

Classical Electional

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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).

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

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)

The Astrological Model prioritized:

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

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.

Real Events

- While rites or invocations can be elected, 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 your first sale is at discount, that may be what you embed in the chart!
 - However, legal entities are also important.

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.

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?

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.

April 2012, 00:00:00, GMT, mean Moon node Longitude

Day	0h	1h	2h	3h	4h	5h	6h	7h	8h	9h	10h	11h	12h	13h	14h	15h	16h	17h	18h	19h	20h	21h	22h	23h	24h	
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Driving Philosophies for Electional

- Only limited time slots are available. An election picks best option.
- Transits provide a model of the result. Election looks like desired outcome.
- Transits are used to recapitulate the birth chart. A date is picked that shows a natal signature that needs fortifying or emphasizing, but election must still look like desired result

Affairs of the 1st House

- Children beginning a trade
- Weaning of children
- Cutting hair, nails, corns, etc.

Affairs of the 2nd House

- Receiving money
- Borrowing money
- Buying to resell
- Selling to advantage
- Buying or selling
- Buying or putting on apparel
- Moving to another place (financial end)
- Distillation or alchemy

Affairs of the 3rd House

- Short journeys
- Of making friends between siblings or relatives
- Studying or contemplating divine matters

Affairs of the 4th House

- Building houses and cities
- Building commercial properties
- Demolishing buildings
- Buying lands or houses
- Buying land for agriculture
- Running plumbing to a house
- Tillage and fertilizing
- Planting, sowing and grafting
- Ridding houses of evil spirits

Affairs of the 5th House

- Electing a time to beget boys or girls
- Delivering a dead child
- Christening or circumcizing children
- Giving or receiving gifts or presents
- Putting on apparel
- Feasting and drinking
- Writing of letters
- Making perfumes and unguents
- Sending ambassadors and messages

Affairs of the 6th House

- Crises and critical days
- Application of medicines
- Bathing
- Surgery
- Blood-letting
- Physicians seeing a patient
- Hiring servants
- Buying, seeling and freeing birds
- Buying or taming small cattle

Affairs of the 7th House

- Marriage
- Venerial sports
- Partnerships and agreements
- Going to war, or a duel or lawsuit
- Making peace
- Storming castles and towns
- Buying armaments
- Seeking fugatives
- Chess, hunting, fowling and fishing

Affairs of the 8th House

- Making of wills
- Heritages of the Dead

Affairs of the 9th House

- Going on or returning from journeys
- Building and launching of ships
- Sea voyages
- Learning sciences
- Singing and music

Affairs of the 10th House

- Crowning and installing nobles and kings
- Beginning the Rule of Government
- Obtaining favor of kings and great men
- Justice
- Going on progress
- Learning an occupation

Affairs of the 11th House

- Accomplishing anything hoped for
- Gaining a good repute
- The love of friends
- Obtaining promises and requests

Affairs of the 12th House

- Freeing prisoners and captives
- Buying and riding horses

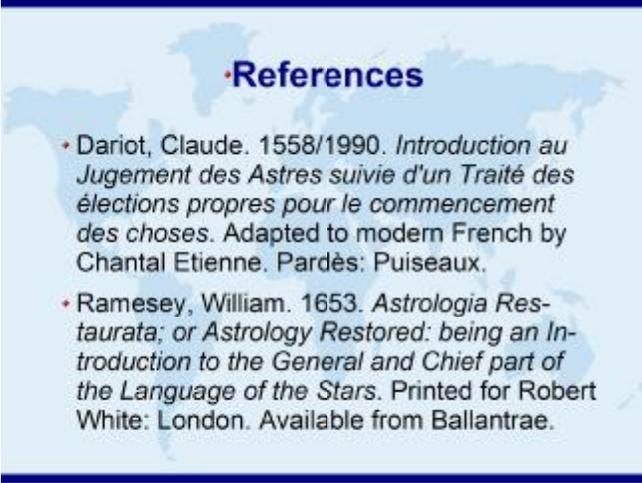
•Summary

- 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



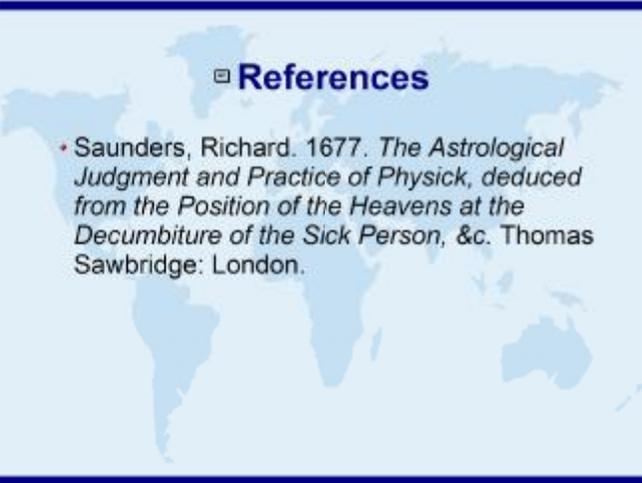
▣ Summary

- 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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