there is not good in it, and it is worst for this [native] if it is increasing in light and decreasing in counting. Together with this look also at the planets; if the ☉ is lord of the month, then it is good if it is increasing with regard to the length of daylight, but it is worse for this [native] if it is decreasing from the length of daylight. It is necessary together with this that you look at the witnesses of the planets.

1.51-54

### Ruler of the Days

Dorotheus gives two methods for arriving at the ruler of the profected day.

If you want to know the ruler of the days, see where the ☉ and ♃ are at the time for which you wish to know this, then count from the ☉ to the ♃, then cast it from that which was the ascendant at the hour of the native's birth. Wherever that number is used up, see

1.55-56

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<sup>1</sup>Believe this refers to the planet's condition in the radix. A radix planet in bad condition can get some relief if it is in a better house in the turned chart and be in worse straits if it is in a bad place in both the radix and the turned chart.

*which of the planets [is] the lord of that sign  
as it is the ruler of the days.*

Believe this means we are to look at where the ☉ and ☾ are on the day in question, count the signs between the two and then count the same number of signs from the radix Ascendant; the ruler of the sign we end on then becomes the ruler of the day. For example, if the ☉ is in ♊ and the ☾ is in ♉, counting from ♊ to ♉ gives 6 signs (♊, ♈, ♉, ♊, ♈, ♉). If the radix Asc is in ♈ and we count 6 signs we end up in ♈ (♈, ♉, ♊, ♋, ♌, ♈) with ♌ as the ruler of the day.

The other method Dorotheus describes involves counting the number of days since birth and resulting day ruler's connection to the Moon.

*[With regard to] the days, it is also necessary for you to convert all the years into days from the first day of the native's birth till the day which you wish; you make each year three hundred and sixty-five days and a fourth of a day, then subtract successive sevens, and give each a planet of the seven seven and begin from the planet which was in the ascendent, then to the first which follows [it].* 1.57

*First you subtract the number from forty-nine days so that what is left over is less than forty-nine days, then give seven to the lord of the sign of life [the ascendent], then seven to [the planet] which follows it until your number of days is used up.* 1.58

The instructions are cumbersome, as is the math; however, it looks as if he is giving each planet a day starting

from the planet that rules the Ascendant and the remaining 6 days are given a ruling planet by taking the planets in order *as they appear in the chart* and that order just keeps repeating every seven days. So, if the Ascendant is in  $\Pi$ ,  $\text{♄}$  would rule the birthday. You then take the planets in zodiacal order according to how they fall relative to  $\text{♄}$  so, for example, in Queen Victoria's chart,  $\text{♄}$  is in  $\text{♈}$ , followed by the  $\odot$  and  $\text{♂}$  in  $\Pi$ ,  $\text{♄}$  in  $\text{♊}$ ,  $\text{♅}$  in  $\text{♋}$ ,  $\text{♂}$  and  $\text{♀}$  in  $\text{♌}$  making the day to day planetary order  $\text{♄}$ ,  $\odot$ ,  $\text{♂}$ ,  $\text{♄}$ ,  $\text{♅}$ ,  $\text{♂}$ ,  $\text{♀}$ .

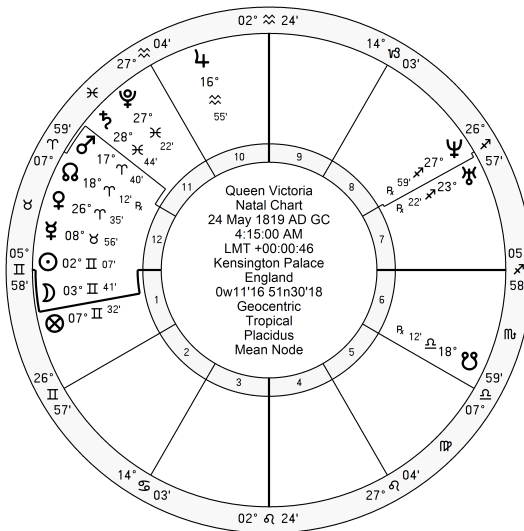


Figure 4.1: Chart 07: Queen Victoria

To know which planet ruled on June 20, 1837, the day she became Queen, we can take the day's Julian Day number (2392181)<sup>1</sup> and subtract the Julian Day number of her birth (2385579) to get 6,602 days since her birth then  $6602 \bmod 7$  gives a remainder of 1 ( $6602/7 = 943$ .  $6602 - 943 \cdot 7 = 1$ ) making the day ruler  $\text{♄}$ , which is the ruler of her Ascendant. [At least, I think that's what Dorotheus' method boils down to.]

<sup>1</sup>Julian Date calculator's are available on line; [NASA](#) provides

Once we've found the planet ruling the day we're investigating, he says to look for the sign the Moon is in and

*If the Moon is in that sign which the days reached and a malefic was in that sign in the nativity, then disease and evil will reach them [the natives]. Similarly if the place is bad [and] if a malefic aspects it at that time or this is the sign in which ♄ or ♂ was in the base-nativity and this sign is the house of [one of] the malefics but benefics aspect it in transit, then his case will be middling. If this is reverse, then reverse it.* 1.60-62

*Look at the Moon which, of the benefics and malefics aspects it. If the planet which aspects the Moon is a benefic at the beginning of fifteen degrees [within its sign], then this day will be hard for the native, but on that night he will find rest and recovery in the morning.* 1.60-64

He appears to be saying we should judge the day according to the position of the day ruler and the relation of the transit Moon to the birth chart Moon.

## 4.2 Illness

*Now I will make clear to you a section on chronic illness.* 1.65

Look at the 6th sign from the Ascendant and determine if their nature is humane (♂, ♀, ♋, ♌, and the 1st

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a good one.

half of ♄), quadruped (♃, ☿, ♀, ♁), or wild (♂, last half of ♄). And look at the sign's ruler, its nature and condition.

If the sign and its ruler are both in bad condition and they are both moist, *“then disasters will reach this native from pain due to moisture and cold and pain in his joints, and a long-lasting pain will seize him.”* 1.67

If the sign is ♃ or ♁ (ruled by ☿), *“then a cutting with iron will reach him, and he will be burned in a fire, or dogs or lions will bite him, and some of them will be transfixed by a spear, and many disasters will reach him. These are the disasters if this planet is shining [and] luminous, but if this is covered up under the ☉'s light then pain or torment will reach him, and his belly will be split, and he will die from this.”* 1.68-69

If ☿ is in a sign ruled by ♄, the native will love wine and the disasters will be from his liver. 1.71-74

If ☿ is in a sign ruled by ♀, the disasters will be from the love of women, *“their malady will seize him like the form of a madman, his reason and his [sense of] shame will depart in the search for women; it will be worse for this [native] if ♀ is in a masculine sign.”*

If ☿ is in a sign ruled by ☿, *“then the reputation of this native will be spoiled and his words, and he will not be about to speak except in misery, and his hearing will decrease, and wretchedness in his throat will seize him.”*

If ☿ is in ♀ or ☿, or his own domicile, *“then a chronic illness in his eyes will reach him, and a pain in his heart will reach him from the ☉, and a pain in his spleen will reach him from the ♄.”*

