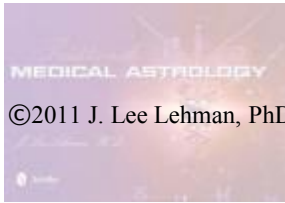


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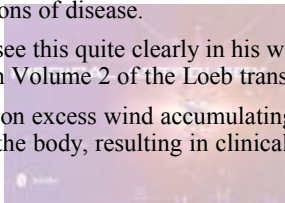
1. Disease



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Classification of Disease

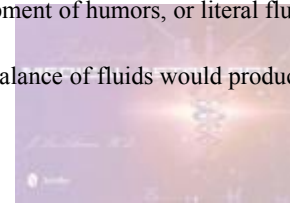
- First, let's begin with Hippocrates' own conceptions of disease.
- We can see this quite clearly in his work *Breaths* (found in Volume 2 of the Loeb translations).
- Is based on excess wind accumulating in various parts of the body, resulting in clinical symptoms there.



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Humors

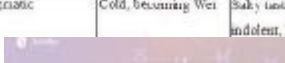
- Hippocrates' school was associated with the development of humors, or literal fluids of the body.
- An imbalance of fluids would produce disease.



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The Humors

Air	Sanguine	Wet, becoming Hot	Sweet taste, plump, buoyant, enthusiastic
Fire	Choleric	Hot, becoming Dry	Bitter taste, irascible, impulsive, angry
Earth	Melancholic	Dry, becoming Cold	Fresh taste, sad, serious, nervous
Water	Phlegmatic	Cold, becoming Wet	Salty taste, corpulent, indolent, lethargic



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Humors

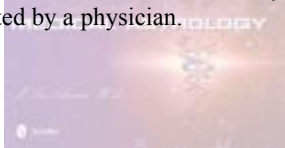
Sanguine	Hot & Wet	Air	Upbeat and social
Choleric	Hot & Dry	Fire	Quick to anger
Phlegmatic	Cold & Wet	Water	Slow moving; couch potato
Melancholic	Cold & Dry	Earth	Thoughts dominate over action



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Accidents

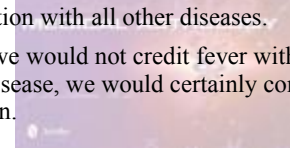
- While Hippocrates didn't explicitly mention this, maiming, such as caused in war or other physical injuries, was not considered disease, although it was treated by a physician.



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Fever

- Hippocrates began his discussion of disease in general with fever, which he considered the most common disease because of its common association with all other diseases.
- While we would not credit fever with being a part of all disease, we would certainly concur that it is common.



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Structural Issues and Disease

- This point is so obvious it is often completely missed by the modern mind.
 - He discusses the physical properties of the organs as they relate to the kinds of symptoms and accumulations that can occur in that organ.
 - For example, edema cannot occur in all tissues.
 - The kinds of conditions that occur on the inside of a tubular structure are different than those which can occur on the outside.

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Hippocrates' Theory of Disease

- "Diseases which arise soon after their origin, and those whose cause is clearly known, are those the history of which can be foretold with the greatest certainty."
- Basically, this statement speaks to the greater ease of dealing with an acute condition of known cause, compared to a chronic condition, the etiology of which is not fully understood.

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Hippocrates' Theory of Disease

- "...if a part suffer pain before the illness, it is in it that the humours settle..."
- Again, an interesting idea from a diagnostic standpoint. As we shall see in Lesson 4, what we generally take as the decumbiture can also be taken from the onset of pain.

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Hippocrates' Theory of Disease

- It is extremely important to know where a disease settles, because that gives clues about how to treat it.
- Hippocrates gave two methods of ascertaining the location beyond the observation of pain in a particular place:
 - sweat occurring on an isolated place
 - a particular portion of the body being excessively hot or cold.

