

Classical Concepts

Part 1: Essential Dignities.

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Essential Dignities

- The modern system of dignities has only two types: the rulership, and the exaltation, along with their respective debilities, the detriment and fall.
- While these are the strongest of the dignities, the reason that this system has become truncated in modern usage is that the meanings became vestigial.



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Rulerships

- The classical system uses dignity to evaluate a planet's strength.
- There are seven traditional planets, plus the three Outer Planets.
 - Not all of these planets are going to be operational in any particular moment.
 - The aspects tell us the ways that the planets interact with each other, but not how well.
 - Basically, the dignities tell us which planets stick out like sore thumbs, and which planets will tend to shift into the background.



Table of Essential Dignities*

Planet	Exaltation	Dignity	Triplcity	Terms			Races		
				Day	Night	Sign	Day	Night	Sign
☉	♈	♈	♈	19 21	21 23	♈	19 21	21 23	♈
☽	♌	♌	♌	19 21	21 23	♌	19 21	21 23	♌
♃	♈	♈	♈	19 21	21 23	♈	19 21	21 23	♈
♄	♌	♌	♌	19 21	21 23	♌	19 21	21 23	♌
♅	♍	♍	♍	19 21	21 23	♍	19 21	21 23	♍
♆	♎	♎	♎	19 21	21 23	♎	19 21	21 23	♎
♇	♏	♏	♏	19 21	21 23	♏	19 21	21 23	♏
♁	♐	♐	♐	19 21	21 23	♐	19 21	21 23	♐
♂	♑	♑	♑	19 21	21 23	♑	19 21	21 23	♑
♆	♒	♒	♒	19 21	21 23	♒	19 21	21 23	♒
♇	♓	♓	♓	19 21	21 23	♓	19 21	21 23	♓

* See the Appendix for a detailed discussion of the Dignities.
 ** This is a generalization and is not to be taken too literally.
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Rulerships

- A planet in its own Sign (as Mars in Aries) when it represents a horary Significator, symbolizes a person able to charge out and get what she or he wants.
- That person is ready and able to do what it takes to accomplish the question.



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Sect in Rulerships

- In Hellenistic astrology, the sect (whether day or night) was extremely important.
- Even into the Arabic period in authors such as Māshā'Allāh, the doctrine of sect was important enough to declare planets considerably weaker if they lacked sect



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Rulerships

- power
- owner
- success
- prosperity
- strength
- productive
- authority



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Rulerships

- Planets in Rulership score +5 on essential dignity.
- Planets in Rulership are said to have one of the strong dignities (fortis, in Latin).



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Table of Essential Dignities*

Ruler	Ex- alt	Trinity			Terms						Races			
		Ex	Imp	Mis	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
☉	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
☽	♋	♋	♋	♋	♋	♋	♋	♋	♋	♋	♋	♋	♋	♋
☿	♌	♌	♌	♌	♌	♌	♌	♌	♌	♌	♌	♌	♌	♌
♃	♍	♍	♍	♍	♍	♍	♍	♍	♍	♍	♍	♍	♍	♍
♁	♎	♎	♎	♎	♎	♎	♎	♎	♎	♎	♎	♎	♎	♎
♂	♏	♏	♏	♏	♏	♏	♏	♏	♏	♏	♏	♏	♏	♏
♆	♐	♐	♐	♐	♐	♐	♐	♐	♐	♐	♐	♐	♐	♐
♅	♑	♑	♑	♑	♑	♑	♑	♑	♑	♑	♑	♑	♑	♑
♄	♒	♒	♒	♒	♒	♒	♒	♒	♒	♒	♒	♒	♒	♒
♃	♓	♓	♓	♓	♓	♓	♓	♓	♓	♓	♓	♓	♓	♓

* Complete Table for use in Astrology or Chaldean Astrology
 ** Use only the signs and signs in the table to find
 The word in the table is the name of the planet in the table.



