

# Reception: What will or will not be

Notes and examples on Reception.

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These notes are based primarily on Masha'allah's *On Reception* trans. Robert Hand, ARHAT, 2nd ed. 1998, and *Six Astrological Treatises by Masha'allah: The Book of Reception* trans. James Holden, AFA, 2009.

Masha'allah tells us that we learn, from reception, "*Whether something will be or not; when it will be if it should come to pass; when it will become apparent that it will not be if it should not come to pass; what prohibits the matter in case it should not be; and through whom, and from whence it should be if it should come to pass.*"[RH p1]

## Reception Basics

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## Which Chart Elements are Examined?

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

- the 5 planets and two luminaries
- the 12 zodiac signs
- the signs of the Exaltations and Falls of the planets
- the applications and separations of the ☿ and the standard Ptolemaic aspects (✳, □, △, ♀)
- receptions
- the giving (pushing) of a planet's dispositions
- the prohibition or rejection of a disposition

The state of the significator's *disposition* either *perfects* (brings about) or *prohibits* whatever matters the significator represents.

# What Constitutes Reception?

*Reception* happens when one planet (A) is in the domicile or exaltation of another planet (B) whom it aspects or conjuncts. The aspect (or conjunction) from planet A must *perfect* (become exact) before planet B moves into another sign or a third planet (C) intercedes by completing its own aspect or conjunction with planet B.

While Masha'Allah appears to have been the first to begin categorizing and explaining the way reception, applications, and separations indicate outcomes Sahl ibn Bishr al-Israili (786-845) was the first I could find that defined 16 distinct modes of the "perfection and destruction of things". These were also listed and amplified by Abu Ma'shar (787-886), ibn Ezra (1089-1164), and much later they are described in Guido Bonatti's *Liber Astronomaie*.

Examples from all the earlier authors may be used to name and describe the various ways in which reception, or prohibition, can occur. The referenced texts are:

- *The Introduction to the Science of the Judgments of the Stars* by Sahl ibn Bisher trans. James Holden, AFA, 2008
- *The Abbreviation of the Introduction to Astrology* by Abu Ma'shar trans. Charles Burnett, ARHAT, 2nd. printing, 2000
- *Ibn Ezra: The Beginning of Wisdom* trans. Meira Epstein, ARHAT, 1998

# What Constitutes Reception - Perfect Reception

An example of **perfect reception** (according to Sahl<sup>1</sup>) is a planet applying to the domicile or exaltation ruler of the sign it occupies.

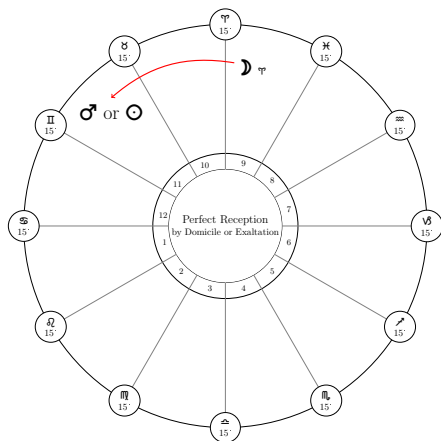
**Example:** ♃ in ♍ ⇒ ♂ or ☉

♃ in ♍ applying to either of

♂ (domicile ruler) or

☉ (exaltation ruler)

♂ or the ☉ can be in any sign; they receive the ♃ because she is in ♍ which ♂ rules by domicile and the ☉ by exaltation.



<sup>1</sup>Sahl, p.18

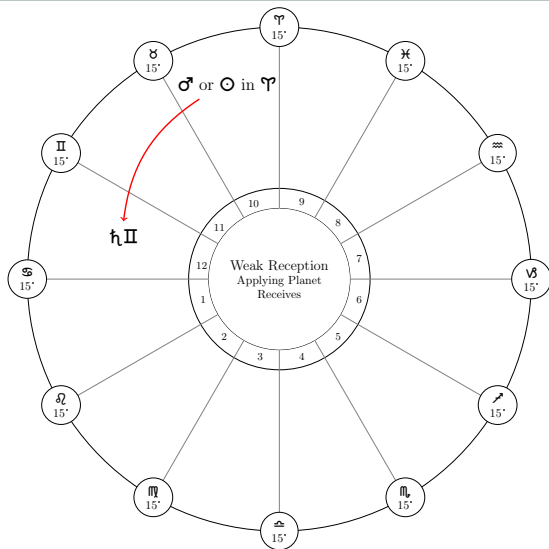
# What Constitutes Reception - A Weaker Reception

A planet in its own domicile or exaltation applying to another planet is said by Abu Ma'shar to "*push [its] power*" to the other planet.<sup>1</sup> Ibn Ezra calls it "*conferring influence*".<sup>2</sup> This too is a form of reception but it is considered weaker than perfect reception.