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Hippocrates' Theory of Disease

- "Those diseases are most dangerous which arise in the strongest part of the body."
- He further adds that it is good if a disease moves from a weaker part to a stronger part, because then it is more easily thrown off.
- A weak area produces a weak or trivial disease, and a strong area produces a strong or dangerous disease.

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Strong and Weak Parts of the Body

- Translating this statement into astrological parlance, what is a strong part of the body?
 - As a first assessment, consider the Ascendant, its ruler and Almuten, and planets in the 1st House.
 - Find any of these placements that are dignified.
 - The dignified planet referred to then gives the rulership of the part of the body which is strong.

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Strong and Weak Parts of the Body

- Suppose you have the Sun in Leo in the 1st house.
- The Sun in Leo is strong, so you have a "strong" heart.
- What this statement says is that heart disease is dangerous to you.

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Strong and Weak in Application

- So: what do you do about this?
 - The generally accepted lifestyle solution is to exercise aerobically and cut down on fats, since both these measures will allegedly strengthen the heart.
 - In other words, you have identified the strong organ, and then devised a means to strengthen it further.

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Strong and Weak in Application

- This is reinforcement, which is essentially homeopathic in philosophy, because you are strengthening the already strong, rather than weakening it, which would be antagonistic, and hence Contraries.
- We have taken a “strong” component and strengthened it further, thereby reducing the chance that disease can get a foothold.

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Strong and Weak in Application

- But wait! If you or anyone you know has gone through this process, you would probably argue that, before the exercise regime kicked in, your heart (and circulatory system) was weak, not strong!
- So what’s going on here?

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Strong and Weak in Application

- The answer is that strength as it was meant in a classical context did not mean brute force!
- It meant “locus or nexus” of energy or dynamism.
- If you examine the expression, “so-and-so has a lot of heart,” the reference to heart isn’t to blood flow, or valve action, but to strength of character.

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Strong and Weak in Application

- What we are proposing here is that the person with the Sun in Leo comes hard-wired for a certain fortitude of character.
- But life doesn’t always permit the expression of this character.
- We are therefore changing the life flow by artificially “strengthening” the organ on a physical level.

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Strong and Weak in Application

- We are in effect saying that you’ve allowed your fortitude to become flabby, so we’ll work on the fortitude by working on the heart muscle.
- Our identification of “strong organ,” we will henceforth call fortitude to denote strength of character.
- And we are saying that it is not always possible to exercise fortitude in life: too often, it gets blocked by circumstance.

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Strong and Weak in Application

- But there is still an intrinsic fortitude that must be addressed if disease is not to grab hold.
- On the gross physical plane we strengthen the appropriate muscles, thereby strengthening the organ that may have been physically weak.
- Here, we appear to be acting in a more Contraries mode, because we are strengthening an organ that may be physically weak.

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Strong and Weak in Application

- But here’s the point. Physical fitness is not health.
- We may be working the “heart,” but we’re only indirectly working the “Heart.”
- If our physical strengthening does not result in a strengthening of character, then all the running, walking, treadmill, or swimming is in vain.

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Culpeper's Understanding of Hippocrates on Disease

- Let’s jump ahead a number of centuries and consider Nicholas Culpeper’s interpretation of Hippocrates, which was somewhat inaccurate, since Culpeper specifically attributed an astrological medicine to him.
- However, the concept that concerns us here is Culpeper’s concept of how planets cause disease.

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Culpeper on Saturn as the Cause of Disease

“The great wisdom of a physician is to know whether *Saturn* cause the disease by ... Sympathy or Antipathy, and then take notice, that as the cause is, so is the cure., Sympathetical, or antipathetical: and withal do not forget, that sympathetical cures strengthen nature; Antipathetical cures, in one degree of another weaken it; ... Antipathetical Medicines are not be used, unless to such Patients whom Doctor Ignorance or Doctor Carelessness hath had so long in hand, that Sympathetical will not serve the turn.... If *Saturn* cause the disease by Sympathy, cure it by the Sympathetical herbs of *Saturn*. If he cause the disease by Antipathy, note whether it be by Antipathy to Sun or Moon.... Make use of the Sympathetical herbs of these Planets ... for cure.”