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Exaltations

- A planet in its own Exaltation (as Sun in Aries) when it represents a horary Significator, shows a person who gets things done by having someone else do it for them.
- In natal astrology, a planet in exaltation represents a planet that has others ready to step in to do whatever needs doing.
- The downside, of course, is that another seldom does it exactly the way that the Native might prefer!



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Exaltations

- persuasion
- guest
- recognition
- comfort
- pride
- majestic
- grace



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Exaltations

- Planets in Exaltation score +4 on essential dignity.
- Planets in Exaltation are said to have one of the strong dignities (fortis, in Latin).



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Table of Essential Dignities*

Ruler	Ex- alt	Tri- plicity		Times						Hours				
		Day	Night	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
♃	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♄	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♅	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♆	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♇	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♈	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♉	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♊	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♋	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♌	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♍	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♎	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♏	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♐	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♑	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♒	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♓	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂

* Complete Triplicities are in bold. Planets in Triplicities Times.
 ** Ex-Alt is the day and night in the same house in 12 hours.
 *** Used in ES Astro - some charts of Eastern Astrology. Pto. List.



Triplicities and Sect

- A day chart means the Sun is in the 12th through 7th Houses.
- A night chart is one where the Sun is in the 6th through 1st Houses.
- The Triplicities have a different Ruler, depending on whether the chart is day or night.



Triplicities

- A planet in its own Triplicity (as Jupiter in Aries at night) when it represents a horary Significator, gives someone who gets his or her desires by being in the right place at the right time – by luck, in other words.



Triplicities

- In natal astrology, Planets in Triplicity are generally considered lucky.
- Good things happen not because you necessarily excel at them, but because you stumble upon a good result.
- This is when the Wheel of Fortune stops on your color.



Triplicities

- lucky
- self-made
- fortunate
- well-off
- harmony
- favorable
- auspicious



Triplicities

- Planets in Triplicity score +3 on essential dignity.
- Planets in Triplicity are said to have one of the strong dignities (fortis, in Latin).



Table of Essential Dignities*

Planet	Sign	Tri- plicity	Terms			Hours		
			1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd
☿	♈	☿	16-21	21-26	26-30	☿	☿	☿
☿	♉	☿	15-22	22-28	28-30	♈	♈	♈
☿	♊	☿	14-21	21-28	28-30	♉	♉	♉
☿	♋	☿	13-20	20-27	27-30	♊	♊	♊
☿	♌	☿	12-19	19-26	26-30	♋	♋	♋
☿	♍	☿	11-18	18-24	24-30	♌	♌	♌
☿	♎	☿	10-17	17-24	24-30	♍	♍	♍
☿	♏	☿	9-16	16-23	23-30	♎	♎	♎
☿	♐	☿	8-15	15-22	22-30	♏	♏	♏
☿	♑	☿	7-14	14-21	21-30	♐	♐	♐
☿	♒	☿	6-13	13-20	20-30	♑	♑	♑
☿	♓	☿	5-12	12-19	19-30	♒	♒	♒

* Complete Triplicity and Exaltation Tables on Children Terms
 ** List of signs with Exaltation signs in the table above is in Latin
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Terms

- A planet in its own Term (as Mercury at sixteen degrees of Aries) when it represents a horary Significator, gives a person who looks the part, but may not have any skill at all in the matter at hand.
- Still, having the appearance of competency, the person may yet pull it off.



Terms

- In natal astrology, the watch word for Planets in Term is “dress for success.”
- You can get what you want by appearing to already have it.
- Protective coloration is everything.



Terms

- Nobody exactly knows what the Terms were meant to be. However, we can see a logic for how they were constructed.
- The planet which is the ruler by Sign, Exaltation, or Triplicity tends to get the first term position most frequently. This falls off dramatically after the first position. As one may note from the tables, Mars or Saturn gets the final position.



Terms

- In Hellenistic and Arabic Astrology, the Terms were rated much more strongly than many later sources
- In Rhetorius, there is some evidence that an aspect of the Moon completed within the same Terms was viewed as being much stronger.
- In some Hellenistic sources, the Terms are called the Bounds.