**Example:** ♂ or ☉ in ♏ ⇒ ♏

♂ or ☉ in ♏ applying to  
♏ in any sign

Following ibn Ezra's lines of analogy, this is like a host asking a guest to complete some domestic task for him while he is absent from his home.



<sup>1</sup>Abu Ma'shar, p.25

<sup>2</sup>Ibn Ezra, p. 121

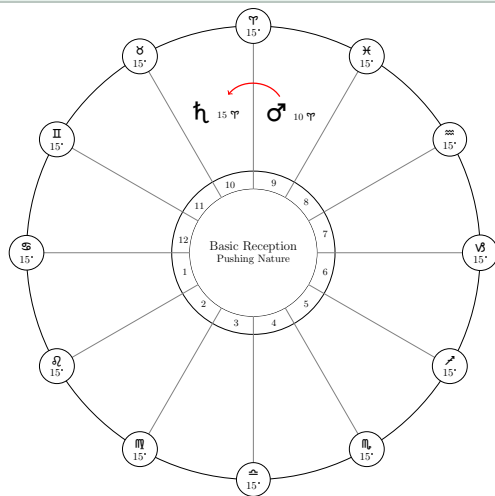
# What Constitutes Reception - Pushing Nature

**Example:** ♂ 10 ♀ ⇒ ♀ 15 ♀<sup>1</sup>

♂ is applying to ♀ 15 who is ♀, therefore  
♂ receives ♀ by domicile, but,  
♀ does not receive ♂

Ibn Ezra calls this *conferring of nature*, Abu Ma'shar, *pushing nature*; while according to Sahl, ♂ is "*giving [his] disposition and nature*" because he both rules and occupies ♀; if he was in another sign he would only give his disposition (virtue) and not his nature.<sup>2</sup>

This can also happen if a planet is in its sign of exaltation and ♀ another planet in that same sign.



<sup>1</sup>Masha'allah p.2

<sup>2</sup>Sahl, p.20-21

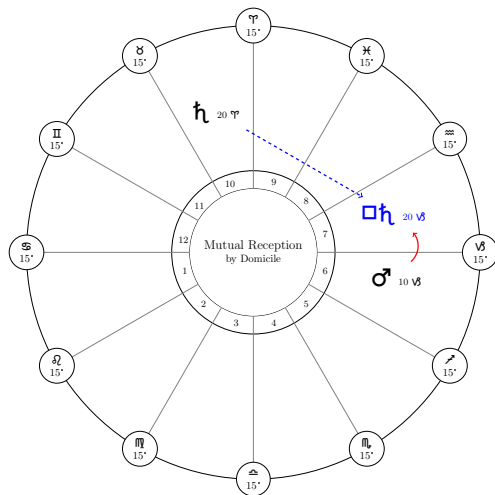
# What Constitutes Reception - Mutual Reception

Example:  $\sigma^{\circ} 10 \text{ } \mathcal{V} \Rightarrow \square \text{ } \mathfrak{h} 20 \text{ } \Upsilon$

$\sigma^{\circ}$  is in  $\mathfrak{h}$ 's domicile ( $\mathcal{V}$ ) applying to  $\square \text{ } \mathfrak{h}$   
 $\mathfrak{h}$  is in  $\sigma^{\circ}$ 's domicile ( $\Upsilon$ ), therefore,  
 $\sigma^{\circ}$  receives  $\mathfrak{h}$  by domicile, and  
 $\mathfrak{h}$  receives  $\sigma^{\circ}$  by domicile

giving **Mutual Reception [MR]** by *domicile*  
so  $\sigma^{\circ}$  receives  $\mathfrak{h}$  and commits his disposition to him and  $\mathfrak{h}$  receives it

This is the strongest form of reception; the second strongest form occurs when there is mutual reception by *exaltation*. i.e. both planets are in each other's sign of exaltation. i.e.  $\text{♀}$  in  $\text{♋} \Delta \text{♌}$  in  $\text{♊}$ .





## What Constitutes Reception Continued

Masha'allah tells us that if the matter being analyzed has to do with a King, the Exaltation rulers will have more authority over the matter than the domicile rulers.

As a general rule, reception is stronger if the planet applied to (usually the heavier planet) receives the applying planet (usually the lighter planet).

Later authors also considered reception by triplicity, term, and face but only considered it to be an *effective* reception if it involved at least two of these minor dignities i.e. received by triplicity and term or triplicity and face or term and face. Masha'allah does mention these minor dignities in his *Book of Thoughts and Intentions* but only in relation to determining which planet is stronger than another; he does not use them in any of his *On Reception* examples.

