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"The birth of a search is the revelation of what is already there. Everything begins with one's own question.... To stand long in front of the unknown is so contrary to our education that it has to be necessary. Perhaps this is the sense of traditional methods like the Zen Buddhist koan."

- Ross Fuller: "On Listening and the Word," Parabola 20(3): 35 (1995).

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#### \*Successful Electionals

- Electional must look like the desired event
- Components of the astrological model must be prioritized
- An appropriate event must be chosen
- The event must be real
- The event must happen at an appropriate time
- The astrologer needs some skill in working the ephemeris

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#### Chart looks like desired Event

- > The 1st House is the event, and its Ruler, the subject of the event
- > Not all electionals should look alike
- > The electional may need to tie to the natal chart(s) of the main player(s)

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#### •The Astrological Model prioritized:

- The specifics of the type of electional
- The Moon's condition
- The Moon phase
- The Planetary Hour and Day

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# Choosing an Appropriate Event

- Many "events" are actually part of a stream of events.
- Not all events within such a stream are equal.
- Not all events are under the control of any one party to them. Hence, not all events are electable.
- It's important to remember in signing contracts that the last signature makes the contract valid, and so this is the correct time.
- Ideally, events elected are the more permanent components of an electional stream.

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#### ·Real Events

- While it may be appropriate to elect the time for the beginnings of rites or invocations, events themselves are preferred to ceremonies regarding events
- The best event is often the one most like the ultimate goal.
- For example, for business charts, the "first sale" looks exactly like the purpose of the business.
- A "sale" must be real. If you first sale is at discount, that may be what you embed in the chart!
- However, legal entities are also important. /Electional

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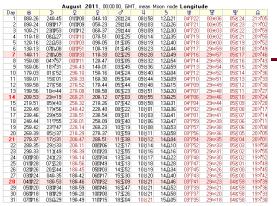
# Happening at an Appropriate Time

- Many events must take place within pre-defined times of day and on particular days of the week.
- Some events are more flexible, but deviating from "normal" time may result in a displacement of the meaning of the event.

# Working the Ephemeris

- Generally, it is not a good idea to postpone most events for several months in order to get a good chart.
- It's important to recognize patterns, such as impending perfections, which could be used in a chart.

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#### •The Short-term Scenario

- House positions and rulerships
- Sign of the Moon (maybe)
- Position of the Part of Fortune
- ◆ Aspects to natal planets

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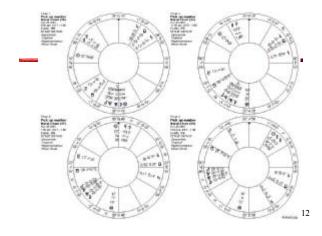
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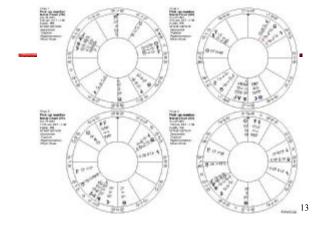
# •Example: Marathon

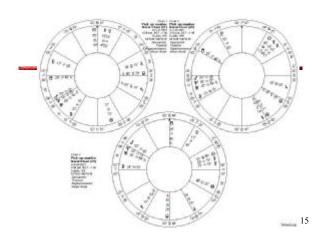
- Scenario: the man was recovering from a chronic illness, and was going to race-walk the marathon. He wanted to be able to finish, and to enjoy himself, and feel accomplished.
- The only electional possible (as he has no control over the race start time!) is for picking up his number.
- The number could be picked up from 9 am to 5 pm Friday through Sunday, October 26-28, 2001 in Dublin, Ireland.

