

Reception

Notes and examples on Reception.

Primarily based on Masha'Allah's book *On Reception* translations by Robert Hand and James Holden.

Masha'Allah tells us that we learn, from reception, whether something will be or not; and, if it will be, when, how, and by whom it will come about. And if it will not be, what will prohibit it and when that will become obvious to us.

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Chart Elements

The following elements of a chart are examined in judging what will or will not be:

- the 7 planets
- the 12 zodiac signs
- the places of the Exaltations and Falls of the planets
- the applications and separations of the standard Ptolemaic aspects (✳, □, △, ♀) and the ♂
- Mutual receptions
- return of reception
- planets giving (pushing) their dispositions

"It will be according to what disposition the significator comes to"[RH p1] or *"And the significator will be the one to which the disposition comes"*[JH p11] and the 'disposition' either effects or prohibits the matter. **Not clear what is meant, is the significator the final planet in a chain of dispositions?**

What Constitutes Reception?

Reception happens when one planet is in the domicile or exaltation of another planet who it aspects or conjuncts.

Examples: The aspect (conjunction) must perfect before that of another planet intercedes.

♂ 10 ♀ ⇒ ♀ ♏ 15 ♀

♂ applying to the ♀ of ♏ who is in ♂'s domicile (♀), therefore ♂ receives ♏, but, ♂ is not in a domicile (♏, ♎) or Exaltation (♏) of ♏, so ♏ does not receive ♂

♂ 10 ♏ ⇒ ☐ ♏ 20 ♀

♂ is in ♏'s domicile
♏ is in ♂'s domicile, therefore,
♂ receives ♏ and ♏ receives ♂ and
there is **Mutual Reception** [MR]

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