## Applications and Separations

The faster, lighter planet (A) moves to join a slower, heavier planet (B) and in so doing, A commits his disposition to B and the aspect does not leave off until the two planets are separated.

**Note:** Robert Hand says "*there is no separating orb*" and so once the two planets are no longer in a partile (exact according to degree) configuration, the matter is done; however, other authors may consider planets to be in aspect as long as they are within the moiety of both.

The *moiety* of an aspect between two planets is equal to the addition of half of each planet's orb. For example, the ☉ has an orb of  $15^\circ$ , ♄ of  $9^\circ$  so the moiety is  $12^\circ$  ( $7.5^\circ + 4.5^\circ$ ) or  $(15^\circ + 9^\circ)/2$  so, for some, the pair would not be fully separated until the ☉ was  $12^\circ$  past ♄.

A planet *applying to* (joining) another planet indicates "*what will be*".

A planet separating from another planet indicates "*what has passed away*".

## Committing Disposition

Any planet (A) joining another planet (B) from *B*'s domicile or exaltation *commits its disposition* to *B*, who, because of reception, will perfect the matter signified by *A*. A disposition may be *returned*, possibly in worse condition, if the receiving planet (B) is retrograde, combust, or in its Fall.

The language used here makes sense in that if *A* is in a domicile of *B* he is a guest in *B*'s home. Astrologically speaking, the ruler of the domicile (B) is responsible for *settling* or *disposing* of all matters within his domicile. If *B* is averse (♄ or ♀) to its own sign he is blind to the needs of the sign and any planets in that sign and so he cannot meet their needs unless there is some mitigating condition such as planets in signs that are:

- **Like-engirding:** ♄ ♌, ♀ ♈, ♀ ♉, ♀ ♊, ♀ ♋, ♀ ♌ (ruled by the same planet)
- **Equally Ascending:** ♄ ♋, ♀ ♏, ♀ ♌, ♀ ♍, ♀ ♎, ♀ ♏ (rise in the same number of hours)
- **Seeing-Perceiving:** ♄ ♈, ♀ ♌, ♀ ♍, ♀ ♎, ♀ ♏, ♀ ♐ (equally distant from ♄ - ♌)
- **Commanding-Obeying:** ♄ ♋, ♀ ♏, ♀ ♌, ♀ ♍, ♀ ♎, ♀ ♏ (equally distant from ♄ - ♈)

In which cases, ♄'s act like a ♀; a ♀ has the power of a ♄; a ♀'s power is doubled; a ♀ acts like an ♀

## Committing Disposition - An Example

The nature of the aspect qualifies the nature of the request as a hard one with difficulty, delay, or labour (□, ♀); an easy one, without labour or difficulty (✕, △), or a familiar, or congenial one, easily done (♂).

### Example:

☉ 10 ♀ □ ♂ 10 ♀

the ☉ perfects a □ to ♂,  
committing his disposition to ♂, who  
receives the ☉ in his domicile (♀), and so  
*accepts* the ☉'s disposition and will perfect it, but  
due to the □  
only after some anxiety and errors i.e. not easily

## Committing Disposition - Another Example

### Example:<sup>1</sup>

☉ 1 ♌ ⇒ ♍ ♎ 25 ♏

the ☉ is in ♌ (the exaltation of ♎) applying to ♍ ♎  
♎ is in ♏ (the exaltation of the ☉) therefore  
there is **Mutual Reception** by *exaltation*, and  
the ☉ commits his disposition to ♎, who accepts it

According to Masha'Allah, when there is Mutual Reception, "*there is peace and the matter will be perfected*"; however, if ♎ leaves ♏ before the ♍ can perfect, "*there will be enmities, contrariness, misunderstandings, denials and ♎ will not receive the ☉*" and so will not take on the ☉'s disposition.

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<sup>1</sup>The examples used by Masha'Allah so far involve planets in their sign of Fall or Detriment which we will see (in later examples), may result in a commitment being returned or corrupted.

# Reception and the Joining of Planets

Planets are *joined together* by recognized aspects (✳, □, △, ♀) or bodily ♂'s that become *exact by degree* and happen when at least one of the planets involved is in the other's domicile or exaltation.

## Benefics joined to Benefics<sup>1</sup>

If a benefic (♀ or ♄) joins with and is received by another benefic, the reception increases the good indicated by the planets.

## Benefics joined to Malefics

If a benefic (♀ or ♄) joins with and is received by a malefic planet (♂ or ♀) then the malefics are at peace and "*their evil goes away*" unless they are joined by a □ or ♀, in which case there will be some labour, and error.