Terms

- competency
- clone
- adequate
- settled
- facsimile
- mimics
- acceptance



Terms

- Planets in Term score +2 on essential dignity.
- Planets in Term are said to have one of the weak dignities (debilito, in Latin).



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Table of Essential Dignities*

Planet	Sign	Ternary Day Night Moon	Terms			Faces		
			10-20	30-40	50-60	0-10	10-20	20-30
☿	♈	☿	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
♁	♈	♁	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
♂	♈	♂	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
♃	♈	♃	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
♅	♈	♅	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
♄	♈	♄	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
♆	♈	♆	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
♁	♈	♁	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
♂	♈	♂	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
♃	♈	♃	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
♅	♈	♅	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
♄	♈	♄	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
♆	♈	♆	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
♁	♈	♁	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
♂	♈	♂	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
♃	♈	♃	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
♅	♈	♅	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
♄	♈	♄	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈
♆	♈	♆	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈

*Chaldean Tradition; also in called Planets in Chaldean Terms.
 **Lulligan's 18th Century astrological tables.
 Term used in 12 signs; construction of Eastern Zodiac degree Pro. Ltd.



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Face

- A planet in its own Face (as Venus at twenty two degrees of Aries) when it represents a horary Significator, gives someone fearful about the whole process.
- As a result, while this really isn't much of a dignity, the person's attention is focused!



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Face

- In natal astrology, the anxiety issue also predominates.
- There is another use: rather like the idea of a mask. The Face may show the persona that this natal planet wears to portray itself to the world.



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Face

- The Face table looks exactly like the concept of decanates, as far as construction is concerned.
- The decanates that most modern astrologers are familiar with are actually Vedic. These traditional western Faces are also called Chaldean decanates.



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Face

- fear
- climber
- danger
- anxiety
- denial
- concern
- Loathing



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Face

- Planets in Face score +1 on essential dignity.
- Planets in Face are said to have one of the weak dignities (debilito, in Latin).



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Table of Essential Dignities*

Planet	Ex-	Tri-	Triplcity			Times						Faces					
			Day	Night	Moon	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
☿	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
♁	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
♂	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
♀	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
♃	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
♄	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
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♆	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
♇	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
♈	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
♉	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
♊	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
♋	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
♌	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
♍	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
♎	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
♏	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
♐	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
♑	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
♒	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌

* Complete Table of Essential Dignities in Classical Astrology
 ** List of Essential Dignities in the 19th Century
 This used in 19th Century Astrology of the 19th Century



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Debilities

- The Detriments are the signs opposite the rulerships, as Mars is debilitated in Libra and Taurus
- The Falls are the signs opposite the exaltations, as Jupiter is in Fall in Capricorn
- Debilities mean that you start the race behind everyone else



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Developmental Model

- I envision the difference dignity and debility through a developmental model.
- In any society, the people with panets in their ruling signs will naturally act like that society's expectations for that planet.
- Accordingly, people with planets in Detriment or Fall may *learn* to operate via a contrarian model, which is easier than qualities *nothing* like the preferred type.



Mutual Receptions

- Can occur between any of the five different dignities
- Those between Rulership, Exaltation and Triplcity are much stronger
- Reception means the planets will "help" – but this can be negative as well



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Peregrine Planets

- Peregrine planets have no dignity by any of the five essential dignities in their degree.
- "Peregrine" comes from the same Latin root as "pilgrim."
- Note: Noel Tyl decided about 30 years ago to recycle the word "peregrine" to mean unsuspected.
 - At the time, classical astrology was virtually unknown, so that no conflict was originally presented by this redefinition.
 - However, since then, his choice has created considerable confusion.



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Peregrine Planets

- In horary, peregrine planets represent damaged goods, or persons unable to control their own fate
- In natal, peregrine planets come without an owner's manual – the Native has to learn how to use them, and gets little support for this learning process



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Debilities

- Furthermore the debilities are just as strong as the dignities.
- The debilities may be thought of as being *bad* in the modern slang context, as we will see.