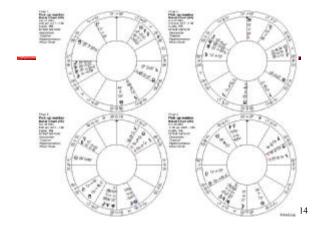
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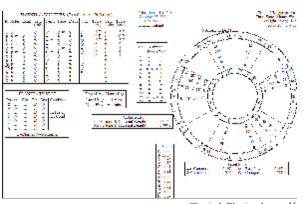
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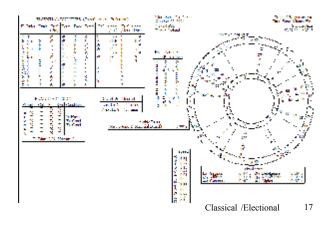


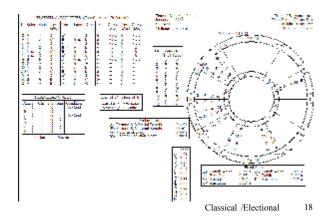






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#### Elected Time Notes

- Requires subterfuge to get this time to work
- Works because as a night chart you get Mars Almuten of 1<sup>st</sup> and Moon Almuten of 5<sup>th</sup> and they come together by conjunction
- Saturn on 5<sup>th</sup> house cusp isn't great
- Other options require changing the day

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# Marriage Disaster Notes

- Astrologer thought that he was going for a doubly applying trine between Rulers of 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> – this involves marriage partners in other partnerships
- Ruler of 1st is Venus in Detriment retrograde!
- Ruler of 1<sup>st</sup> in 7<sup>th</sup> puts marriage partners at the effect of ex-wife!
- 5<sup>th</sup> house condition precludes sex peregrine Saturn conjunct Algol rules 5<sup>th</sup>!
- Moon rising at the Bendings conjunct
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# •Elected Marriage Notes

- Moon in Cancer is applying to a trine to the Sun
- Moon renders Jupiter's retrogradation
- Mars in Aries rules Ascendant; Venus in Pisces rules the 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Moon rules the 5<sup>th</sup> house: there's a lot of fertility here, but also good sex
- "Enemies" are Venus: dignified, but not in a position to do damage by being Cadent
- Ruler of the 10<sup>th</sup> in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, so honor brings renumeration

# Logic of Finding Dates

- What is the Goal of this event?
- How permanent is your event?
- Does your event hinge on Emplacement (dignity) or on activity (Perfection)?
- How can you make your event look like the story for that event?
- Does this event lead to another eventual event?

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#### Rules for Real Estate

- 1. Moon in Taurus, Cancer, Virgo or Pisces not impedited
- 2. Moon separating from benefic and applying to malefic, but not applying by conjunction (B v2: 710)
- 3. Moon waxing gives a better price to the seller (B v2: 770-771)
- 4. Moon and Mercury free from body and aspects of Mars (R 137)

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#### ·List House Notes

- Difficult period: between Venus and Mars retrograde periods, and Venus in Aries!
- · Cardinal angles fastest speed
- Cardinal Moon
- Moon conjunct the Ascendant here we want it, because the Moon Rising = change: and what is a sale?

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#### ·List House Notes

- Ascendant is Spica, among the best Fixed Stars
- Moon is fast, and translating from Venus to Mars
- Venus is partile conjunct Fortuna

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# **Summary**

- Understand the purpose of the electional
- Know the time frame you have for the event
- Check the ephemeris for perfections, translations, and mutual receptions between planets, and for planets dignified
- Consider the Moon sign, aspects and phase as part of the story

#### Begin Flagyl Notes

- Because the purpose of the treatment is to get rid of something, use the purge model
- Moon in Scorpio is preferred sign for purge
- Libra Rising is preferred purging -sign: here the preference was for cardinal = fast
- Venus, ruling the Ascendant, is trine the Ascendant
- The treatment method (physic) is given by the Sun dignified in Leo

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#### Summary

- Find a way to utilize the Part of Fortune
- Adjust the final angles to pick up the birth chart of the principal(s)

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#### Summary Ideas

- Never weaken the opposing side too much. An extremely weakened opponent can get out of things by pleading poverty and also will likely try to delay the inevitable by any means possible.
- In most confrontational elections that we do, the purpose is an advantage for your side, not the annihilation of the other. Remember the difference!
- >Seldom are fixed angles welcome.

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#### Summary Ideas

- There is a qualitative difference between different 1st-7th pairs.
  - Mars-Venus is the most passionate pairing.
  - Sun-Saturn or Moon-Saturn try to achieve dominance for reasons other than performance.
  - > Mercury-Jupiter has difficulty sticking to the problem at hand, and is the least inclined to fight.
- When you elect for a negotiation, use these ideas to create a viable scenario to get the desired result: and always leave room for a settlement.