## Lot of Chronic Illness

The lot is taken from  $\text{♄}$  to  $\text{♂}$  in diurnal charts,  $\text{♂}$  to  $\text{♄}$  in nocturnal charts, and projected from the Ascendant; the sign it falls in gives the body part that will be afflicted with chronic illness: 1.75-76

$\text{♄}$  the head

$\text{♅}$  the neck

$\text{♊}$  the two shoulders

$\text{♋}$  the two hands and the chest

$\text{♌}$  the two sides and the heart

$\text{♍}$  the belly and the spine

$\text{♎}$  the bladder which is between the two hips

$\text{♏}$  the penis, and the two testicles, and two buttocks

$\text{♐}$  the two thighs

$\text{♑}$  the two knees

$\text{♒}$  the two shanks

$\text{♓}$  the two feet

To determine whether the left or right side of the body is harmed, check the 10th sign from the Ascendant. If it contains none of the seven planets, the chronic illness will be on the left side of the body, otherwise, the illness will affect the right side. 1.79-80

Dorotheus says some ancients used the  $\text{♄}$  to describe the body, saying, if the malefics were square or opposed to the  $\text{♄}$  and “*they were looking at life from the ascendent and ♀ and ☿ (and the malefics aspect them) and the nature of the place in which they are, if this sign is one of the quadruped signs or one of the human signs or one of the watery signs—and they were looking at this sign to which of the limbs of the body belongs, so that they* 1.77-78



might say that the chronic illness is in this limb of the body of men.”<sup>1</sup>

### Indications from the 4th House

Check the triplicity lords of the 4th house; the 1st triplicity lord gives indications for the native’s death; the 2nd triplicity lord gives indications for chronic illness, combine its indications with those given by the Lot of Chronic Illness.

1.81-4

### Configurations indicating chronic illness

In lines 1.85 to 1.87 Dorotheus describes configurations involving the lot of chronic illness, the lights and either ♂ or ♄ or both:

- the ☽ and the lot of chronic illness in the 11th while ♂ is in the 2nd<sup>2</sup> indicates “*the body of this native will be broken and his joints will waste away, all of them* but if ♄ is in the 2nd the “*native will fall from a high, elevated place*” and if the sign [on the 2nd?] is a water sign “*then these disasters will be from water, or some of the animals of the sea will devour him.*”
- If ♂ and ♄ rise after the ☉ and ☽ or are in the same sign as the lights, conjunct or in greater degrees, ...,<sup>3</sup> “*it will be worse for this [native] if it is ♂ because nothing will cover up the evil of ♂ except God alone, the truth of the world.*”

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<sup>1</sup>I think he means the sign the malefic is in determines the body part unless the malefic is aspecting the ☽ from the Asc and ♀ and ☿ are also aspecting the ☽ and the malefic then the sign ♀ or ☿ are in determines which limb is harmed. Although the whole section is pretty garbled.

<sup>2</sup>Dykes translation has “in the eighth”; however, the 2nd makes sense here as it is the 10th from the 11th, Zoller taught the 10th place from any house gave indications for the *outcome* of the house

<sup>3</sup>The text here is missing

- if the dodecatemorian of the ☉ or ☽ are in the aspect of a malefic “*then a chronic illness in his body will reach this native*” 1.106-7

### Conditions harmful to one’s eyesight

In lines 1.88 to 1.97 Dorotheus describes conditions that can indicate harm to the native’s eyesight:

- If ☿ is in the 2nd sign from the ☉ or ☽ “*then disasters will reach the native in his eye or his vision will depart*”; the harm will be worse if the ☉ or ☽ are in the “*sign of life*” (rising sign) and the malefics set after the ☉ and ☽
- The eyesight is also damaged if the ☽ is in the West [7th?] and the malefics are angular, especially if the ☽ is full. If the ☉ is there instead of the ☽ the same, unless ♃ aspects the ☉, as then the native will still be able to see a little;
- If the ☉ and ☽ are in the 7th and ♄ and ☿ rise after them then there will be a chronic illness of the eyes (rather than a disastrous loss of vision) and the same if ☿ and the ☉ are in the 7th in the aspect of ♃
- If ☿ and the ☉ or ☽ are in the house of life (rising sign), “*a chronic illness in his eyes will reach him*” and the same if the ☉ rises with or after the ☽ and ☿ is between them
- If the ☽ and ♄ are in ♊, or the ☽ alone is in ♊ with ♄ in square or opposition to it<sup>1</sup>, “*a chronic illness will reach the eyes*”

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<sup>1</sup>The text has “aspecting it from the fourth or from the seventh” which implies that ♊ must be the rising sign, in which case the previous condition would apply and singling out ♊ would be unnecessary so I’ve assumed “from the 4th” means in ‘square’ and “from the 7th” means in ‘opposition’.

- If the ☽ gives indications for chronic illness or if she aspects the malefics from the 4th place, then *“this native will not escape from chronic illness, neither because of the remedy of physicians nor by asking God for health, so that he will die from his chronic illness.”*

### Degrees Injurious to the Eyes

If the ☽ is in one of the following degrees and is ☿, ☐, or ♁ the malefics while she is waning, *“the native [will have] darkness in his eye.”* If the ☽ is waxing, *“then a chronic illness in his eye will reach this native, but his eye will not be blinded.”* 1.108-111

- 6-9 ♃, the Pleiades
- 9 ♄
- 18 ♌, the mane of the lion
- 8 ♏, the face of the scorpion
- 9 ♏, the eyes of the scorpion
- 10 ♏<sup>1</sup>
- 23 ♏, the scorpion’s stinger
- 3 ♐, the point of the arrow

### Timing

The above indications are based on the radix positions and *“not on the transfer”* (protected positions). If the year comes to the sign<sup>2</sup> which holds the ☽ blockaded between the two malefics, *“the native will dread this, but discomfort will not get hold of him by the decree of God, and he will escape from the aggregate of ailments and* 1.99-102

<sup>1</sup>Dykes has “the forehead of the Scorpion and its eyes, in 8°, 9°, and 10° of Scorpio”

<sup>2</sup>I’m interpreting these lines (IV.1.99-102) as if they apply to protected, not radix, positions.

*misfortunes*” but if the transfer comes to the sign of the ☉ or ♎ and they are in the square or opposition of ♄ or ♀, then “*a chronic illness in his eyes will reach him*”<sup>1</sup>

### Side of body affected

If the indications are from the ☉ in a diurnal chart then 1.103-7  
the person’s right side, right eye and his right hand will be affected. If the indications are from the ♎ in a night chart, then the person’s left side, left eye, and their left hand, will be affected.

### Various configurations indicating madness

♂ if ♂ is in the 1st in opposition to the ♎ in the 7th, 1.112-114  
“*then the native will have little life and madness will seize him*”, and it will be worse if the ♎ is waning

If the ♎ is in ♋ or another sign with cut-off limbs<sup>2</sup> and ♂ is in the 1st or 5th in the aspect<sup>3</sup> of the ♎ “*then one of the limbs of this native will be cut off by iron so that that limb will be wretched because of it*”

♄ if ♄ is in the 7th and the ♎ and ♂ are in the 1st, 1.115  
“*then madness will seize this native and he will have no reason, and he will not be aware of what he is doing*” and if the benefics rise after the ♎ and ♂ they will be spoiled and injured<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>In other words, if a light is in the protected 1st and a malefic is in a protected angle (which happens if they are square or opposed to the light) then what is indicated in the radix (harm to the eyesight) happens in that year.