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Partile

- A *partile* aspect is one within the degree. Notice that I didn't say within one degree of separation. In this case, any planet would be in a partile aspect if it were in a ptolemaic aspect (conjunction, opposition, trine, square, and sextile) and located at 13°.
- Any other aspect not in the same degree is *plactic*.



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Partile

- The Pythagoreans believed that numbers had intrinsic sacred qualities.
- This is embedded in astrology: our system is based on the basic position that each of the twelve signs have specific and intrinsic meanings.
- The partile concept merely extends this sacred numerology one step further. The degree is as far as human consciousness detects, except perhaps at a very subtle level. It becomes obvious in horary and electional work, where the difference between approaching or separating matters. In both these forms, a partile separating aspect still brings results, while a plactic separating one doesn't.



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Orbs

There are at least two classical systems of orbs, neither being much in use today.

- The older system is whole sign: Mars in Aries is sextile Mercury in Gemini *regardless* of the degree.
- This is the system of orbs you will encounter in Ptolemy.
- Other variations were possible, such as Rhetorius mentioning the completion of orbs within the same Term.



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Moieties

- The Medieval and Renaissance system was to assign moieties to the planets.
- A moiety is a half-orb. I have presented them in the table following.
- In order to create an aspect orb, it was necessary to sum the moieties of the two planets together. This is completely different than the three most common modern systems: the harmonic system (conjunction gets the biggest orb, then opposition, then trine, etc.); the lights and planets system (the lights get a bigger orb than the planets); and the Cosmobiology & Uranian system (keep it as small as possible).



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Moieties Table

	Orb
Saturn	10.0
Jupiter	12.0
Mars	7.5
Sun	17.0
Venus	8.0
Mercury	7.0
Moon	12.5

Table One. Moieties of the planets according to William Lilly, *Christian Astrology*, page 107.



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Almutens

- Through the Renaissance, Almutens were used preferentially to sign rulers if the Almuten was more dignified.
- No doubt the reason this dropped out of usage was laziness: it is simply easier to eyeball a sign ruler.



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Almutens

- Notice the tables in **CAML** which allow you to get the Almuten ruler by degree.
- In horary, it makes sense to use the Almuten preferentially if it is more dignified (or less debilitated), although I should add that accidental dignities may in fact count in the determination.



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Almutens

- In natal, **both** the sign ruler and Almuten will apply to the affairs of the house.
- In horary, there is a need to establish **one** Significator to represent the affairs of a house. In natal, the situation is less clear, and multiple Significators will work.
- The Native will often shift between sign ruler, planets in a house, or Almuten of a house when convenient.



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Almutens

- This means that if Venus were the best planet to do a "job," and Venus was the less dignified Almuten of the house cusp, Venus might still be used for that job



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Arabic Accidental Dignities

- Matters as speed, aspects to malefics and benefics, conjunctions to fixed stars, house placement and combustion were grouped together as part of one system.
- Once these were all recognized as comparable virtues and vices, then they could also have points assigned, which shows that they were struggling with the relative strengths of each type of accidental dignity or debility.



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Accidental Dignities in al-Qabisi

- The Joys
- Angularity: cardinal & succedent, especially of angle rulers
- House placement of Fortuna
- *Halb*: a diurnal planet above the horizon in a day chart, or below in a night chart; or a nocturnal planet below the horizon in a day chart, or above in a night chart



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Wit & Understanding

- Talk about politically incorrect! Lilly provides a number of systems for examining vexing questions in a Nativity, questions that we are often too timid to consider in a modern delineation.
- What do you do if the nativity you are working on comes out "dull and doltish?"



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Wit & Understanding: Bonatti

- Reason and intellect: Mercury
- Vegetative and perceptive faculties: the Moon



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Bonatti: Mercury & the Moon

- The condition of the two
- Their signs
- The dispositors
- Their conjunctions (includes aspects)
- Their natural or particular significations
- The angles and their rulers



Dykes, pp 1173-1174)

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Wit & Understanding: Lilly

- Notice that Lilly is basically applying Moon and Mercury in a style we can recognize even today:
 - Mercury for the more logical functions of intellect (we might be tempted to call this left-brained)
 - the Moon is used for the "passions," or emotions in our parlance (right-brained).