## Malefics joined to Malefics

If a malefic (♂ or ♀) joins with another malefic with reception, they are made good and their evil and impediment goes away.

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<sup>1</sup>Based on the essential nature of the planets; there are conditions under which a benefic can act as a malefic and vice versa.

Reception Basics

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    Choosing Significators

    Perfection and Outcomes

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## Horary Questions in General

A question must be of great concern or necessity for the querent (the one asking the question); and they should not ask further questions with regard to the matter until the first question has been understood and examined i.e. don't begin the analysis with a series of questions; a clear, concise question is best

An astrologer should not look to answer his own questions as "*it does not suit a wise man to look for himself*".

To examine the question, draw up a chart for the time the question is verbally put to the astrologer; or, if in the form of a letter, the moment when the astrologer understands what is asked; calculate the Asc, the MC, the places of the 7 planets, and note who disposes each of them and which houses they are in.

**Note:** James Holden thinks the calculation of the MC implies a quadrant system of houses, most likely Alchabitius, but he acknowledges that Masha'Allah, in later examples, appears to be using a Sign-House system or Equal House system. House cusps given in the following example charts are from the printed book but were not original to Masha'Allah.<sup>a</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>In Holden's translation of Masha'Allah's *The Book of Thoughts and Intentions* he indicates that either the Alchabitius or Equal House systems were used.



## Choosing Significators

Masha'Allah's method for choosing which planets will act as significators for the *querent* (the person asking the question) and the *quesited* (question's subject matter) can be reduced to:

- Does the ruler of the Ascendant (L1) aspect the 1st House?
  - Yes? use L1 as the main signifier of the querent and the ♃ as their partner
  - No? does L1 aspect another planet that aspects the 1st House or one who does so indirectly by aspecting a 3rd planet that aspects the 1st House?
    - Yes? work through these planets and use the ♃ as a their partner
    - No? repeat the same steps using the ♃ instead of L1 and if she is suitable, make her the main signifier and L1 her partner
- If neither L1 nor the ♃ are usable, see which of the two is the first to leave its sign and judge the effect from that planet's first joining to another planet after entering its new sign, using the other planet (L1 or ♃) as their partner;<sup>1</sup> noting that matters will be slow and inactive until the sign change occurs.

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<sup>1</sup>Normally the ♃ is the first to change signs as she moves faster than the other planets.

## Choosing Significators Continued

- The main significator of the quesited will be the ruler of the house signifying the matter i.e. Wealth, ruler of 2nd House (L2); Siblings, ruler of the 3rd House (L3); Friends, ruler of the 11th house; Children, ruler of the 5th house, etc.
- Planets in the 1st House and the house signifying the matter at hand have a bearing on the conditions surrounding the matter BUT they do not determine the outcome of the matter; that depends on the chosen significators, their aspects and condition.<sup>2</sup>
  - planets in the affected houses, if they are received by their dispositor, "*indicate the goodness and worthiness of the thing sought*", if they are not received by their dispositor (which implies no aspect between the two), then they indicate impediments and the worthlessness of what is sought
- If the ruler of the Asc or the ☾ does not aspect the 1st House it is to be considered *evil and impeded*

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<sup>2</sup>Robert Hand says "*Rulers of houses in general are more important to outcomes than occupants of houses.*"

## Perfection and Outcomes

*Perfection (the performance of a thing) is perhaps known from the planet to which the ruler of the Asc is first joined; from the ☿; or from the second one that receives the commitment [of the disposition], or namely from whichever one is the last reception [and] there will be the end; or from the ruler of the thing quesited; or from a benefic that is in a good place without reception. [JH p36]*

*Perfection* can come about in a number of ways ([RH p31, 34])

- significator of the querent (A) to the significator of the quesited (B), with or without reception, and B does not commit his disposition to a third planet (C)
- L1 joining a benefic in the house signifying the matter
- L1 joining a malefic with dignity in the house signifying the matter
- L1 joining, and received by, an undignified malefic in the house signifying the matter
- significator of the quesited to L1, with or without reception, or, to planets in the 1st (use same method described for L1 to planets in the house of the matter signified)
- L1 or the ☿ to a benefic, angular or strongly dignified, with or without reception; or, a malefic, similarly placed, with reception

## Outcomes Continued

If *A* is the significator of the querent and receives *B*, the significator of what is sought; the querent will get what he has been seeking but if *A* is the significator of what is sought and *B* is the significator of the querent, then the querent will get what has been asked about without any seeking of it on his part. [JH 38]