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Contraries further considered

- What we begin to perceive is that the concepts Contraries and homeopathic may not be inclusive enough: Culpeper is clearly talking about the broader terms antipathetic and sympathetic.
- When Culpeper refers to antipathy, he is mainly referring to the dispositor of the signs in which the planet is in Detriment.
 - So here, Saturn is in Detriment in Cancer and Leo; thus, the antipathetic causes are the Moon or the Sun.

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Contraries further considered

- However, contrast this statement with Hippocrates: “in general contraries are cured by contraries.”
- How do we resolve this contradiction?
 - I do have an idea. We have seen how Culpeper has taken Hippocrates’ ideas and run with them, showing how the cause can be either sympathetic or antagonistic.

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Can we verify Culpeper's theory?

- Pick a planet.
- I pick Jupiter, for the simple historical reason that Jupiter got me going on data sources way back before Essential Dignities was born.
- I am going to present some database wizardry from my work in progress, The Astrologer’s Herbal.
- We know that there is an astrological association between Jupiter and the liver.

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Contraries further considered

- If we apply the more modern parlance of “antagonistic” to the quainter term “antipathetic,” the situation becomes even clearer.
- Much of modern medicine is based on the principle of antagonism: if the patient has high blood pressure, give them something to bring it down; if the patient has low thyroxin, then give them thyroxin (or a chemical relative) to increase the amount in the system.

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Contraries further considered

- Granted, this is being done within the context of a completely different theory of disease.
- However, the older theories explain one bane of modern medicine: the frequency of side effects.
 - As Culpeper says, treating a condition antagonistically weakens the system.
 - Therefore, we see side effects, which we can understand as being manifestations of this phenomenon!

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Contraries further considered

- Then, sympathetic cases should be treated sympathetically, and antagonistic cases antagonistically.
- Furthermore, he has placed himself in contradiction to most of his predecessors in claiming that the principle way to determine antagonisms is to look at dignities.

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Can we verify Culpeper's theory?

- If we select out all the plants that were used to treat various liver-related symptoms and then examine how they have been historically classified by planet rulership, then we can isolate:
 - How much treatment is done sympathetically (in which case, the rulership of the plant would be Jupiter) vs.
 - how much is antagonistic (in which case, the rulership is anything else), and

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Can we verify Culpeper's theory?

- We can also examine whether Culpeper's idea of antagonism by Detriment is dominant (in which case Mercury should be the dominant ruler, since Mercury's signs are opposite Jupiter's), or whether the traditional assignments of the friends and enemies of the planets is more dominant

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Results of Jupiter Rulership Survey

(NONE)	2 items
AR	2 items
CN	4 items
JU	70 items
LE	2 items
LI	1 item
MA	27 items
ME	16 items
MO	6 items
SA	24 items
SU	16 items
SU IN LE	1 item
VE	15 items
	196 records

These figures are the break-out of rulership of plants which were used to treat liver conditions; the rulerships as given by various authors.

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Conclusions from Table

- The bulk of the treatment appears to be antagonistic, or at least not homeopathic.
 - Jupiter, while representing the largest total for planet attributions, is nonetheless the minority winner compared to the total.
 - The ratio is about 6:4 antagonistic:sympathetic, or as we may say homeopathic: Contraries.

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Conclusions from Table

- Mercury does not appear to be the major player among the antagonistic approaches, suggesting that Culpeper's thesis on antagonism through Detriment does not in fact hold.
- Given the results above, we can draw one more conclusion. Clearly, there are cases in which each type applies. But can we say more, and even better, how do we predict which use is the appropriate one, Contraries or homeopathic. Yes we can!