<sup>2</sup>These possibly include ♊ and ♏ both of which are described by Valens as being “half-finished”

<sup>3</sup>It is not clear from the text if the aspect must be partile, within 3° or simply by sign

<sup>4</sup>Unable to prevent the harm?

- If the ♃ and ♀ are in the 1st and ♂ is aspecting from the 7th, *“then this native will not have reason”* 1.121
- ♄ if ♄ is in the 1st or 10th and the ♃ is in the 7th, then the native will *“have no reason, and he will not be aware of what he is doing”* and it will be worse if ♂ is with the ♃; and if the benefics rise after ♄ or the ♃ (?) they will be spoiled and injured 1.116
- ☉ if the ☉ and ♃ are in the same sign with ♂ between them while ♄ is rising after them and in aspect, *“then this native will not have reason”*, especially if the ☉ and ♃ are in the 8th but if the benefics are aspecting or rising after them *“then he will escape from his misfortune”* 1.118

### Various configurations indicating illnesses

- If the ♃ is USB or waning and separating from an angular malefic, *“then this native will have no strength and no power, and he will be emaciated [and] sick”* and it will be worse if the other malefic is also in aspect with the ♃. 1.122
- If the ♃ is separating from ♄, *“then a pain i the belly will seize him, and his belly will defecate, and a pain of coldness will seize him, and his pain will last a long time, and a pin in the spleen will seize some of them, and he will ask for a drink, and his belly will be split open, and a cough will seize him”* 1.123
- If the ♃ is separating from ♂, *“then a pain of the blood will seize him in [his] belly but the medicine of doctors will help him”* 1.124
- If the native is a girl, *“then all of these diseases will seize her and together with all these diseases other diseases will reach her because her belly will sell up and her* 1.125

*child will not live, but her child will be cut off in her belly but she will keep the black bile”.*

If the **♃** is separating from benefics and will conjoin 1.126  
with benefics before leaving the sign she is in, *“then the native will be healthy for half his life, then after this he will swell up and diseases will seize him from which he will not escape.”*

If **♄** and **♂** are in the 2nd and are aspecting the **♃** 1.27  
while **♅** is not aspecting the **♃**, *“then every misery will reach this native in his body.”*

If **♄** is aspecting **♆**, *“the he will be dumb, one who has 1.28  
lost [his] reason, and he will not be able to speak, or he will be stammering, not speaking except with difficulty.”*

If **♄** and **♀** are in the 10th and the **♃** is in the 10th 1.29-30  
and **♂** aspects them, *“then this native will not be able to have intercourse with women and will be a vicious man. If the native is a girl, then she will not marry and have no children.”*

If **♂** and **♄** are aspecting **♀** and the **♃**, *“then the 1.31-2  
male [organ] of this native and his testicles will be cut off with iron. If this native is a girl, then she will be barren [and] will not give birth; it will be worse for this [native] if the two [malefics] are in the sixth and twelfth sign from the [sign of] of life.”*

If **♅** is aspecting **♂** and **♄**, *“then he will be the one 1.33  
who does the work of God in worship, a prayer-leader in a mosque or the like, and his livelihood will be from this.”*

If **♅** is in the place of **♀** or **♆** is in [one of] the houses of 1.34  
these two or **♆** is with **♅** *“(it is worse for this [native] if the two are in a sign possessing two bodies and the malefics are aspecting them), then this native will be effeminate, and this, that the native will be named **♆** or with the name of the **♃**.”*

If the ♃ is in 30° “of the sign in which it is”<sup>1</sup> and ♎ 1.35  
is aspecting her from the 4th, “then this native will be a  
midget, the shortest of all men.”

If ♎ and ♂ are in the same sign and the ♃ is between 1.36  
them, “then this native will be a leper, and scabies and  
itching will seize him.”

If the ♃ is in ♎ or in ♂ and ♎ and ♂, are with it, 1.37  
“then leprosy and erysipelas<sup>2</sup> will seize him, and his body  
will swell up.”

### Timing

The time of life during which the illness can be expected is 1.138-42  
given by the hemispheric position of the planet signifying  
the illness:

East the chronic illness will be at the beginning of the  
person’s life, which is the worst timing

West it is more ideal and it will be good if he is treated  
in his youth

South the chronic illness will be in the middle of the per-  
son’s life

North the chronic illness will be in his old age

### 4.3 Death

Now I will make clear to you the matter of 1.143  
death.

<sup>1</sup>Think this means if the ♃ is in the last degree of her sign.

<sup>2</sup>According to [WebMD](#), *erysipelas* is a bacterial infection of the  
skin which causes red rashes, blisters, and sores.

## The 8th

Identify the sign and its nature: watery, dry, human, 1.144-45  
quadruped, or wild. Then identify ruler of the sign and  
the planets aspecting the sign.

If ♄ rules the 8th and he is in the West<sup>1</sup>, then *“this native will die in other than his own land”* and if ♄ is in 1.146-9  
a moist sign the person *“will die in the water or the belly of a sea monster or a fish,”* or if ♄ is an earth sign, *“then the native will die at the peak of a mountain”* or if the ☉ is with ♄, *“then this native will fall from a high place and will die.”*

If ♀ rules the 8th, *“then thieves will fall upon this native and kill [him] or [his] enemies will kill him in a fight or he will burn in a fire or an animal from among the earthy animals will bite him or lions will devour him.”* 1.150-153  
If the ☉ is with ♀, *“then this will reach him from the anger of kings or the anger of a great man so that he will be killed or crucified on a post, or his middle will be cut with a sword, or a lion and a tiger will slay him, or animals or hogs will vie [with him]”* and if ♀ is not in one of its own places, *“then he will die in exile from his land”* but if ♀ is in one of its own places, *“then this native will die because of women or by means of poison and drinking a drug.”*

If ☿ is the lord of the 8th, *“then he will die from the anger of kings.”* 1.154

If the ruler of the 8th is not in one of his own places 1.155-7  
and is impeded by a malefic who is in the 8th, *“then this native will die on a journey”* but if the lord of the 8th is

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<sup>1</sup>Dykes has this “as in an alien place” saying that “western” does not make sense in this context. By an “alien place” I’m assuming he means the planet has no dignities in the sign it is in. Although, I think “in the West” here might be equivalent to being in the 7th which indicates “foreign lands”, so someone dying in a foreign country.



in one of his own places, *“then this native will die in his own land and in his place and among his people.”* But if the lord of the 8th is benefic and impeded, *“then the death of this native will also be thus, but his death will be better for him.”*

### Lot of Death

*“Some of them learned in the stars”* counted from the ☿ 1.158 to the 8th and *“then cast out from ♄,”* and judged the native’s death from the sign the lot fell in and ruler of that sign.