Outcomes are better, stronger, more readily done, and stable, and durable if the significator of the quesited receives the significator of the querent. [JH 38]

*"Reception will not be destroyed in any way whatsoever,...,if the planet which receives has rulership over a matter, and it is the dispositor [of the querent's significator] and the disposition comes to it [the querent's significator applies to it], and if it does not commit disposition to another. Because if it should commit disposition to another planet after its own reception, the reception signifies the accomplishment of the matter, and the commission of its disposition to another planet signifies the end of the matter and to what [state] its final affairs would come."* [RH p32]

## Outcomes Continued

*"After that, the ruler of the house of the thing [quesited] is looked at to see to what planet it commits its own disposition after its effecting...if it is a benefic, they say the thing will be made better. And if it is a malefic, they say that the thing will be subsequently destroyed." [JH]p22*

The exception is if the question is about death as there is nothing that can come after it.

If the first joining of the querent's significator is to a malefic and does not involve reception and if the malefic is not the significator of the quesited; a *prohibition* is indicated [JH p35].

## Timing [JH 32-33] [RH 27-29]

When the joining is by aspect (not conjunction) the number of degrees needed to perfect the aspect gives the number of days.

If it doesn't happen then, it will happen when the two join bodily (by a conjunction) in a strong place, an angle or a place where the significator of the matter rejoices.

If not then, it will happen when the planet handling the disposition is rising from the ☉, renewing itself.

If the significators started off Void of Course, needing to enter a new sign before joining with another planet, then things will go slowly and matters will be prolonged [JH 17, RH 8]

Angles strengthen, hurry, and fortify the matter and, for good or ill, whatever is signified by the ruler of the disposition, it will last. [JH p36] while cadent houses cause delays, little advancement, and only small things [JH p48].

Swiftness of completion, as indicated by the houses; the quickest to the slowest are:

Asc, MC, 11th, 7th, 4th, 9th, 5th, 3rd, with all these being "*good and praiseworthy*" while the averse houses (8th, 6th, 12th, 2nd) are slowest and "*inimical*" to the querent [JH p48, RH p46]

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## About Life or Death [JH p18-19,23,27] [RH p10-11,15,19]

If a person asks whether he will die during the year, look for indications that:<sup>3</sup>

### They will escape death:

- L1 to a benefic who is not L8 and who does not pass on disposition or return it to another
- L1 to a planet that receives him, and if they are ill, they will recover from their illness
- ☽ joined to L8 but L1 strong and unimpeded
- L8 joined to and received by L1 *"will not completely destroy" life*

### Death wins out:

- L1 joined to L8 or vice versa (do not consider the ☽)
- L1 joined to a malefic or L8 without reception and the ☽ evil and impeded
- L1 joined to a malefic in the 8th
- L1 joined, without reception, to a benefic in the 8th who has dignity there
- L8 joined to a planet in the 1st

To know if the person will fully recover their 'good fortune and health' examine the planet that signifies escape from death; if it aspects the significator's original position in the chart the person will escape all harm.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>If L1 is impeded, use the ☽ in its place.

<sup>4</sup>Robert Hand fnp11



## About Life or Death Continued [JH 27-29][RH 19-22]

- when L8 joins and is received by L1, L8 cannot completely destroy life but we need to look at L1 and the ☽ and if one signifies life and the other death, the significations of L1 are stronger as it has more significance in the matter of Life than the ☽; however, as they are partners, the ☽ will impact the effects of L1 according to the strength or weakness of L1 and the ☽
- L8 is inimical to L1 UNLESS they are the same planet as *"then it will not impede itself, even if it is also a malefic"* (and the same is true of L1 and L6)

## Sickness [JH]p19-21, [RH]p11-13

Mercury (L1) is Void of Course, does not aspect the 1st, and is not first to leave his sign.

The ☿ is also Void of Course but she is  $\Delta$  the 1st House and she is the first to enter a new sign so we look to her first with ♀ being made the sharer.

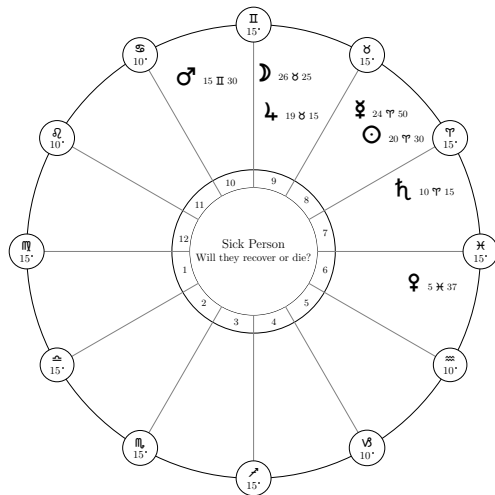
☿ in  $\text{♊}$   $\Delta$  1st House  $\Rightarrow$  enters  $\text{♋}$

$\Rightarrow$   $\square$  ♀ in  $\text{♋}$  and commits her disposition (no mention of reception as the ☿ is now in  $\text{♋}$  where ♀ has no dignities)

♀  $\Rightarrow$   $\times$  ♄ in  $\text{♊}$ , MR by domicile

As ♄ cannot join with any other planet<sup>1</sup>, he ends the disposition and becomes the final authority over the matter and so determines the final outcome.