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Wit & Understanding: Dignities

- Finally, this exercise of examining the wit of the Native brings us smack up against how to apply essential and accidental dignities.
- Notice how Lilly mixes essential and accidental in his aphorisms about wit. This was the typical classical system.
- While separate concepts in understanding, *all* the methods of delineating were brought together to create a composite picture. In the process, the different dignities and debilities give different shadings and nuances to the condition.



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Qualities of Mind

- Translating these ideas about Moon and Mercury into modern parlance, what we have is the concept that “mind” is a dual quality, partly ruled by the Moon, partly by Mercury.
- This could be analogous to the Moon being like the right brain (which processes spatial information), while Mercury is like the left brain (which processes more rational information).
- To push the analogy further, the next question becomes: how do we integrate these two components?



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Integrating Different Components

- This last question actually applies to *any* combination of two or more planets in a chart: how do we integrate the energies/symbols represented by the planets in question?
- Modern astrology has one answer and one variation: aspects and harmonics. We typically bring two planetary energies together when we talk about Mars being trine Saturn. But what if there is no aspect between Mars and Saturn? Is there no interaction? Of course the two planets can still interact!



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Compound Almutens

- The Medieval astrologers had worked out a method to allow us to study the interaction of any series of bodies or points as they interacted. This is the system of *compound Almutens*.
- By summing the dignities over two or more bodies, they then were able to study the mechanism by which these two bodies could interact *regardless of aspects*. We can think of this as the old equation, thesis + antithesis yields synthesis, where the compound Almuten provides the synthesis.



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Compound Almutens (2)

- Think of it this way. In the brain, there is a portion called the corpus callosum which is specifically allocated to processing information between the two hemispheres of the cerebrum.
- Damage the corpus callosum, and the person is literally of two minds: there is no way to bring the different information together. A compound Almuten of two points gives the planet that *by reception* brings the two planets together. And this is the point. There may not always be aspects, but there is *always* reception. So our solution to the interaction question is: two or more bodies may always be brought together through reception.



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Ferrier's Significateur de l'ame

- What I have done at this screen is to select the name of the function. Ferrier¹ referred to this Almuten as the “significateur de l'ame,” or Soul Significator. (For those of you who speak French, I didn't miss the circumflex on the “a” – this publication was prior to the general use of the circumflex – its absence is frequently but not always apparent from spellings such as “mesme.”) I have selected all five dignities, and I have further specified each of the three Triplicities, as would be done in the Medieval fashion.
- ¹ Oger Ferrier. 1550 *Des Jugemens astronomiques sure les Nativitez*. Jean de Tournes: Lyons: page 44. With thanks to Karen Hamaker Zontag for providing the manuscript.



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Ferrier's Significateur de l'ame

- Now that we have worked out how to compute this function, let's go back to what it means. We can view the Moon and Mercury as our two primary filters for information: emotional and rational.
- Sometimes, given the sign qualities of these bodies, the emotional filter may work more rationally, and the rational filter more emotionally. To have access to the whole picture, we need to be able to bring these two impressions together.



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Ferrier's Significateur de l'ame

- If these two bodies aspect each other, then that information can be conveyed through the aspect – point to point, which is a fast transfer. If the bodies are not in aspect, or the aspect is difficult (as in a square or opposition), then the Soul Significator provides an alternate processing pathway. Now Moon and Mercury are brought together by Saturn, or Mars, etc.
- The involvement of the third body slows the processing down: every time you add a point (or node, in computerese) to a system, processing time degrades. However, the Soul Significator allows the information to be integrated where the absence of an aspect might imply that it is not.