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#### 15. Job Electionals

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#### Introduction

- ➤ Perhaps the most important thing about job electionals is to sort out the different scenarios, and to make sure that we apply the proper houses to them.
- We should also remember that we engage in hiring whenever we get someone to cut the grass, clean the house, give music lessons to the children, and so forth.
- Thus, many of us will experience both the process of hiring and being hired.

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#### Introduction

- All these various situations haven't always been spelled out very well in the texts we have available, either ancient or modern.
- ➤To an extent, I have tested many of these out both in working with clients (horary and electional), and with using the purchase of my own house as the chart for comparison for persons hired to work in or on the house.

## House Assignments

To put this into modern parlance, let's consider some particular examples.

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#### House Assignments

- Please observe that there isn't necessarily symmetry between the two parties in a hiring situation and the houses involved.
  - Thus, if you hire a cleaning person, for you, that is a 6<sup>th</sup> house matter.
  - ➤ But if that person works free-lance, then you are a 7<sup>th</sup> house client for that cleaning person.

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#### **Timing**

- From an electional standpoint, the time is for the time you hire them. So you will be shown by the 1<sup>st</sup> house, while they will be shown by the 6<sup>th</sup>.
- ➤ However, if the cleaning person asks a horary about you, you will be given by the 7<sup>th</sup> house.
- The chart that I would prefer to use is the threshold chart: the time they arrive for the first time to clean the house. In this chart, the cleaner is the 1 st house.

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### House Assignments

- Carrying this a bit further, in these days, you don't always hire a cleaning person directly: you may go through a cleaning agency: you hire the agency; they supply the cleaning personnel.
- In that case, the agency is the 7<sup>th</sup> house party, and their employees are the 6<sup>th</sup> from the 7<sup>th</sup>, or the radical 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Notice that here we don't use the agent as 7<sup>th</sup> idea: this particular "agent" is not really being hired to act upon your behalf.

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#### House Assignments

- ➤If you examine Ramesey's rules for hiring a servant on page 172, the rationale is obvious: by fortifying the 6<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup>, he was mainly insuring that the servant did not steal from the master.
- If we are forced into one of these derivative situations such as that imposed by an agency, every additional party needs to be accounted for in the electional, thereby making the process more difficult.

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#### Dorotheus's Rules

- Dorotheus's rules for buying a slave likewise apply to hiring a servant, or an hourly wage worker, in our modern parlance.
- ➤ Dorotheus is reminding us to pay attention to the Moon; always a good plan.
- However, his characterization of some of the Moon signs like Capricorn are a bit shocking by our standards.
- But it does remind us of how important the Moon is in all of our elections.

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#### Moon Phase

- >Of course, one other consideration in job-related electionals is the Moon phase:
  - riangleright generally, a waxing Moon is better for starting something.
  - Normally, that is the desired symbolism in beginning any sort of endeavor.
  - > There are times when other scenarios are important.
    - For example, if you are hired to "clean up" after a predecessor's mess, and the job is not permanent for you, then a waning Moon may express the situation more clearly.

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# Aspects between Rulers: How to Pick Appropriate Ones

- In hiring especially, it is well to consider what the goal is.
  - Ramesey's rules for hiring servants basically shield the proprietor from theft.
  - ➤ But suppose you don't have anything lying around the house that is valuable or easy enough to steal.
  - Then you are going to be worried far more about the cleaning person's performance than about their honesty. In that case, the sign of the Moon, the condition of the Moon, and the condition of the 6th House ruler are the primary considerations.

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#### Design Considerations

- ➤ All of this raises a very fundamental point.
- ➤ Often, there are only one or two planets in decent zodiacal position, and they may not even be making any aspects to each other.
- Even if they did, they may not be able to rule appropriate houses.

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## Appropriate Houses

- Consider a really obvious point but a very important one.
- To make things simple, let's consider electionals that involve primarily the 1st and 7th Houses, but the same logic applies to any other combination of houses.
- ➤Only certain possible combinations of signs are possible on the two cusps and hence there is a limited combination of rulers. Consider the following table.

