

LESSON 152

ASTROLOGY 5

PLANETARY HOURS

Planetary Hours are the portions of a day and night to which planets and angels are allotted for rulership. To begin with, each day of the week is ruled by a planet, archeangel, and angel. For example:

Sunday is ruled by the Sun, Monday by the Moon, Tuesday by Mars, Wednesday by Mercury, Thursday by Jupiter, Friday by Venus and Saturday by Saturn.

The ruling planet of each day is also the ruling planet of that day's first Planetary Hour after sunrise, and the first planetary hour after sunset. The order of the planets in the Planetary Hours, however, do not run in the same order as do the days of the week. Their order is an esoteric one going thus:

(from left to right)

Sun, Venus, Mercury, Moon, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars

Day hours are those (symbolic) hours between sunrise and sunset. Night hours are those (symbolic) hours between sunset and sunrise. To obtain the exact time and length of a day hour take the exact time of sunrise and the exact time of sunset, then find the difference between them in hours and minutes. Take this total and divide by 12, and the total of your division is the length of each Planetary Hour. As an example, with the sunrise at 5.37am and sunset at 6.49pm, the difference between these is 13 hours 16 minutes - or 792 minutes, which when divided by 12 yields Planetary Hours on that particular day 66 minutes each in length. These are equally allotted between the sunrise and sunset times. The same method is used to derive the night hours except one works from sunset to sunrise.

You will see by this method that no day or night will be the same as to the length of its hours except at the equinoxes for when the days lengthen into Summer, the nights shorten, and when the days shorten into Winter, the nights lengthen. And, no day is the same length as the previous day due to the Sun's cycle. The latitude of where you live (or performing your operation) also influences Planetary Hour times. No two people, each living in different parts of the world will have the same calculation for the same day and hour.

The following tables will guide you to the rulership of day and night hours, but as discussed above, the actual start and finish of an hour depends entirely on what day of the year, what hemisphere and latitude you occupy. When you get to the lectures on the Shemphamporesh, compare the planetary pattern with the Planetary Hours.

Table I
Planetary Hours

Ruling Hour	Sun	Mon	Tue	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	Sun	Moon	Mars	Mercury	Jupiter	Venus	Saturn
2	Venus	Saturn	Sun	Moon	Mars	Mercury	Jupiter
3	Mercury	Jupiter	Venus	Saturn	Sun	Moon	Mars
4	Moon	Mars	Mercury	Jupiter	Venus	Saturn	Sun
5	Saturn	Sun	Moon	Mars	Mercury	Jupiter	Venus
6	Jupiter	Venus	Saturn	Sun	Moon	Mars	Mercury
7	Mars	Mercury	Jupiter	Venus	Saturn	Sun	Moon
8	Sun	Moon	Mars	Mercury	Jupiter	Venus	Saturn
9	Venus	Saturn	Sun	Moon	Mars	Mercury	Jupiter
10	Mercury	Jupiter	Venus	Saturn	Sun	Moon	Mars
11	Moon	Mars	Mercury	Jupiter	Venus	Saturn	Sun
12	Saturn	Sun	Moon	Mars	Mercury	Jupiter	Venus

Table II
Planet, Archeangels, Angels, Metals that Govern
the days of the Week

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Planet:	Sun	Moon	Mars	Mercury	Jupiter	Venus	Saturn
Arche- angel:	Raphael	Gabriel	Khamael	Michael	Tzadiqel	Haniel	Tzaphqiel
Angel:	Michael	Gabriel	Zamael	Raphael	Sachiel	Anael	Cassiel
Metal:	Gold	Silver	Iron	Mercury	Tin	Copper	Lead

Note: differences between Archeangels and Angels, particularly where their names are the same.

Table III
Magical Names of the Hours

Day Hour	Angel	Night Hour	Angel
1	Thamur	1	Rana
2	Ourer	2	Netos
3	Thaine'	3	Tafrac
4	Neron	4	Sassue
5	Yayon	5	Agla
6	Abai	6	Caerra
7	Nathalon	7	Salam
8	Beron	8	Yayn
9	Barol	9	Yanor
10	Thanu	10	Nasnia
11	Athor	11	Salla
12	Mathon	12	Sadedali

Table IV
Angels ruling the Planetary Hours (Day and Night)

Hour of Sun	Angel Michael
Venus	Anael
Mercury	Raphael
Moon	Gabriel
Saturn	Cassiel
Jupiter	Sachiel
Mars	Zamael

Table V
Zodiac from Midnight to Midnight
(Standardised version)

Midnight to 1am	Aries
1am to 2am	Taurus
2am to 3am	Gemini
3am to 4am	Cancer
4am to 5am	Leo
5am to 6am	Virgo
6am to 7am	Libra
7am to 8am	Scorpio
8am to 9am	Sagitarious
9am to 10am	Capricorn
10am to 11am	Aquarius
11am to Midnight	Pisces

For workings with the three outer planets and Chiron, use the planetary day and hour in most affinity with these.

For example: if Pluto, use Mars
if Neptune, use Moon
if Uranus, use Mercury
if Chiron, use Jupiter (there is some contention here with some occultists believing Chiron is in more affinity with Mercury)

The use of Planetary Hours in the occult is for the designation of a suitable time to perform a particular working or function. The hour chosen would be one whose energies, which are designated by the planet and angel ruling that hour, are harmonious or be of benefit to ones defined purpose. For example a purpose may be to make and paint a talisman, then later to consecrate it; to make and consecrate elemental weapons, to perform other forms of ritual etc.

In previous lessons (on the Paths and the Tarot) there are energy descriptions of the planets and signs, and in following lessons (the Shemphamporesh) you will be shown how to devise what type of energy an Angel has. Generally, however, the practitioner will only judge an hour's energy type by its ruling planet and perhaps the tattvic current.

General points to note about Planetary Hours are:

Planetary Hours do not affect all persons alike. The position and various aspects of a planet in an individual's horoscope must be taken into account. The badly afflicted planets in your natal horoscope are invariably the Planetary Hours that are most difficult for you, so be sure to be aware of this factor when choosing a Planetary Hour for a particular operation. Likewise a non-afflicted or fortunate planet in your natal chart would be a fortunate Planetary Hour. Be aware of planetary changes for as your natal chart is progressed, planetary aspect alter from their natal state throughout your life. A study on progressional astrology will clarify these points.

Planetary hours are not only used in conjunction with current planetary aspects in ones horoscope, but also with Tattva currents, planetary days and months, biorhythms etc.

Apply your operation in a Planetary Hour according to the nature of that planet and its influences.

Note the hours on each side of the hour chosen for they may be malefic to your purpose and if your operation overlaps into

those hours it may be to your detriment.

In Horary charts it is often found that the planet ruling the hour chart in which the chart was drawn up, either rules the Horary ascendent or it is in the "house" denoting the question, and often it fulfilled both these conditions. Of a great many interesting experiences which occur to indicate the value of Planetary Hours, are the harmony of their rhythm, that is, the correspondence between their nature and the nature of the questions or events occurring in that hour.

Students may wish to enhance the value of all their operations by observing the periods indicated as fortunate in progressed horoscopes then calculating Planetary Hours.

A Planetary Hour practically begins at the time stated and operates until the time when the next planetary hour begins. This does not mean that the particular influence begins or ends suddenly at those given times; there is a merging of, or passing into, oncoming influences. This is why it is advisable to start an operation, and if possible, finish it, fifteen minutes after the hour starts and fifteen minutes before it ends.

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