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Soul Significator (4)

- Notice that what we are doing with the Soul Significator is basically like what midpoints were designed to do.
- You can take a midpoint between any planets, just as you can calculate the dispositors for any planets.
- If you associate this midpoint into a pattern such as a midpoint tree, you have a possible intermediary for the integration of the two planets.
- But like the aspects, there's no guarantee that there actually will be some other body or tree to connect the bodies. With dispositors, there is always at least one body, sometimes two.



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Beholding

- The problem in evaluating the meaning of beholding has been translating it into a modern context.
- The reason for this exercise, though, is to show that it is necessary to add the solstice points into the system of aspects in order to get a combined system of beholding. This composite system completes the system for looking at the interactions among planets.



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Table 1. Antiscial & contra-antiscial signs.

Antiscial signs	Contra-antiscial signs
♄ ♃	♄ ♆
♃ ♁	♃ ♁
♂ ♁	♂ ♃
♁ ♆	♁ ♄
♁ ♁	♁ ♁
♁ ♃	♁ ♁



Orbs: Aspects and Antiscia

- Antiscial relationships are somewhat harder to see than conventional aspects – they may be less obvious to the Native as well as the astrologer!
- My own inclination is to use a narrower orb for solstice points for the "area of influence"
- While I might use an orb of 5° for a Mars-Pluto aspect, I think for the antiscion I wouldn't exceed 2°.



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The Fortune of the Native

- Talk about politically incorrect again!
- Notice that before Lilly even talks about money, he talks about the condition of the Sun and Moon, and the overall condition of the planets, apart from what they even rule.



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Masha'Allah: Fortune of the Native

- How rich, and how lucky?
- When does fortune leave?
- People otherwise untalented who luck out
- Whether one is capable of moving from rags to riches
- People surrounded by chronic misery
- Those who work through their own labor
- Those who choose theft as their profession



Dykes, Benjamin N. 2009. *Persian nativities. 1, Masha'allah & Abu 'Ali*. Minneapolis, MN: Cazimi Press, pp 72-89.

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How rich, and how lucky?

- Examine the fixed stars, which can bring serious riches or poverty
- Condition of the Sun and Moon, and especially the Sect Light, and its major dignities
- Whether the Significator of the Part of Fortune is dignified
- Condition of the rulers of 1st, 10th and 11th
- Whether the 11th from Fortuna is regarded by benefics or malefics



When does fortune leave?

- Whether the Triplicity Lord of the Sec Light are corrupted
- Whether Fortuna and its Lords are corrupted by malefics
- Whether the malefics dispose the Descendant
- Whether the malefics are transiting the 2nd
- Whether the malefics are in or transiting the 4th or 7th houses
- Whether there's an angular Moon-Saturn
- Whether Fortuna does not behold the Lights



People otherwise untalented who luck out

- Appropriate fixed stars relating to Ascendant, MC, 7th, Sun and Moon
 - Spica
 - Vega
 - Fomalhaut
 - Alphecca
 - Zuben Eschamali
 - Castor
- Venus with these stars can corrupt them
- Mars (and possibly Saturn) with them could produce a natural philosopher or physician



Fixed Stars Producing Soldiers

- Regulus
- Antares
- Sirius
- Menkalinan (β Auriga)
- Altair
- Pollux
- Bellatrix
- Procyon
- Betelgeuse
- Alphaeratz



Other Fixed Stars Producing Wealth

- Rigel
- Rukbat
- Algol
- Capella
- Anilam (Ξ Orion)
- Toliman
- Alphard
- Zosma
- Denebola
- Alebaran



Whether one is capable of moving from riches to rags

- This occurs when the Triplicity Ruler of the Sect Light is corrupted
- Or when the Part of Fortune or its Lord is corrupted
- If the benefics hold sway over the Ascendant and MC, but the malefic hold the Descendant
- A transiting angular Moon-Saturn



From Rags to Riches

- The malefics in angles; the benefics after the angles
- The Moon separating from a malefic
- If the In-sect and Out-of-sect Triplicity rulers are in mutual reception, with the participating Triplicity ruler traversing the 7th, this means luck in the later part of life – but Triplicity lords of *what*?