### Planet first to the Descendant

*“Some of them looked at that planet which reached to the degree of the seventh, and not in the casting [of rays], but they saw which of the two would be more quickly cadent in the West so that from that one they might judge death for him, if God wills.”* 1.159

Believe he means we should look at the first planet that will move, by primary motion, across the Descendant (cusp of the 7th) into the 6th (a cadent place) and judge the manner of death by that planet’s condition in the radix.

### A Difficult Death

*If ☿ is in the tenth but not in the cardines while the ☿ is in a cardine, the seventh, and the malefics aspect the ☿, then enemies and thieves will kill this native.* 1.165

Believe he is saying that if the ☿ is angular in the 7th house and ☿ is in the 10th sign but not the 10th house

i.e. cadent in the 9th house, then the native will be killed by enemies and thieves; possibly as such a planet would square the ♃. For example, if the Asc is in 10 ♉ and the MC in 15 ♊ then ♀ at 12 ♊ would be in the 9th house and in square to a ♃ in the 7th at 12 ♎.

*If the malefics are rising after the seventh sign or are aspecting it from the seventh (it will be worse for this [native] if the malefics are in cardines), then this native will die a difficult death.*

1.166

This possibly means that if the ♃ is in the 7th and a malefic is in the 10th, 9th, or 8th (rising after the 7th) or in the 1st (7th from the 7th and so in opposition to the ♃) then the native will have “a difficult death” and the worst would be if the malefic was in the 1st or 10th. I’m assuming primary motion is meant here based on his use of “rising after” which can only happen by primary motion.

### Triplicity Rulers of the 4th

Look at the triplicity lords of the 4th, the first indicates death and the second, chronic illness. If both are together in a bad place, judge the native will have a difficult death. If the first triplicity lord is in the 4th or in the 7th, “*then this native will die and not one of men will appear to see him, and they will not know how he died, and they said that this man will be named as a messenger.*”

1.167-70

If the 2nd triplicity lord is in the 7th, “*then this native will be chronically ill [and] miserable; if it is aspecting the house of life, it will be worse for him.*”

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### Indications from the 7th

If the ruler of the 7th is a malefic and it is USB, *“then this native will die from [his] slaves or from a matter which no one knows. If this planet is seen in the East, then this native will die publicly, but if it is retrograde, then this native will die from a drug in which [there is] no good, and his suffering will be prolonged.”* 172-3

If the 7th sign is a human sign, *“then he will die because of men, and if it is one of the watery signs, then he will die because of water, and if it is one of the quadruped signs, then he will die because of quadrupeds or lions will eat him.”* 1.174

If the malefics are with the ☿ or the other malefics are aspecting the ☿ from the 7th, then he will die from surgery. 1.175

If the ☿ is in a new sign when it shines from the ☼ and...is aspecting the ☼ from the 4th or the 7th but not aspecting the ☿, then this native will kil himself. 1.176

If the ☼ is eclipsed in the 7th or the ☿ is passing from a degree which aspects the degree the ☼ is in<sup>1</sup>, *“then this native will die in fire or in water, and many people will die with him.”* 1.177

If the ruler of the 7th is in a place in which [there is] no good or it is in the 10th while the malefics are with the ☿, *“then this native will fall from a high place and will die from it.”* 1.178

If the lord of the lot of the 7th<sup>2</sup> is with the lot of luck<sup>3</sup> and the malefics are determinative, then he will die because of his friends. 1.179

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<sup>1</sup>☿ is separating from the eclipse degree?

<sup>2</sup>Dykes thinks this is the Lot of Eros which is taken from Fortune to Spirit and projected from the Asc in a diurnal chart, from Spirit to Fortune in a nocturnal chart. (p220n112)

<sup>3</sup>Dykes thinks this is the Lot of Fortune (p220n113)

If ♀ is in the 7th house and the ☿ is peregrine and 1.180  
with the malefics, *“then the death of this native will be  
because of a woman who has had many husbands, [but]  
then they died.”*

If ♄ is like ♀, *“then he will die because of [his] children 1.181  
or from his good name and good reputation which they  
will be envious of.”*

If ♂ is like ♀, *“then [he will die] because of his broth- 1.182  
ers.”*

If the ☼ is like ♀, *“then he will die because of his 1.182  
mother and his ancestors.”*

If the ☿ is like ♀, *“then he will die because of his 1.183  
mother and his father’s wife.”*

#### 4.4 The Transfer of Planets

*Now I will also make clear to you the transfer 1.185  
of some of the seven to the places of the others.*

**NOTE:** as a rule Dorotheus’ instructions in this section of his work are read in reference to a *Solar Return* chart drawn for the date and time the ☼ returns to its natal position for the year in question. I am reading them with reference to the *profected* chart which I take to be the original *turned* chart.

As the radix chart is turned by 30° each year to bring a new sign to the Ascendant the planets are seen to occupy different houses and so come into new relationships with the radix planets and lots.

Dorotheus tells us that when a planet reaches the 7th house from its radix position “*then it is difficult in its maleficence*” and the same is true when it returns to its own radix house. 1.186-7

As I understand it, he is saying that if, for example, radix Venus is in the 6th and by profec-tion she appears in the 12th, in opposition to her radix position, then any harm she signifies will be evident in that year and again when she appears back in the 6th, her original place.

In a diurnal chart, ☿ reaching the place of the ☉ or ♄ “*is worse for this native*” and if a malefic is with the ☉ or ♄ there will be disasters and quarrels with the father In a night chart. In a nocturnal chart, ♄ reaching the place of the ☿ is worse and if a malefic is with the ☿, there is greater harm to his body. 1.188-9

If profected ♄ or ☿ is trine<sup>1</sup> the place in the radix, then it will be better for the native than if it is in the 4th (square) or 7th (opposite) place. 1.190

If the malefics are in a right square (i.e. in the 10th from a place), “*then there will be no good in it*”, but if the benefics are in a right square, “*then it will be good*”. And if the benefics are trine<sup>2</sup>, “*then this native will attain good*”. 1.191-2

*If the malefics are in their triplicities, then it will harm this native because the lord of the triplicity [being] ☿ by day and ♄ by night is* 1.193

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<sup>1</sup>Pingree has this as “in triplicity” but that doesn’t fit well with the rest of the thought and “triplicity” is sometimes confused with “trine” in translations (see Dykes p220, although he is referring to Solar Return placements).

<sup>2</sup>Again, replacing ‘triplicities’ with ‘trine’.

*the worst of what might be; it is worse for this [native] if the two in the base-nativity were in a place in which [there is] no good.”*

The only sense I can make out of the above is that, if the malefics are in difficult houses (2nd, 6th, 8th, 12th) the harm will be worse for the person. The reference to ‘triplicities’ makes little sense at  $\sigma$  does not rule any triplicity by day and  $h$  does not rule any triplicity by night.  $\sigma$  is the nocturnal triplicity ruler for  $\mathfrak{E}$ ,  $\mathfrak{M}$ , and  $\mathfrak{X}$ , while  $h$  is the diurnal triplicity ruler for  $\Pi$ ,  $\mathfrak{A}$ , and  $\mathfrak{Z}$  unless he means that if they are in their own triplicities but contrary to the chart sect i.e.  $\sigma$  in a water sign in a day chart,  $h$  in an air sign in a night chart; then they will cause more harm since they are stronger *in* their own triplicities than out of them.

