

# Reception

Notes and examples on Reception.

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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

The state of the significator's *disposition* either effects (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.

**Axiom:** The aspect (or conjunction) from planet *A* must *perfect* (become exact) before that of a third planet (C) intercedes by completing its own aspect or conjunction with planet *B*. **This will be true for all reception examples.**

♂ 10 ♀ ⇒ ♀ ♏ 15 ♀ ♂ | ♂ is 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]** by *domicile*

MR can happen by Exaltation if the two planets are in each other's signs of exaltation. 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.

# Committing Disposition

**Axiom:** Any planet (A) joining another (B) from B's domicile or exaltation *commits its disposition* to B, who, because of reception, will perfect the matter signified by A.

The language used here makes sense in that if A is in a domicile of B he is a guest in B's home; B is A's host, and the one responsible for seeing that his guests get what they need.

In legal terms, a *disposition* is "a settlement". Astrologically speaking, the ruler of a domicile is responsible for *settling* or *disposing* of all matters within his domicile, including those of other planets lodged there.

The nature of the aspect qualifies the nature of the request as a hard one (□, ♁), an easy one (✕, △), or a familiar, or congenial one (♋).

## Example:

☉ 10 ♀ ⇒ □ ♂ 10 ♃

the ☉ applies to the □ of ♂,  
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

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