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Conclusions from Table

- Of the plants that have been assigned qualities, none of the Jupiter rulerships have qualities exceeding hot and dry in the 2nd degree, whereas the others include plants that are classified as hot and dry in the 3rd degree.
- Thus, where plants are used Contrariesally those plants may have extreme qualities, whereas when plants used homeopathically are not classified as having extreme qualities. This is exactly what our model would predict.

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Hippocrates Quotation

“For when an element is isolated and stands by itself, not only must the place which it left become diseased, but the place where it stands in a flood must, because of the excess, cause pain and distress. In fact, when more of an element flows out of the body than is necessary to get rid of the superfluidity, the emptying causes pain.”

Hippocrates, *Nature of Man* (Volume 4)

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Hippocrates and Astrology

- The classical medical model was given by Hippocrates a century before astrology had been incorporated into Greek thought.
- This model incorporated four basic qualities: hot, cold, wet, and dry.
- If the body is balanced according to its own definition, then disease is less likely to take hold. The method of creating balance was diet and regimen, which basically translates to exercise and lifestyle considerations.

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Food vs. Drugs

- According to Galen's work, the difference between a food and a drug was that a food did not have pronounced qualities, whereas a drug (which can include spices) does.
- Notice that qualities here extend to more than the four that we normally discuss, including also astringency, diuretic nature, etc.

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Indigestion

- "Indigestion could be put down to an excess of phlegm brought on by excessive eating. In order to counteract this complaint, a hot and drying remedy would be prescribed, consisting perhaps of pepper and wine."*

* Grant, pp 9-10.

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The Hot & Dry Diet

- Alcohol and any liquids neat, not diluted: no mixed drinks nor wine coolers.
- Hot liquids, but not in large amounts. Bread and only roasted meats, few vegetables, copious quantities.
- Vegetables served should be broiled or braised. Foods highly seasoned, as with pepper, cayenne, basil, bay leaves, garlic, mustard, rosemary, saffron, sage, tarragon or ginger.

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The Hot & Dry Diet

- Fruits baked, and preferably dried out.
- Radishes, onions, rhubarb, rice, grapes, walnuts.
- All foods to be served hot.

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The Hot & Dry Condition can Result from...

- Stress
- Anger
- Emotional trauma
- Overwork
- Physical activity or exercise
- Insomnia
- Fast
- Hunger

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Diseases of Yellow Bile

- Erysipelas
- Swellings
- Rashes

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The Hot & Wet Diet

- Copious drink, but diluted and in small quantities: a good time for hot teas and other warm drinks.
- Meats or vegetables boiled or stewed, or prepared in sauces.
- Asparagus, chestnuts, endive, figs, pasta.
- Baked fruits in their own juices.
- Gruel, oatmeal or other cooked cereals.

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The Hot & Wet Condition can Result from...

- Meat
- Fowl
- Eggs
- Foods which are easy to cook
- Remember that blood, the hot and wet humor, is the ideal humor, just as sanguine is the ideal temperament.
- In some cases, blood is treated as the only true humor, and the other three are corruptions of blood.

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“Blood” Diseases

- Fevers
- Mania
- Apoplexy
- Light headedness
- Heat stroke
- Note that “blood” diseases could be traditionally treated by “blood-letting,” also known as refrigeration.

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The Cold & Wet Diet

- Copious drink, but diluted and cold, such as wine coolers or diluted fruit juice, such as flavored sparkling water.
- Raw fruits and vegetables, cooked beans or lentils, raw cucumber, lettuce, mint, peaches, pumpkins and other gourds, raspberries, strawberries, thyme, little grain.
- If you must cook something, boil it, but consider serving it cool.
- Smaller quantities of food.

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The Cold & Wet Condition can Result from...