If the person is older than 30 the harm from  $h$  will be less. 1.94

If  $h$  and  $\sigma$  are rising after the cardines<sup>1</sup>, then also quarrels and misery will reach the native. If the malefics are in the cardines, “then [there will be] no good in it.” 1.195, 233

If  $h$  and  $\sigma$ , in the radix, are in “places in which [there is] no good” and in the profection the benefics are also brought to places where “there is no good”, “then it will diminish from that good which belonged to the native in that year.” 1.196

If  $h$  is with the  $\mathfrak{D}$ , “then cold will seize this native in this year” 1.203

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<sup>1</sup>Will cross the angles by primary direction?

If ♄ reaches its own place, “then good will reach this native”<sup>1</sup> 1.204

If ♄ reaches ♂ place, “then it will spoil the native’s heart and it will spoil him, and he himself will be wicked.” 1.212

If the ☉ and the ♃ are in the malefics’ places, “then [there will be] no good in it.” 1.232

If the ♃ reaches: 1.197-208

- its own place, the native will be cheerful and rejoice, especially if ♀ and ♄ are also there
- the ☉’s place, “there will be good in what belongs to the native after his day”<sup>2</sup>
- ♂’s place, “disasters will immediately reach this native” unless the benefics aspect the ♃
- the ☉’s or ♂ place while the ☉ or ♂ are also where they were in the radix, “then the blood will be expelled from this native’s body”
- ♀’s place and the malefics are not<sup>3</sup> with the ♃, “then in that year this native’s property will be wasted in fornication, and he will disgrace himself, and he will be greedy, [and] people will know about him.”
- ☿’s place, “then this native will do some work in accordance with the nature of ☿”
- the 1st place, then native’s life will be spoiled

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<sup>1</sup>In 1.187 we were told a planet reaching its own place is malefic; here we’re told a malefic reaching its own place will produce good. Possibly, rather than ‘place’ i.e. house, it should read the place of his domicile? i.e. ♄ in the 2nd returning to the 2nd is malefic but ♄ in the 2nd reaching the place where ♃ or ♀ are found effects his good?

<sup>2</sup>Meaning “after his birthday”, for the year?

<sup>3</sup>The ‘not’ seems weird here, you’d expect what follows if ♀ was corrupted by a malefic.

- the 10th place, then the native's work in will public will be in accord with the nature of aspecting benefics or malefics
- the 7th place, the native will triumph over his enemies, prosper, and obtain his income
- the 4th place, the year will concern a secret matter that he will conceal and keep quiet about but if he makes a will, it will be good

If ♄ and ♀ reach:

1.210-211

- ♄'s place, *"then these two spoil the goodness of ♄"*.
- the place of ♀ and ♄, *"then these two diminish from their good."*

If ♀ reaches:

1.213-216

- ♄'s place, *"then it will ameliorate the soul of the native and make it firm and render [him] victorious over his enemies."*
- ♀' or ♄'s place, *"then it will take away all the natives good in that year."*
- ♀ is USB, *"then fever and a hot temperature and a hot pain will seize this native in this year, and it will destroy his reason; if the father of the native is alive, then grief will reach this native because of his father and his state with regard to work and the authority of kings will be spoiled."*
- ♄'s place, *"then this native will worry and will persuade himself of what has no good in it, and he will treat his friends as enemies, and his opinion of them will be low, and their slaves will scorn some of them, and disaster will reach him in his property"*
- the ♄'s place, *"then a pain will reach this native in his body, then afterwards he will use his intellect and be victorious over his enemies [with] trouble and difficulty."*

1.229



If ♃ reaches:

1.217- 219

- ♃'s place, *"then it will remove the corruption of ♃ in that year, and he will attain property and good."*
- ♂ place, *"then good will increase with regard to the native's properties and he will be victorious over his enemies in that year"*
- the square of ♂ or ♃<sup>1</sup>, *"then it is likewise good."*

If ♀ reaches:

1.220-224

- ♃'s place, *"then [he will have] no good in the case of women, [and] grief and quarrels will reach the native in this year."*
- ♂ place, *"then the native will leave him in anger and will not look at anyone"*
- ☿'s place, *"then it will increase the native's work"*
- ♃'s place, *"then he will be good in [his] work, but a bad reputation in the matter of women will be spread"*
- ☉'s place, *"then it will spoil the life of that native and disasters will reach him because of women"*
- the square of ♂ or ♃, then it is good<sup>2</sup>

If ☿ reaches:

1.225-231

- the places of benefics, then it will be good; the places of the malefics, *"then [there will be] no good in it."*; and, if neither the benefics nor the malefics aspect ☿ *"then this native will not be good in his work, but he will remove grief and hardship from himself"*

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<sup>1</sup>This is missing from Pingree's version; added from Dykes (p226) who takes it from Schmidt's translation (p226n160).

<sup>2</sup>*ibid.*

- ♄'s place, "then he will be good in all work; it will be better for this [native] if this native desires entry to [the palaces of] kings."
- ♂'s place, "then this native's heart will be strong in every falsehood."
- ♀'s place, "then his work will be good and he will attain good."
- the ♃'s place, "then the body of this native will be cured and the pain in his joints will depart."

#### 4.5 The Cardines (Angles)

*Now I will make clear to you the matter of the cardines. Look concerning these four cardines:*

1.234-235

- 1st for the appraisal of the native
- 10th for the matter of children<sup>1</sup> and of work
- 7th for the matter of women and marriage
- 4th for old age and the end of life

*"And the matter of the body and of property is known from the prorogation<sup>2</sup> of the degrees and [their] varieties."*

The ascendent gives the matter of youth, it is the place where the ☉ rises from the water, and the darkness in their eyes is raised up for the people of the world, and sheds light on the eyes of the messengers who sent them forth to creation.

1.236

After youth, the 10th and its gift [lasts] until the body of this native becomes warm and hair grows on his pubic area and he loves sexual intercourse.

1.237

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<sup>1</sup>Children are usually signified by the 5th

<sup>2</sup>The term used in the text for directing the angles, planets, or lots according to their right/oblique ascensions (primary directions) See [Book III Longevity Example](#).

From the 7th will be the gift of old age, and it will 1.238  
diminish the strength of this native for sexual intercourse  
[so that] the native will be insignificant in this, and the  
☉ sets and darkens [their] eyes.

From the 4th is known the gift of death. 1.239

If the planets are luminous in these four angles, then 1.240  
this native will attain good; if they are darkened, then  
[there will be] no good in it.

The 4th book of Dorotheus on the revolution of the  
years of the nativity is completed by the praise and grace  
of God.

The 5th book, about interrogations, follows it.