<sup>1</sup>He can only apply to ♄ and he is already separated from him.



## Sickness Continued

After examining the 𐤎 committing her disposition, Masha'allah then looks at 𐤍 (L1) as sharing in the matter and finds it confirms what the 𐤎 signified:

𐤍 in 𐤍 Void of Course  $\Rightarrow$  𐤍

$\Rightarrow$  𐤍 𐤍 𐤍 who receives him from 𐤍

𐤍  $\Rightarrow$  𐤍 𐤍 in 𐤍 MR by domicile

And again, 𐤍 is the end of the disposition chain, supporting what the 𐤎 indicated.

𐤍, a benefic, as the final arbiter of the disposition promises "health and quiet" and the end of the illness after a prolonged period (due to the VOC's) but we are told that from the time of 𐤍 accepting the 𐤎's disposition to her joining with 𐤍, the person would have gradually strengthened, with the illness leaving him completely once 𐤍 separates from 𐤍 by one minute.

## Sickness (Alternative Scenarios)

One odd thing here, how does ♀ join with ♃'s ✕ at 19 ♋ before it joins with ♂'s ♎ at 15 ♋? Even assuming he took the aspect moieties into account, ♀ would have been within moiety of ♂ ♎ at 7.5° ♋ ( $15 - (7+8)/2$ ) which is less than the reach of ♃'s ✕ moiety of 11 ♋ ( $19 - (9+7)/2$ ).

Masha'allah does list the ♂ connection as an alternative scenario, saying such a connection would have meant death for the querent as ♂'s is L8 and does not receive ♀ in ♋. So perhaps, the ♎ → ♀ → ♃ connections are also simply to illustrate a point.

He goes on to warn that the ☉, if not L1, destroys by combustion if he does not receive the planet, and this also applies to his ♎ or ♏. [JH p23.]<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>I've seen this before as a planet being protected from combustion if he's in his own signs; here, they have to be in the ☉'s signs (♏ or ♏) where the ☉ will receive and protect them.

## A Life Question

The ☉ (L1) and ☾ are both VOC, with the ☾ being first to leave her sign so looked to her first with the ☉ as sharer.

☾ 28 ♀ ⇒ ♂

⇒ ☐ ♀ 2 ♀

(☾ commits her disposition to ♀, no reception)

♀ is joined to, and received by, ♀

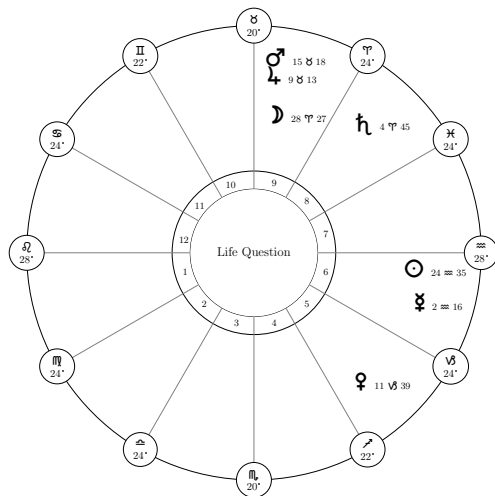
(♀ is within 2° of a perfect ♂, already engaged) therefore ♀ signifies the person's health and good fortune

☉ 24 ♀ ⇒ ♂

⇒ ♂ ♀ (with reception)

so the ☉ also signifies health and good fortune

Both L1 and the ☾ indicate the same for the person's health and fortune.



## A Life Question Continued

Wanting to know when the sickness would lessen, Masha'allah says he next looked at the House of Sickness, the 6th, which was ruled by ♄, and ♀ (11 ♄) was separated from ♄ by 7° and moving to ♌ (15 ♄) with each receiving the other; ♄ receiving ♀ in his exaltation, ♀ receiving ♄ in her domicile.

This *"signified a lessening of pain and the arrival of health"*

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## Finding Wealth or Not [JH 29-31][RH 23-25]

If the question is about wealth in general, and not specific to some source or person, examine L1 and the ☽ to see which is the main significator of the querent and which the sharer and use L2 as the significator of the quesited, wealth.