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# Options when the Combinations don't work

- ➤ Postpone the electional to get Mercury into a decent state probably the best idea if feasible
- Pick a different planet than Jupiter to rule the 1 st house cusp
- ➤ Use the Moon to produce the effect, and perhaps put her in a sign sextile or trine to Jupiter
- >At least get a decent mutual reception to help out
- Come up with a chart with the right Moon phase and everything else that looks like what you want to do

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# Options when the Combinations don't work

- Save your butt with the Part of Fortune Joan Quigley's system-of-choice when dealing with presidential elections
- ➤ What this basically says is that it is almost impossible to come up with a perfect electional!
- The best you can do most of the time is maximize what you can during the time range available.

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#### Discussion Break

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## Dorotheus Buying & Selling

- ➤ The last planet the Moon separates from by conjunction is the buyer and price
- The next planet the Moon conjoins is the seller
- The Moon indicates the product sold. A waxing Moon is better for selling; a waning Moon for buying. A Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, or Pisces Moon favors the seller.

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#### Dorotheus Buying & Selling

- The buyer is also given by the Ascendant
- The seller is also given by the Descendant
- ➤ The price is also given by the Midheaven
- The product is also given by the I.C.

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Electional Chart Highlights – 1

- ➤ Venus in on the M.C., which seems appropriate, given the fashion side of the business.
- ➤ The Moon is past obnoxious aspects.
- The Part of Fortune is trine the incorporation Fortuna. It is also partile conjunct one of the partner's Pluto. His Pluto had already shown by transit to be more involved with increase than with decrease. This is a company that goes up with Pluto transits.

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#### Electional Chart Highlights - 2

- ➤ Jupiter, ruler of the seller(s) has mixed Triplicity in air (ptolemaic, not Lilly), plus being partile conjunct the Saturn-Neptune conjunction of the partner who would actually be working the floor of this showroom.
- Mercury, ruler of the 7th, is conjunct and disposed by a very powerful Mars.
- The ruler of the 2nd, Saturn, is dignified. As an aside, both partners I worked with have dignified Saturns natally.

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# Electional Chart Highlights – 3

➤ While putting the Nodes on the angles may not seem ideal, the flow is from buyer (South) to seller (North) - and the showroom has definitely been noticed.

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#### Application and Separation

- Notice how Dorotheus uses the last and next aspect of the Moon (although he restricts this to conjunctions):
  - The last aspect of the Moon is the buyer (and by extension the price the buyer will pay)
  - ➤ The next aspect of the Moon is the seller

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#### Application and Separation

- Later on, we see that these two players are also given by the Ascendant-Descendant axis:
  - ➤ The buyer is the Ascendant
  - > The seller is the Descendant
- Do we need to consider more about these two ideas?

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# Application and Separation - 2

- ➤If you examine Lilly's (horary) rules for marriage, you will see exactly the same layout:
  - > The two parties can be given by the last and the next aspect of the Moon
  - The two parties can be given by the Ascendant-Descendant axis
- The problem, of course, is that any two planetary pairs can give different results --
  - This being the case, which pair do you believe?

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#### Application and Separation - 3

- The two approaches are actually showing different things about the event in question.
  - > The separating and applying aspects of the Moon are showing action related to the event
  - Perfection of the House Significators (if any) is showing the extent to which the two sides come together.
- ➤ Which is more important in a buy-sell, or a marriage for that matter?

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# Application and Separation - 4

- In a society where selection is limited, or the number of merchants of a particular type is limited, then merely finding the goods desired may be sufficient to guarantee a sale.
  - ➤ In this case, the separation and application of the Moon may be sufficient.
  - In this case, a buyer decides to buy something and then looks for a seller to complete the transaction.
- In a society with impulse buying and multiple outlets, it may not be this simple.

#### 17. Medical Electionals

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#### **Basic Concepts 1**

- All medical astrology was based on the Hippocratic system:
  - The body is composed of four qualities hot, cold, wet, and dry.
  - The balance of these varies according to age, gender, season of the year, etc.
  - ➤ Good health is achieved by having a proper balance for the individual.
  - Disease occurs when the qualities are out of balance.