People surrounded by chronic misery

- Triplicity Lord of the Sun and Part of Fortune are found in the 6th and 12th
 - Regarded by malefics in hard aspect
- Jupiter or Venus corrupted with the Part of Fortune
- Ruler of the 2nd cadent, with the malefics aspecting the cusp, or in the 2nd



Those who work through their own labor

- If the Lord of the Part of Fortune, or the In-sect Triplicity Ruler of Fortuna:
 - Is in the Terms of a benefic
 - Which is not cadent
 - Which beholds the Part of Fortune



Those who choose theft as their profession

- If the Lord of the Part of Fortune, or the In-sect Triplexity Ruler of Fortuna:
 - Is in the the Terms of a benefic
 - Which is cadent
 - Or which does not behold the Part of Fortune
 - Is not in the Terms of a benefic



The Fortune of the Native

- There are several primary considerations for fortune:
 - The 1st House tells whether the Native is capable of being happy at all regardless of fortune
 - The 2nd House tells something about cash and moveable fortune in the Native's life
 - The Part of Fortune tells about the Wheel of Fortune – the luck of the Native
 - The 5th House tells about speculation
 - The 8th House about inheritance and taxes



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Components of Fortune by House

- The 3rd house tells whether the Native is capable of finding fortune by working with siblings or close relatives
- The 4th house tells something about profit from real estate
- The 6th house can be fortune from trade in small animals or through health care
- The 9th house can be fortune from either teaching or travel



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Components of Fortune by House

- The 7th house tells about profit from partnerships
 - Notice that an afflicted 7th House tells you that this Native should either work alone or as an employee
 - A person with an afflicted 7th House should probably avoid working with a spouse
- The 10th house tells about:
 - Profit from higher-ups (i.e., promotions and benefits)
 - Profit from owning a business (presumably one with employees)



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Components of Fortune by House

- The 11th house tells about profit from friends
- The Greek expression for this house, *Agathos Daimon*, usually translated "Good Spirit" is not as simple as it appears:
 - *Agathos* was used to describe "good" as in "profitable" or "useful" as much as morally so.
 - It was very much a word associated with traditional Greek education, in which boys were encouraged to associate closely with men and learn – as we would say – by osmosis
- The 12th house tells about:
 - Loss from enemies
 - Profit from large animals or 12th House institutions like prisons and hospitals



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The Knowledge of the Arrival of Substance (Bonatti citing Ptolemy)

- The Part of Fortune
- The Almuten of the Part of Fortune
 - Strengths and weaknesses
 - Planets aspecting
 - Elevation
 - Halb?



Dykes, p 1196

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The Knowledge of the Arrival of Substance (Bonatti citing Omar)

- Examine
 - the 2nd house
 - Planets in the 2nd house
 - Ruler of 2nd house
 - the Part of Substance (Asc + 2nd – r2nd; called Part of Goods in Solar Fire)
 - Jupiter
 - Part of Fortune
 - Ruler of Part of Fortune
- Also examine the Almutens of all of these
- **The strongest Triplcity Ruler of the 2nd**



Dykes, p
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Bonatti Bottom Line

“... first look at the Part of Fortune, for it is preferred to the Part of Substance: because the Part of Fortune signifies the native's substance, prosperity and status, and his whole condition; indeed the Part of Substance is attributed to riches alone.”

Dykes, p 1200



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The Usual Suspects

- Note that, once the rulers of a condition are identified, Bonatti generally gives the same protocol:
 - Examine the essential and accidental dignities of the ruler
 - Examine easy aspects from the benefics, and hard aspects from the malefics
 - Consider the sect, thereby restoring al-Qabisi's accidental dignity
 - Consider the orientality or occidentality of the body



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The Usual Suspects – The Sequel

- The usual suspects could be -
 - A house cusp
 - A house cusp ruler, any dignity, or the Almuten
 - A compound Almuten
 - A part or lot
 - A planet as natural ruler
 - A planetary ruler, any dignity, or the Almuten



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5° Rule

- Notice on page 552 how Lilly refers to the 2nd House as running from 5°degrees before the cusp until 5° before the cusp of the 3rd. This was actually a very common classical notation, one cited in a modern context by saying that planets within 5° of an angle on the Cadent side are really still angular.
- This system was used in the calculation of the *Hyleg* and *Alcochodon*, two of the points used to calculate the length of life, a system covered in my Medical Course.