- Sleep
- Drinking water
- Seafood
- Moist diets
- Thick foods

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The Cold & Dry Diet

- Alcohol and any liquids neat, not diluted: no mixed drinks nor wine coolers.
- Cold liquids, but not in large amounts.
- Bread and only roasted meats, few vegetables, small quantities.
- Vegetables served should be broiled or braised.
- Fennel, quinces, dried fruits.
- All foods to be served cold or at room temperature where feasible.

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The Cold & Dry Condition can Result from...

- Meat
- Fowl
- Eggs
- Foods which are easy to cook
- This is the same list as hot and wet, but the conditions are different, i.e., less ideal

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Diseases of Black Bile

- Carbuncles
- Cancer
- According to Galen, the humor is often produced in those hot and dry: a case of blood being corrupted into the more dangerous black bile.
- Yellow bile can also be corrupted into black bile.

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Cold Diseases according to Galen

- The formation of blockages can keep heat out of an organ
- The release of a blockage can allow allow heat to escape

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Dry Diseases according to Galen

- Pleurisy
- Lung inflammation
- Lung affectations without expectoration
- Constipation
- Dry sores

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Of Wet vs. Dry, Hippocrates says:

“ In disease where dryness benefits it is best for the person to eat only once a day, to consume less food and drinks than would fill, to work these off by taking walks, and to sleep as little as possible. Where moistness benefits, it is best not to fast or lack food and drink, not to be subject to exertions, and for the person to sleep as much as he wants.”

Affectations, Volume 5, p 67

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Wet Foods

- Wet foods included those which are sweet, fat, or rich, and, while moistening, they were also considered strengthening.
- It should be noted that “strengthening” is not an automatic, nor an exclusive, quality of wet foods.
- For example, dry wines were believed to be both dry, and to promote strength.
- By our modern terminology, there is no doubt that sugars and other carbohydrates are wet.

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Conclusion

- Thus, we see a very clear difference in bodily tolerance based on the method of use.

* "Affectations," *Hippocrates V*, page 87.

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The Body and Its Diseases

- Traditional medicine did not presume to predict the means by which someone developed chronic or life-threatening disease.
- The focus was on curative or palliative measures once disease developed.
- From an astrological standpoint, the focus was on identifying when, not how one was likely to become ill.

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For a Drying regimen...

- Don't drink with the meal, but only after a delay.*
**Affectations*, page 77, Volume 5.
- Hot food in general is drying, but only if no drink is taken with the meal.
- Remember that when hot foods have drying qualities, they can also be constipating!
- Sour foods were considered to be drying and hence constipating, causing the body to contract.
- Sharp foods were thought to thin the body through irritation.
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Popular Conception of Disease

- The Hippocratic theories resulted in a popular emphasis on the primary characteristic of disease being blockage, obstruction, or oppilation, as it was often caused.
- Much of the therapeutic process concerned restoring the body's ability to excrete or drain off superfluous or corrupted fluids.
- A healthy body has complete circulation of fluids.

* "Aphorisms, 1," *Hippocrates IV*, page 107. Traditional Medical 60

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The Body and Its Diseases

- In the wake of modern medicine, and the belief that particular life style choices can slow or prevent the development of specific diseases, there is greater interest in predicting future disease patterns.
- We are essentially quantifying the relative conditions of the 1st, 6th and 8th houses as a means of determining the health and disease patterns of the individual..

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The Body and Its Diseases

- As a means of doing horary or other interrogatory astrology, this is perfectly fine.
- But virtually all of us end up in this field after extensive study of natal, and few of us lose our taste for that particular style!
- Thus, we constantly take material from interrogatory studies and attempt to apply it to our natal work.

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The Body and Its Diseases

- In short, the more prominent the 6th house natally, the more likely that sickness becomes a major theme of the life.
- Notice one difference in emphasis, however: Lilly ascribed more importance to the 7th house in natal work for examining disease possibilities.
 - Why? Remember that a very old facet of the 7th house was danger - it's the house opposite the 1st, after all, so if the Ascendant is Life, then the Descendant is Death.