*"The connection of the ruler of the Asc or the ☽ with the ruler of the thing is the attainment of the thing by itself", whether joined to a benefic or malefic, with or without reception, unless the significator of the quesited commits its disposition to another planet.<sup>1</sup>*

If L2 commits its disposition to:

- a malefic, with reception, *"the thing will be perfected"*
- a benefic, with or without reception, *"he will find wealth...if the dispositor is in a strong [place] or in the angles"* as angles are useful to the 2nd and hasten things; cadent houses delay things

Wealth is also shown if the 2nd holds: a benefic, a dignified malefic, or a malefic without dignity that receives L1.

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<sup>1</sup>Hand says this is true only for the stronger of the two, L1 or ☽.



## Finding Wealth or Not Continued

If L1 joins with L2 or planets in the 2nd, the querent has been seeking wealth but if L2 joins with L1, the wealth will come about without any seeking on the querent's part and they will receive more than they hoped for.

### **If no L1, ☿, 2nd House Connections**

If L1 or the ☿ do not connect to L2 or a planet in the 2nd, see if one of them connects to a benefic (with or without reception) that is in a strong place or angular; if that benefic does not commit its disposition elsewhere, the querent will find wealth.

And the same applies if it connects to a malefic with reception but if it is without reception, the matter will be destroyed.

A benefic that commits its disposition to a malefic who does not receive it signifies the matter ruled by the benefic will be harmed when the disposition is complete; with reception, the matter is perfected without harm.

## Looking to Borrow

If a person is looking to borrow from another, L1 and the ♃ signify the querent, L2, his wealth while L7 and L8 signify the possible lender and their wealth.

The querent will get what he seeks if:

- L1 or the ♃ are joined to L8 or a planet in the 8th
- L8 is joined to L1 or a planet in the 1st that is a benefic, a dignified malefic, or a malefic that receives it
- either L1 or the ♃ joined to a malefic with reception or a benefic in a strong place

But if the person is looking to borrow from the King, use the 11th (Wealth of the King) instead of the 8th.

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L1, ♀ (16 嵯), was VOC, separating from □ 4 (14 𪛗), L8 (the deceased person's wealth) by reception

*"Separation by reception is something foul and a horrible thing" [JH 35]*

♂ (28 ♀) VOC separating from ♂ ♀ (16 ♀)

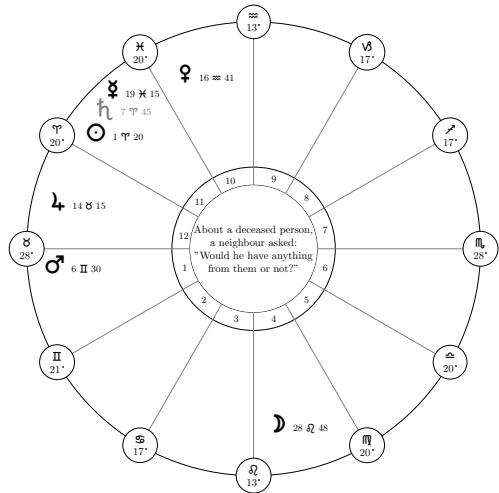
first to leave her sign  $\delta\Omega \Rightarrow \mathbb{M}$

$\Rightarrow \Delta \sigma^1(6 \sigma)$ , neither planet receives the other,  
and

since ♂ is not L8 he signifies prohibition

♀ moves from ♁ to ♀

⇒ ✖ ♂ (6 ♀), neither planet receives the other  
shows the same as the ♀



House cusps are not original, Holden shows ♀ as 20 ♀;

Hand uses the degrees shown but puts ♀ in the 10th

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# Seeking a Kingdom

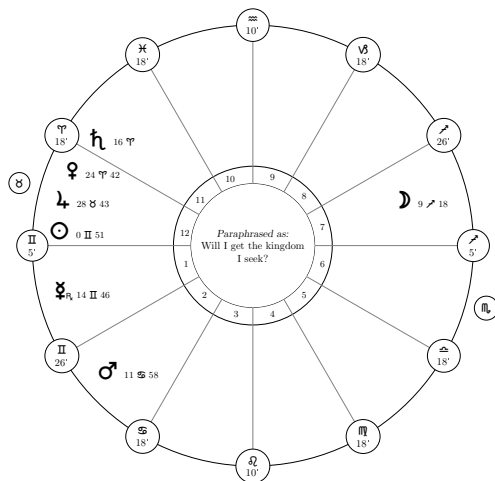
$\text{☿}_R(L1) \Rightarrow \text{♂} \odot \Rightarrow \text{♂} \text{ } \text{ħ} \text{ (L10)}$

however

$\text{♂} \Rightarrow \square \text{ } \text{ħ} \text{ (L10)}$  perfects first cutting off the  $\odot$  and denying the querent the kingdom