*In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful; where is my success save in almighty God?*<sup>2</sup>

### 5.1 Introduction

*This is the book of Dorotheus, King of Egypt. There are five books; he wrote four of them on nativities in which he mentioned every good and evil, and misery or happiness that men may attain from the beginning of their situation till its end, and he wrote one of them about the matter of commencements, and it is this book which is called the fifth book, in which he mentioned the condition of every action which is begun, whether its limit is determined or it is not determined where the beginning of this action or its middle or its end will end up and what of good or evil will happen in it.*

1.1-2

*He says in his book that he is following the tracks of the learned men who practised from among the learned of Babylon and Egypt since they were the first who looked concerning the science of the stars and their calculation and the revolution of the sphere and the motions of the seven stars and the rising-times of the twelve signs so that he might extract this from their books, then give this to himself as an example in his following [them].*

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<sup>2</sup>Book V appears to focus on Elections (choosing the right time to begin an action) although it is also frequently used as a reference for Horary questions.

*He says that, wherever he looked concerning what they dealt with and arranged of the science of the stars, he followed the best of their science and acquired it and explained it and collected it and extracted it from their books as he made it an example for himself in his following their tracks, and he made it this book like a bee when it follows the most delicious of fruits, and the best of it is made into honey; then he began to write for this book a comprehensive introduction in which he mentions the power of the seven and the twelve, and their soundness and their corruption.* 1.4

*He said: look concerning the commencing of each matter you desire at the straight in rising from among the signs and the crooked, and the tropical and the twin from among them, and at the position of the star which is in the ascendent in the commencement of each action, [to see whether] its end will be good or bad.* 1.5

*It is necessary if you commence [something] to know what is the nature of the signs straight in rising and crooked. I shall make clear to you [those] of them that are straight and crooked. The straight among them are ☊, ☋, ☌, ☍, ☎, and ☏ because each one of these six rises in two hours and a part of an hour of the equinotical hours, which are the hours [of the nychthemeron<sup>1</sup>] in which the night and the day are equal; the length of each of these hours is fifteen [equatorial] degrees.* 1.6-8

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<sup>1</sup>A full 24 hour period lasting a night (Greek *nyx*) and day (Greek *hēmera*)

*The crooked among them are  $\mathfrak{V}$ ,  $\mathfrak{W}$ ,  $\mathfrak{X}$ ,  $\mathfrak{Y}$ ,  $\mathfrak{Z}$ , and  $\mathfrak{I}$ , because each one of these six rises in less than two hours of the equinoctial hours.*

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## 5.2 Judgment according to the crooked and the straight

See if the sign rising at “*each commencement*” is straight or crooked.

If the rising sign is straight and it holds a malefic or a malefic aspects it, then the going will be slow and there will be “misery and misfortune” along with “trouble and pain”.

If the rising sign is crooked and it holds a benefic or a benefic is in aspect to it; they will help bring the action to a successful conclusion.

If the rising sign contains, or is aspected by, both benefics and malefics, there will be mixed results, both good and bad.

*Straight* signs are of “long” ascension as they take two hours or more to rise and they are seen to rise ‘straight up’; near to a right-angle from the horizon. *Crooked* signs rise at an oblique angle to the horizon, taking less than two hours to rise and so are of “short” ascension.

*Straight* signs indicate slow actions but “direct” paths; it’s clear to see where the action is leading; while *crooked* signs indicate “quick” actions but along an “unclear” or “indirect” path; it’s not always clear what the action is leading.

### 5.3 Judgment according to the tropical signs

If the Ascendent is in a tropical (♊, ♋) sign, *“then it indicates the breaking off of the end of this action before it is finished, and it indicates that he will commence this action a second time.”*

### 5.4 Judgment according to the twin signs

If the Ascendent is in a twin (probably ♊, ♋, ♎, ♏) sign, *“then it indicates that that action which he commences at that hour will not be finished until an action other than this occurs in it, and it [the second action] will be finished before the first action is finished; it happens thus in every action in which the ascendent is a twin sign.”*

#### The diurnal and nocturnal signs

The diurnal signs are those in the Fire (♌, ♍, ♎) and Air (♊, ♋, ♌) signs.

The nocturnal signs are those in the Earth (♉, ♊, ♋) and Water (♋, ♌, ♍) signs.

If someone wants to begin an action during the day, then it is best to have the Ascendent and ♎ in a diurnal sign. If they want to start something during the night, it is best to have them in a nocturnal sign, especially if one is going to start a journey or board a ship as it will make the trip *“easy, fortunate, convenient, if God—be He exalted!—wishes.”*

### 5.5 The corruption of the Moon

“Then he mentioned the condition of the ♎ and its cor- 1  
ruption in which a commencement is not to be made in  
an action or anything when you find this until the of the  
♎ and its lord is ameliorated.”

“I will make clear to you its corruption if it is eclipsed, 2  
and worse than this if its eclipse is in the sign in which  
the ☿ was at the birth of this native or its eclipse is in  
trine of the sign in which the ☿ was when this native was  
born.”

“If the ☿ is under the ☼’s rays [and] its light is de- 3  
stroyed and it is not seen, then it is corrupted but it is  
beneficial for one who desires theft or treachery or some-  
thing which is kept secret against him, and for every hid-  
den or secret action which its master does not wish to be  
made public.”

“If it is an action which its master wishes to keep 4  
secret, commence it when the ☿ is immersed under the  
☼’s rays as there is good for him, and it will be more  
concealed if he commences it at the withdrawal of the ☿  
for the ☼ and [its] appearance from under the rays.”

“If the ☿ is in the dodecatmoria of ♂ or ♀ and if 5  
the ☿ is in the middle of the equator descending towards  
the South and if the ☿ is in opposition to the ☼, then it  
is bad and it indicates the accession of quarrels and that  
the younger of the two will be the winning antagonist.”

“If the ☿ is with a malefic or aspecting it and if there 6-7  
is withdrawal of the ☿ from the ☼, in longitude and lat-  
itude and if the ☿ is in its least motion, that is if it is  
decreasing in its counting and its motion in a day and a  
night is less than twelve degrees, then this motion of it  
is like the motion of ♄. If it is thus, then in the action  
which he commences at that hour will occur difficulty and  
slowness.”

“If the ☿ in its motion is in the path which the learned 8  
call “the burned path” (the burned path is the middle of  
the equator, which is ♊ and ♋) and if the ☿ is in the  
last degrees of a sign, then it is according to this in the  
term of ♄ or ♂, and none of the terms which are at the  
end of the signs are harder than the terms of these two.”



“If the ☾ is cadent toward the ninth from the car- 9  
dine [which is] the house of government [the tenth] and  
it happens to be in a double place, then the action which  
he commences at that hour will be nullified and will not  
remain in one condition, and a transformation and dis-  
turbance will occur in it.”

“Understand when you think about what I wrote for 10  
you of the corruption of the ☾ and do not commence any-  
thing in it as the matter will stop for which it is not fated  
that it linger on till the condition of the ☾ is ameliorated.”

“Let ♃ or ♀ be in the ascendent or in the house of 11-12  
government [the tenth]. Look concerning the condition of  
[these] stars and their positions as, if they happen to be  
under the [☉’s] rays or are retrograde in their motion or  
happen to be in a bad place that is double, which is when  
it is cadent from a cardine, then they will not have much  
power.”