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Health & Disease

- Our question is: does the nativity show these propensities, and if so, how?
- I think the major matter to consider is how much we are talking about health, and how much about disease.
- For some time, there have been philosophies and religions - Christian Science being one of the more obvious - that have taught that disease is essentially an illusion, in great part because the body itself is an illusion.

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Health & Disease

- Recently, there have even been studies which have begun to support the position that different temperament types - leaving aside the tricky definition of the word temperament to a non-astrologer - seem to show different disease complexes.
- This is an area being explored by medical intuitives as well as psychologists.

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Finding Disease Types

- Let's examine these ideas a bit further within an astrological context.
- For purposes of this study, I extracted three populations from the AstroDataBank: those listed for cancer, heart conditions, and drug abuse.

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House Rulerships by Planet

- Let's characterize the house rulerships by planet, beginning with the 1st house.
- Distributions of the Ruler of the 1st house (or other house cusps) suffer from two demographic difficulties.

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Demographic Problems with House Rulership

- Signs of long and short ascension will affect the results because there is a seasonal distribution to births (more Gemini's are born in the USA than any other sign; this is a typical Northern Hemisphere result, but it does vary somewhat by country), and there is also a diurnal distribution to births (natural births cluster just before dawn, while induced births cluster during normal business hours).
- The Sun and Moon ruler one sign; the regular planets each rule two signs.

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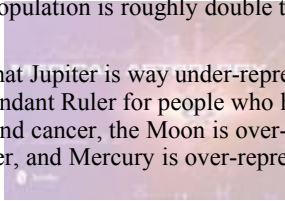
Rulership of the 1st House

Rulership of 1 st House	Heart (178)	Cancer (355)	Drugs (202)
Saturn	15% (26)	16% (57)	13% (26)
Jupiter	12% (21)	10% (38)	17% (35)
Mars	15% (26)	18% (65)	16% (33)
Sun	8% (14)	15% (34)	10% (20)
Venus	20% (35)	17% (61)	12% (25)
Mercury	20% (36)	17% (59)	22% (44)
Moon	11% (19)	12% (41)	9% (19)

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1st house Discussion

- You can eyeball the results by noticing that the cancer population is roughly double the other two.
- Notice that Jupiter is way under-represented as the Ascendant Ruler for people who have heart attacks and cancer, the Moon is over-represented for cancer, and Mercury is over-represented for drugs.



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Rulership of the 6th House

6 th house Ruler	Heart (178)	Cancer (355)	Drugs (202)
Saturn	16% (28)	17% (61)	18% (37)
Jupiter	20% (35)	21% (73)	15% (30)
Mars	19% (33)	17% (60)	13% (26)
Sun	6% (10)	5% (18)	8% (16)
Venus	13% (24)	15% (52)	17% (35)
Mercury	16% (29)	17% (59)	13% (27)
Moon	11% (20)	9% (31)	10% (21)

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Ok, What about Timing?

- Once the general natal trends are established, timing can be given by many methods, including
 - Solar returns
 - Transits
 - Profecions
 - Directions



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The Houses and their Meanings & Uses. Parts of the Body.



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Quotation

- "It's very necessary in this manner of Judgment, that you always have respect unto the Question; for if the Question come direct, that the Party sick did send, or was acquainted with the coming of the Messenger, or Urine, then ought you always to have respect to the Ascendant, the Lord thereof, to the Moon, to the 8th House, and Lord thereof..."
- Saunders, *Physics* (page 41)

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Decumbiture: the Basic Unit of Medical

- It may be
 - the time a person feels so sick that they retire to their bed (the traditional meaning)
 - the time of a sudden onset of a disease condition, such as a seizure
 - the time of admission to a hospital.
- Each is interpreted to delineate the disease condition, whether it is physical, mental or spiritual, how readily it may be cured, and the general length of the disease.