And Masha'allah said the querent would know his hope was lost when  $\text{♂}$  perfected its  $\square$  to  $\text{ħ}$

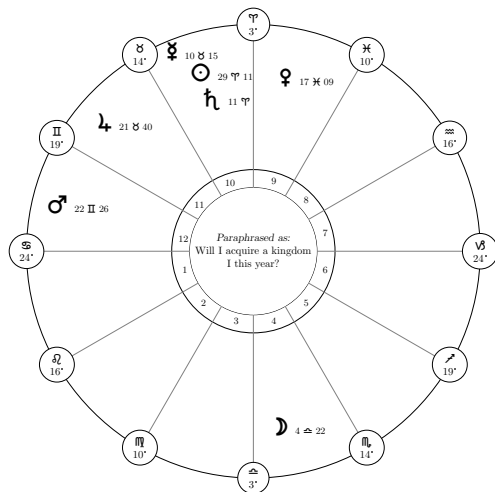
Note that the  $\text{☾}$  shows the same thing as she first applies to  $\text{☿}$ , committing her disposition to him and so he hands both his own and her disposition to the  $\odot$ . And while  $\text{☿}$  receives the  $\odot$ , the  $\odot$  is not L10 so the matter at hand is not perfected.



## Another Question on a Kingdom

♃ 4 ♌ (L1) ⇒ ♀ ♏ 11 ♏ in the 10th "completes" the matter as ♏ receives the ♃ in his exaltation.

The man had little joy from his advancement; however, because ♏ was in a place where he had no dignity, being in his Fall and furthermore, in a pitted degree and because it hated its own place it gave something hateful but it made what it gave fixed, strong, and stable because it was in an angle.

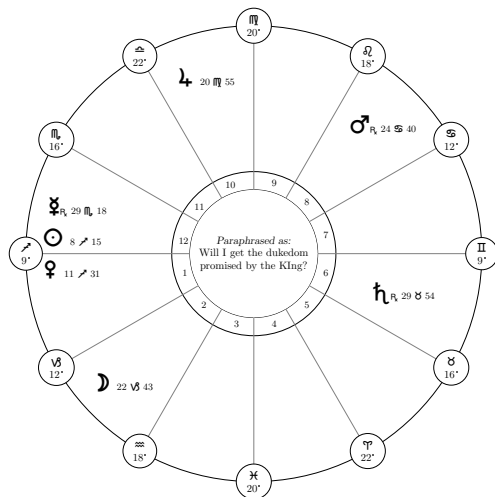


# Will I get the dukedom promised by the King?

♄ is L1, direct, in the 10th (most elevated planet)  
☉ & ♀ ⇒ ☐ from ♀ on 1st (received)  
aspects both his domiciles ♀ (1st) and ♀ (4th)  
aspects the 7th (connections to all 4 angles)  
signifying he will get his dukedom

♄ is L7, retro, a rebel opponent in the matter  
cadent in the 12th  
⇒ ♀ ♄ retro, cadent in 6th<sup>1</sup> (no reception)  
dispositor, ♀, is combust, worsening matters  
indicates destruction for the opponent

♄ retro, by transit, ⇒ ♀ ♄ with reception indicates  
the rebel opponent will end by seeking "peace and  
accommodation" from the querent



The MC was not given, only the Asc degree. The other cusps are in the text Holden used but are not original to Masha'Allah.

<sup>1</sup>Hand notes this can only be true by Primary Direction.



## Dukedom Chart as Battle Chart

Masha'allah goes further into the chart, reading it as a 'battle' or 'war' chart; he begins with the ♃, using its separating to identify the querent and its application to identify the rebel lord.

♃ in ♎ Δ (not rec'd) ⇐ ♃ in ♏ ⇒ ♏ ♂ in ♎ (mixed reception)

♃ is significator of the opponent in the 2nd (support for querent)

♏ retro, in 8th, in his Fall; indicating the opponents penury (8th is 2nd from 7th)

Masha'allah says this indicates the rebel lord could not pay his army  
so the querent bought them off; ending the battle

But, as ♂ is the dispositor of ♎ (L7), and it is in a strong reception with the ♃, the rebel lord will not lose everything and, as already noted, ♎'s ✕ to ♃ indicates a peaceful conclusion for all involved.

This is the last of Masha'allah's examples.