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5° Rule

- The Ascendant is the Eastern horizon, and any planet that is within 5° of the cusp on the cadent side has just risen.
- It is angular in the sense of just risen.
- The cusp represents an active point of phase change: the planet *rises* at the Ascendant, but the effect of *having risen* is not complete until it clears the first 5° of the new house.



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5° Rule

- Now notice the reverse notation here: while we talk about "5° before," the *before* is only true in mathematical notation: a planet in this position has actually gone to the *next* house when we consider how the planets "move" diurnally.
- In Medieval astrology, this rule was often used as 7/5/3: 7° from an angular cusp, 5° from a succedent one, and 3° from a cadent cusp.
- I generally prefer the Medieval usage.



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Interceptions

- Observe on page 552 of Lilly the use of the "Lord of the Signe intercepted (if there be any so)."
- Interceptions are not treated in the same way in classical astrology as they are in modern: much less significance is given to interceptions, and their corresponding sign duplications.
- All the reception adds is a possible second ruler to take into account.



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Part of Fortune

- We shall have much more to say about the Part of Fortune in the next part.
- For now we need merely note that the Part of Fortune certainly has a bearing on the delineation of the wealth of the Native.



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Strength within a House

- Observe also Lilly's comment "That the neerer a Planet is to the cusp of the second, the more evident and apparent are his significations." (page 552)
- Here is the classical confirmation that the effect of a planet is attenuated as its placement diminishes from being near the cusp.
- This relates to the 5° rule as well: clearly these planets are so affected by the nearest cusp as to act as if they are in the diurnally previous house.



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Moon in the 2nd House

- Our modern interpretation for Moon in the 2nd House is generally along the lines of cash flow: the money flows in, the money flows out...
- Lilly considered Moon in the 2nd to be an indicator of wealth *if the Moon is dignified*.
- Again, we see the importance of the dignities in the assessment of wealth, not merely the house placements or planetary aspects.



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Illegal Deeds

- On page 560, we observe Lilly's wonderful term for quasi-illegal or illegal: "indirect."
- Here we see a linkage of combustion with illegal deeds, not mere secrecy. (I am reminded of the saw about sending off one's tax forms when the Significator is combust. Now we know that this is being done to avoid the hassles of being audited, not because there could possibly be any cheating on the tax form!)



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Wealth in Lilly's Society

- About the durability of estates that Lilly discussed on pages 562-564:
 - In Lilly's day, land was the principal form of wealth.
 - Prior to the Industrial Age, wealth was measured in land, not cash, so inheritance of property was critical.
 - The concept of actually earning money successfully in order to become rich just wasn't that popular an idea.
 - It wasn't unknown, though - look at the fortunes that were being made from the proverbial Ships at Sea and the plunder of the New World!



How do You Think?

- The word *reception*, which in Romance languages maintains its original Latin meaning, refers to what was classified as a passive quality in Classical philosophy. The Soul Significator is a receptacle, container, or space for the process of bringing together Moon and Mercury. Moon and Mercury integrated is thinking deeply, not merely reacting to surface input. *How* do you think? If Mars is your Soul Significator, you may need to pace, or take a walk, or lift weights to get your thoughts to come together. If it's the Moon, you may have your best thinking in the shower. Of course, the sign of the Soul Significator will likewise modify the conditions necessary to bring about this deeper thinking.



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Dispositor of Soul?

- If one of the bodies of the group that you are combining turns out to be the dispositor of the group, then that component of the equation will always seem to get precedence. If the Moon is the Soul Significator, then the emotional filter will predominate, for example. Otherwise, a third party gets involved, so to speak.



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