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#### **Basic Concepts 2**

- Combinations of these qualities produce temperament types:
  - These are mental and physical types, and also show something about disease susceptibility.
  - ➤ The four types are:
    - > Sanguine
    - ▶ Choleric
    - ➤ Melancholic
    - ➤ Phlegmatic

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#### **Basic Concepts 3**

- The purpose of astrological medicine, once something went wrong, was threefold:
  - To diagnose the condition, and to judge the course of the disease, noting probable crisis points, as well as whether the patient would recover.
  - To recommend likely courses of treatment.
  - > To elect times for treatment.

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#### Basic Concepts 4

- The most common way to diagnose a disease was to begin with an event chart, which was analyzed in a horary style. There were two common types:
  - > The Decumbiture chart is calculated for the time that the patient takes to his or her bed. This type of chart can still be used today.
  - ➤ The family would bring a urine sample to the physician. A chart was then cast for the time of receiving the sample, hence the term "urine caster."

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# Basic Concepts 5

- The application of medicines and treatments was essentially antipathic. Thus, if the problem was an excess of heat, then medicines with cold properties would be prescribed.
- >Homeopathic treatment was also used under certain conditions.
- "Allopathy" refers to a treatment method that doesn't consider the qualities to be relevant to the prescription of drugs or treatments.

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#### Know Your Disease

- ➤ What is the purpose of the procedure? Is it meant to diagnose, or to cure?
- What part of the body is being affected? Right or left? What part(s) of the body will be cut through, even if those aren't the portions being "treated?"
- What are the odds of survival of the procedure? Obviously, you must apply much more care if there is only a 30 % chance or survival, compared to 99.97 %!

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#### Know Your Disease

- ➤ What days of the week/ times of the day does the health care provider operate?
- ➤ How long is the procedure?
- ➤ Is anesthesia given? General or not? How is it
- ➤ How long is the typical recuperation period?

#### Consider the Moon

- The Moon is unequivocally the paramount concern in all medical charts.
- ➤ In surgery, the cardinal law is never to cut those portions of the body that are ruled by the sign of the Moon.
- The Moon also shows the course of events following the procedure. As a result, you may actually want to optimize the chart for somewhat after the surgery.

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#### Qualities of Angles

- Consider the qualities of the angles.
- Do you want cardinal, fixed, or mutable, according to the nature of what you are electing.

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#### Breast Enlargement Notes

- The Moon sign is not associated with the breasts, or any other area that the surgeon must cut through.
- ➤ Moon is decreasing in Light rather the opposite symbolism to a breast enlargement!
- ➤ Moon is peregrine.
- ➤ Venus, ruling the Ascendant, is combust.

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# **Quad Bypass Notes**

- ➤ South Node near the Ascendant but he's already in dire straits!
- The Moon, ruling Ascendant, is peregrine, but angular.
- Moon is applying to Saturn, Ruler of both 7th and 8th
- ➤ Jupiter, ruling the 10th is retrograde, but rendered by Venus in Pisces.

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## Typical Scenario

- These examples are actually typical of what really happens with medical electional more often than not.
- ➤It is actually rather unusual to elect an exact time of surgery, and the vast majority of medical elections concern surgery. There are several reasons for this:

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# Typical Scenario (2)

- Most of the time, the exact starting time of the operation cannot be known. Patients are typically given a range, not a precise time. Furthermore, if the surgery is elective, the patient can be postponed for an emergency case.
- Accordingly, in advance, it is more common to be in a position to screen dates in general, which means that you can consider little more than the Moon sign, and transiting aspects, as well as the relation to the natal chart.

#### Outer Planets

- There is no question that Uranus, Neptune and Pluto can provide complications according to their own nature.
- ▶But they seldom actually affect the outcome.
- It may be hard to "turn off" the Outers in your mind, but, far more often than not, you would be well advised to do so.

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# Comments

- The most common kind of non-surgery electionals are those for dieting and stopping smoking.
- The problem is, that none of the old works give examples of these particular types.
  - Since smoking was not recognized as a health problem until recently, there would have been no reason to elect a time to stop smoking.
  - In many periods, obesity was considered to be beautiful - witness the paintings of Ruben.