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Horaries as Decumbitures

- In this case, either the Patient, or a Party related to the Patient, would consult the physician, and this would be treated as a variant of the question: What is the cause of my illness, and will I recover?
- Decumbitures assume that the Patient is the 1st House.
 - This is always true in a Decumbiture, which is an actual event.
 - It may or may not be true in a horary.

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When is the Patient given by the 1st House in Horary?

- The Patient asks the question. In Horary, the person asking the question, or Querent, is always given by the 1st house.
- The Patient is unable to ask the question, and so designates another party to ask on her or his behalf. Traditionally, this was a servant or relative. Notice that this method **requires** that permission be granted to the asking party.

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Asking about any Other

- However, if a person asks about another relation or type of party without consent, then we have to turn the chart.
- We will deal with these kinds of questions in further detail later.

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Asking about any Other

- It works better if the party asking is not likely to figure in the horary otherwise.
- The reason for this is simple - the 1st House always shows the Querent, and this meaning can only be ignored if the Querent's interest are not vitally affected by the outcome of this horary.
 - Thus, it is unlikely that a son or daughter could ask this question concerning a parent, and not have a vital enough interest to require the representation of both parties in the question.

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1st House Assigned

- Once it has been determined that the 1st House really does apply to the Patient, we can proceed with our delineation.

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Acute or Chronic

- Disease were either viewed as being delineated using the Moon or the Sun as chronocrator, or timing device, depending on whether the disease was acute or chronic.
- Acute disease run their course in less than 30-90 days; chronic ones take longer.
- Much what what gets said concerning the Moon can be used for the Sun if the disease has turned chronic.

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Houses of Decumbitures



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House Rulerships

- The most common system of house rulerships gives the house attributions as follows:
 - The Patient and her/his vitality is given by the 1st house.
 - The End-of-the Matter is given by the 4th house.
 - The Illness and its cause is given by the 6th house.
 - The Physician is given by the 7th house.
 - Death, or the possibility of it, is given by the 8th house.

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House Rulerships

- The Physic, or treatment method, is given by the 10th House.
- Hospitalization, or bewitchment, is given by the 12th House.

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Alternate Attributions

- Ganivettus, cited by Saunders (pages 35-36) gives this alternate list
 - The Patient and her/his vitality is given by the 1st House.
 - The Illness and its cause is given by the 6th House.
 - The Physician is given by the 10th House.
 - Death, or the possibility of it, is given by the 8th House.
 - The Physic, or treatment method, is given by

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Checklist for Decumbitures

- Examine the condition of the following houses and their rulers.
 - 1st house
 - 6th house
 - 8th house
- Is the 1st house and its ruler substantially stronger than the other two?
 - This is good, because it suggests that vitality is stronger than either morbidity (the 6th) or mortality (the 8th).

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Checklist for Decumbitures

- How afflicted is the ruler of the 1st house and the cusp itself?
 - This gives you an idea of how easily the Patient can fight off the disease.
 - In modern parlance, this is akin to considering how strong the immune system is to fight off the condition.
- Use the 6th house to describe the nature of the disease: what organs are likely to be affected, what humors (i.e., qualities: hot, cold, wet and dry) are involved. How serious is the condition?

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Checklist for Decumbitures

- Use the 8th house to examine the possibility of death.
 - The simplest determination is whether the ruler of the 1st and the 8th are either the same planet, or in aspect. If so, this is not good.
- Consider the Moon if acute, or the Sun if chronic.
 - Both Lights may be considered anyway.
 - Are they both debilitated? If so, this is not good.
 - Are they moving into better or worse

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Malefics and Benefics

- Consider the malefics.
 - Is either one conjunct a significant planet in the natal chart?
 - If so, this is not good: the condition is much worse in this case.

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Consider the benefics.

- Does either Venus or Jupiter aspect any Significator that is afflicted by the malefics?
 - If so, it mitigates some or all of the effect.

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Discussion Break



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