Dykes translation of lines 9, 10, 11 and 12 above  
is somewhat different; he has:

*“And if the Moon was falling from the stake  
of the house of authority towards the ninth, and  
she occurs in a **double place**, for the work  
which he begins in that hour will be nullified and  
will not remain in one condition, and alteration  
and unrest will enter into it.”*

*“So understand when you consider what I  
have put down for you of the corruption of the  
Moon, and do not start anything in it; but if a  
matter comes which your are not able to put off  
until the condition of the Moon is suitable, then  
let Jupiter and Venus be in the Ascendant or in  
the house of authority [10th]”*

*“And look into the condition of the stars and*

*their positions, for if they fell under the rays or were retrograde in their motion, or they fell into a bad place that is double (and it is where is falling from a stake [angle]), then they will not have much power.”*(p.235) [emphasis added]

Neither Pingree nor Dykes attempt to address the meaning of a “double place.” The first few times I read this section I thought that the author, by the term “double place,” was referring to a planet being in a mutable (bi-corporeal so double) sign; however, on closer reading I believe he is referring to an angular sign (a cardine) that falls on both an angular and cadent house; a “double place”. For example a rising (1st) sign with the Asc at 10° would fall on the 1st house and the 12th house as measured when the distance from the MC to the Asc is divided into thirds. Dorotheus appears to be saying that if the planet falls in the cadent section of the sign its effects are “nullified” and it “will not have much power.”

This is very similar to the way Valens handles “destructive and non-destructive rays” which he describes with reference to operative and non-operative places in Book 3.3. Valens say a planet “which projects rays from an angle into inoperative degrees which precede an angle does not become destructive” (or beneficial). He defines “inoperative” areas as the areas cadent from the angles calculated from the MC/IC and Asc/Dsc axes.

The key difference is that Valens says the aspect will not be destructive if it falls, for example, in the 12th. He does not say the *planet* itself

is not destructive because it is in the cadent section of the sign. Dorotheus appears to be saying the planet itself will be weak and powerless, not just its rays.

“If any of the malefics is with them in one degree, or they aspect it from trine or quartile or sextile or are with it in one sign, then it indicates that this action will have no strength.” 13

“If the planets are in signs which the learned call “the dark”<sup>1</sup>, then they will have no power, nor will their rays if they are thus.”<sup>2</sup> 14

“Look concerning the totality of every commencement in the manner of Valens the Philosopher<sup>3</sup>; then take into consideration his words as he was making a brilliant [and] learned investigation concerning [these] matters.” 15

“He said: Look concerning the commencement of each action at the ☉ and ☿ and the lord[s] of the two signs in which the two luminaries are, and together with this look at the ascendent and midheaven. Commence the commencement and action when the ☿ is in the ascendent or midheaven or another of the cardines; and [if] the lord of the ☿’s sign happens to be in a double place or cadent<sup>4</sup>, withdrawing from a cardine, then the beginning of this action will be good but its end bad [and] from this calamity will befall him and whatever he doesn’t desire.” 16-17

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<sup>1</sup>Dykes references Sahl in saying “the dark” signs are ♊ and ♋ (p.335n23)

<sup>2</sup>So possibly Dorotheus is saying both the planets and their rays will have no power if they are in cadent as well as dark places.

<sup>3</sup>Dykes believes the author meant “Dorotheus” here, not Valens (p.235n25).

<sup>4</sup>Here I think he means the planet can be in an angular sign that has a cadent section or in a cadent (i.e. 9th, 12th, 3rd, 6th) sign.

“The **Д** is the indicator of the base of every action and the lord of the sign in which the **Д** is is the indicator of its end. If you find the lord of the **Д** in a good place while the **Д** is in a bad place, then the commencement of the action is bad but its end is good [and] he will benefit by it, if God—be He exalted!—wishes.” 18-19

“If you find the lord of the **Д** in a strong place and the **Д** in a double place, then it indicates that the beginning of his action will be difficult [and] slow, with no good in it, but [its] end will be good [and] it will come to him as he wishes.” 20

“If the **Д** and its lord happen to be in a strong place, then it indicates that the beginning of that action and its end will happen according to what he desires.” 21

“If the **Д** and its lord happen to be in a double place, then the beginning of this action will be bad and its end worse than the beginning.” 22

“If the lord of the **Д** happens to be in [one of] the signs which follow the cadents<sup>1</sup>, which are difficult, then it indicates that that action which he commences will have a delay in its beginning and slowness in its end.” 23

See which planet the **Д** last separated from and “[if] you find it flowing from the benefics, then it is good for every action which he commences except for one who wishes to flee from the government or from his land and a fugitive his master as the condition of these is the best of what is [possible] if the flowing of the **Д** at that hour is from the malefics, and nothing more suitable is fated for them.” 24-5

“Together with this look at the lord of the navamsa<sup>2</sup> and at [the planet] which the **Д** conjoins with as the con- 26-7

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<sup>1</sup>In a succedent house.

<sup>2</sup>This is the *novenaria signorum* or 9th-part used by Vedic astrologers. Dykes indicates that they were not used in Hellenistic

sideration concerning the commencement of a matter in this way and its end is not correct until you look concerning its commencement at the lord of the lot of fortune and [concerning] its end at [the planet] with which the ☿ conjoins. This section is described in the chapter in which he mentions the matter of flight<sup>1</sup> and theft<sup>2</sup>.”

“He said: Look at the ☿ and the lord of the house in which it is and the star with which the ☿ conjoins and how you find the position of the ☿ and the star with which it conjoins and the power of these two in the cardines as these two are the indicators of this. If the ☿ is with two malefics in one sign and the ☿ is immersed between the two in this sign while the benefics aspect it from quartile, then the misfortune and misery in which men suffer at that hour they will escape from and rid of.” 28-9

“If the ☿ happens to be positioned [where] the lords of its triplicity are benefics, and none of the malefics is in opposition to the ☿, and benefics and malefics aspect it from quartile, then it indicates that they will escape from what happens in it, but they will fall in a second misfortune before they get rid of their first misfortune, [and] then they will escape if God—be He exalted!—wishes. If you find the ☿ in trine of the benefics while the malefics aspect it from quartile, then it indicates the like.” 30-1

“Look concerning the commencement of every matter at the ascendent and the ☿. The ☿ is the strongest of what is [possible] if it is above the earth, especially if this is at night; the ascendent is the strongest of what is [possible] if the ☿ is under the earth by day.” 32

*This is what he says in the introduction to* 33-4

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astrology and that the word was likely inserted by a Persian editor (p237n32).

<sup>1</sup>see V.36

<sup>2</sup>see V.35

*his book, then he writes for each action which people commence a chapter commensurate with it in which [are recorded] the power of the seven and the twelve and on which day and hour the master of that action because of the seven and the twelve must commence each action.*

He's basically saying Dorotheus wrote a number of chapters on a variety of activities, offering advice on the time of the day and under which planets it would be best to start the activity.



## DODECATEMORIA

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*Dodecatemoria* literally means “the twelfth part”. There are two approaches to finding the dodecatemoria, they both produce the same result by different means<sup>1</sup>.