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#### Comments

- However, that does not mean that we are completely lacking in astrological models for how to do these two particular electionals.
  - The dieting electional may be correlated with electionals for medical procedures that involved
  - To quit smoking is basically to break a habit pattern, as well as an addiction.
- Let's look at the rules for purging as given by Ramesey., pp 166-168 Notice that we are not using the rules for vomiting - this would ectional correspond too closely to hulemia

#### The Logic of Purging

- So: what organ are we purging, meaning: which of these ideas applies to our diet question?
- ►I think we take the general ideas about appropriate Moon positions, add one more idea, and then use the final section to work out our logic for the rest.
- The additional idea is this: the purpose of a diet is to lose weight, although often there are other health considerations being addressed.

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# The Logic of Purging

- With the theme of weight loss, my first priority is to look for a waning Moon (i.e., decrease), and my second priority is to minimize the participation of fixed signs in the chart.
- After I have these conditions met, I will use the considerations given above from Ramesey as a general guide, bearing in mind that another point to consider is that the dieting is not supposed to wreck havoc on the person's health, so I will fortify the 1<sup>st</sup> house if I can.

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## Which Organ Purged

- The issue of organs is a bit more general than Ramesey: the answer for which organ we are purging effectively is: all of them!
  - > Having said this, there are still some considerations to be weighed in the process of coming up with a good
  - > Of course, the potential dieter's general state of health should be known.
  - Another concern is what the person's "dietary past" is, and how this should play into the diet.

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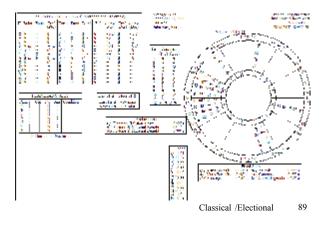
#### Successful Diet Comments

- ➤ Minimal number of fixed signs
- Moon is in a separating waning partile trine to the
- Venus is dignified in Libra and disposing the Sun
- > Jupiter ruling the 10th in the 10th, dignified but retrograde
- ➤ Moon in a barren sign

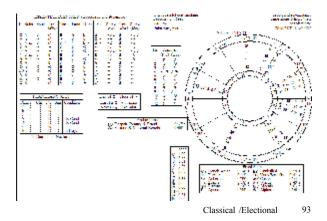
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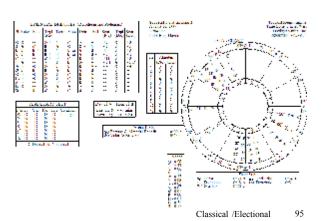
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## **Quitting Smoking**

- We actually have much better classical models for dieting charts that we do for our other non-surgical biggie: quitting smoking. The reason is that it's hard to find a reference that we can even extrapolate to cover the topic of addiction and withdrawal.
- ➤ Here I'm afraid we must learn by example, and see what we can extrapolate that makes some sense.

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# Smoking #1

- ➤Not a chart for a weak-willed person!
- ➤ Fixed angles
- The Moon fixed and late waning
- Sun, Ruler of the Ascendant was debilitated
- ➤ Mars, ruling the smoking process itself debilitated at the MC

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# Smoking #2 (unsuccessful)

- ➤ Cardinal angles
- Fixed void-of-course Moon in a purging sign
- ➤ Mars ruling the procedure fixed but peregrine

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# Smoking #3 (Successful)

- ➤ Fixed angles
- Mars ruling the 1st fixed and dignified
- Sun ruling the 10th fixed and dignified
- Late waxing Moon separating from Neptune and applying to both Mars and Uranus and going to a fixed sign

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# Smoking Ideas

- ➤ Is Neptune worth considering in smoking charts?
  - ➤ The smoke itself is gaseous
  - ➤ The matter involves addiction
- ➤ How would the breaking of a habit be viewed?
  - ➤ Reduction of fixed signs
  - ➤ Waning Moon symbolizes shedding something

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## Summary

- ➤ Purging electionals require an understanding of the nature of the purge.
- ➤ Any humor can be purged, and the chart for each type will be different.

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