Firmicus’ method is to multiply the degrees and minutes of the planet by 12 and then add the full degrees of the position. For example, to find the dodecatemoria of  $27^{\circ} 24'$  we take:

$$(27 + 24/60) \times 12 = 27.4 \times 12 = 328.8$$

$$\approx 27^{\circ} 24' = 327.4 + 328.8 = 656.2$$

$$656.2 - 360 = 296.2$$

$$296.2 = 296^{\circ} 12' - 270 = 26^{\circ} 12'$$

To find the 12th part of a planet according to Paulus of Alexandria, we are to multiply the degrees by 13 and add the degrees of the sign the planet occupies:

$$(27 + 24/60) \times 13 = 27.4 \times 13 = 356.2$$

$$\approx \text{begins at } 300^{\circ}$$

$$356.2 + 300 = 656.2 - 360 = 296.2$$

$$296.2 = 296^{\circ} 12' = 26^{\circ} 12'$$

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<sup>1</sup>For reference see the [Skyscript glossary entry for dodecatemoria](#), Firmicus’ *Mathesis* Book II.17, James Holden translation or Book II.13 in the Jean Rhys Bram translation; *Paulus of Alexandria Introduction to Astrology* §22, James Holden translation or the same section in *Late Classical Astrology: Paulus Alexandrinus and Olympidorus* translated by Dorian Gieseler Greenbaum, MA.



The method appears to be based on a Babylonian method that divides each sign by  $2.5^\circ$ , assigning the first  $2.5^\circ$  division to the sign itself, the next  $2.5^\circ$  to the next sign, etc. until you reach the end of the sign. For example, the 12th parts of  $\text{♌}$  run  $0^\circ$   $\text{♌}$ ,  $2^\circ 30'$   $\text{♍}$ ,  $5^\circ 00'$   $\text{♎}$ ,  $7^\circ 30'$   $\text{♏}$ , etc. Cuniform tablets have been found describing the multiplication of the degrees by both 12 or 13 but without any explanation (HHA p12n3).

As shown in the examples above, if you assume the method always accounts for the actual longitude degrees of the planet both methods give the same result; however, those results do not always agree with the Babylonian  $2.5^\circ$  sub-divisions, instead you often end up in the *next* subdivision. For example, while the above example gives  $\text{♏}$  as the final sign, the  $2.5^\circ$  subdivision that  $27 \approx 24$  falls between ( $22^\circ 30'$  to  $25^\circ 00'$ ) yields  $\text{♐}$ .

To always arrive at the same sign as the subdivisions, use multiplication by 12 and add  $30^\circ \times$  the *ordinal* number of the sign minus one i.e.  $\text{♌}$  is the 3rd sign so  $2 \times 30 = 60$ ;  $\approx$  is the 11th sign so  $10 \times 30 = 300$ , etc.; however this clashes with the actual examples given by Firmicus and Paulus who always cast out  $30^\circ$  for  $\text{♑}$ , neither of them mention the  $2.5^\circ$  subdivision method although dodecatemoria of  $2.5^\circ$  subdivisions do show up in Dorotheus with regards to establishing which degrees of a sign are masculine or feminine (Book I.8) and in Ptolemy; however, he did not think much of them:

The signs have been subdivided by some persons into parts still more minute, which have been named places and degrees of dominion. Thus the twelfth part of a sign, or two degrees and a half, has been called a place, and the dominion of it given to the signs next succeeding. Other persons again, pursuing various modes of arrangement, attribute to each

planet certain degrees, as being aboriginally connected with it, in a manner somewhat similar to the Chaldaic arrangement of the terms. *But all these imaginary attributes cannot be herein detailed, for they receive no confirmation from nature, are not capable of being rationally demonstrated, and are, in fact merely offspring of scientific vanity.* (Book I.XXV Ashmand translation<sup>1</sup>, emphasize added)

## A.1 Examples of using the 12ths

### Firmicus

Look also [to see] whether the ♃, full [of light] by day, throws her dodecatemoria into the terms of ♂, or whether of little light, i.e. waning, throws it into [the terms] of ♁, or whether ♂ in the DSC...or ♀ into [those] of ♂, and ♂ [into those of ♀... and they take their power from the terms and decans and the sects that may help or that may harm.

The beneficence of ♄ lapses when his beneficence is afflicted by the weakness of the sign, or the degrees, or the decan, or the exchanging of sect. But also the malevolence of ♁ increases more strongly when, provoked by the quality of the house, or by the terms, or by the decan, or by the sign, or by the [exchanging of] sect, he receives the power to do harm. In a similar fashion [you may judge] the other stars (MH II.17.4-5)

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<sup>1</sup>Book I.21 in the Robbins translation.

## Paulus

The *dōdekatēmorion* of the benefics contributes much whenever it falls in the *zōdion* where the ☉, ☽, or star of ✎ is, or on one of the four pivots, the Lot of Fortune or Spirit or even Necessity<sup>1</sup>, or on the prenatal *Conjunction* or *Whole Moon*. For through this theory it will be necessary to distinguish the fortunate, long-lived and blessed. Just as when the *dōdekatēmorion* of the malefic stars falls in the *zōdion* where the ☉, ☽, or star of ✎ is, or on one of four pivots, or on the Lot of Fortune, Spirit, or Necessity, or on the prenatal *Conjunction* or *Whole Moon*, it points out laborers, those unable to acquire property and cursed, since it sets down short lives, violent deaths, sufferings or feebleness (PAG §22).

## Olympiodorus

Olympiodorus says “That if the *dōdekatēmoria* of the benefic stars are found either on the pivots or on the lots of Fortune, Spirit or Necessity or in the place of the preceding *Conjunction* or *Whole Moon* for the nativity, or where the ☉, ☽, or ✎ is, in these circumstances the nativity is fortunate and glorious and producing many years for itself.”

He goes on to say the opposite is true if the dodecatemorion of malefic planets fall in these places “For it brings about laborers, and those who are ill-spirited and not successful in acquiring property and short-lived, and sometimes violent deaths.”

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<sup>1</sup>The Lot of ✎.

VISIBILITY (PLANET PHASES)

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A planet’s visibility (V) or invisibility (I) depends on its phase/distance from the ☉:

I	USB	within 15° of the ☉
V	Morning star	superior plants, 15-120°
V		♂, 15-28° rising from ☉
V		♀, 15-48° rising from ☉
V	Acronychal (R <sub>x</sub> )	superior planets, 120-172°
I	Curtailed Passage (R <sub>x</sub> )	superior planets, 173-187°
V	R <sub>x</sub> to 2nd Sta.	superior planets, 188-240°
V	Evening star	superior planets, 240-345°
V		♂, 15-28° setting into ☉
V		♀, 15-48° setting into ☉

Table B.1: Planet Phase (Visibility)

**Lunar Phases<sup>2</sup>**

The lunar phases are defined by the ☾’s distance in degrees from the ☉:

0°	New Moon
1°	Rising (Coming Forth)
45°	Waxing Crescent
90°	1st Quarter
135°	1st Gibbous (Double Convex)
180°	Full Moon
225°	2nd Gibbous (Disseminating)
270°	2nd Quarter
315°	Waning Crescent (Balsamic)
345°	Setting

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<sup>2</sup>References: *Valens Anthologies* trans. by M. Riley, Ch. 2 §35, *Ancient Astrology Vol. I* by Demetra George, Ch. 29.