

## LESSON 153

## ASTROLOGY 6

## ELECTIONAL AND HORARY ASTROLOGY

Electional Astrology is the electing of an appropriate time for the commencement of any undertaking. It is the converse of Horary Astrology, for with Electional Astrology a 'favourable time' is found for an undertaking, i.e. the position of planets, stars etc., are observed (from an Ephemeris) and a horoscope drawn up for a time when such planets etc., are favourably placed - that time being the agreed time for an undertaking. Whereas in Horary Astrology, a date and time is pre-chosen and a horoscope is drawn up for such date and time, indicating the potential in an undertaking.

As you will see from the above, Electional Astrology avoids possible failure by calculating a time when success seems most realistically probable. It is usually impossible to have all planets placed in a fortified position to make an ideal electional, therefore the practitioner does his/her best with what is available rather than wait a lifetime for the planets to position themselves perfectly to one's needs. However, it would generally be possible to obtain a reasonably satisfactory election, even if you have to wait a week, month, 6 months, year or more for a fortunate time.

It is Electional Astrology that the occultist uses to elect the time for an undertaking, and the prediction methods of Horary Astrology to divine, progress and result.

Horary Astrology is also a form of divination where a question at any given time can be analysed by drawing up a horoscope for the time of the question. This is based on the concept that light is generated from the mind and "a thought once verbalised or expressed in action, is as truly born as is a child and as truly has an individual horoscope."

In the following are two sections of side notes, Election and Horary, which give guidelines for the practitioner.

(Note: Where Cardinal, Mutable, Fixed, Angular, Succedent and Cadent are mentioned refer to lecture 154.)

## SIDE NOTES ON ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

### GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF AN ELECTION

1. Decide on significators ruling the matter.
  - 1a Moon is most important signicator in all elections. Fortify it.
  - 1b Cusps, ascendant and midheaven with their rulers 'Lords' are the next important to fortify.
    - 1bi Fortify house ruling matter of election and fortify Lord of the sign on its cusp.
    - 1bii Any planet that has general rulership over matter must be fortified.
  - 1c Signs on cusps fortified according to their nature.
    - 1ci Cardinal for speedy conclusion is placed on asc.
    - 1cii Fixed for slowness or permanence is placed on asc.
    - 1ciii Mutable for change is placed on ascendant.
  - 1d Chief significators be placed in signs and houses relating to the nature of the election.
  - 1e Ascendant of matter fortified plus house belonging to sign of ascendant, plus fourth house which denotes end of matter.
    - 1ei Ascendant should never contain a malefic.
2. Compare with birth map.
  - 2a Fortified planets in birth map become benefic planets in election.
  - 2b It must be remembered that when the rules mention malefics and benefics one must be guided by any strong radical signification possessed by these planets (if birth map available. If birth map not available interpretation must be on terms of the planets favouring a matter fortified.

### IMPORTANT POINTS

1. The moon and ascendant are best in signs of long ascension which tend to cause speed and success, whereas signs of short ascension conduce to hinderance and difficulty.

Long Ascension: Southern Hemisphere = ♋ ≈ ♆ ♀ ♄ ♀

Northern Hemisphere = ♉ ♌ ♍ ≈ ♎ ♏

Short Ascension: Southern Hemisphere = ♉ ♌ ♍ ≈ ♎ ♏

Northern Hemisphere = ♋ ≈ ♆ ♀ ♄ ♀

2. Retrograde planets are considered malefics for delay and difficulty is caused.
3. In almost all occasions, avoid placing Sun and Moon in the ascendant. Sun in Asc is said to undo all benefit unless Leo or Aries rising and well aspected. (pg 26)  
Moon in Asc unfavourable for almost everything unless strong by sign and well aspected. Avoid this in all cases unless expressly stated to favour matter.

Caput Draconis is a benefic.

Cauda Draconis is a malefic, esp. placed in asc. or conjunct with Sun or Moon esp. at full Moon or new Moon (eclipse).

Fortuna: Fortify fortuna with dispositor and place in good aspect with benefics and free from affliction by malefics. Safe in Cadent house but not be separating from conjunction or aspect of Moon, and Moon is not in 2nd, 6th, 8th, 12th sign from fortuna (counting).

Fortuna is well placed in conjunction or favourable aspect with Lord of Asc., especially for profit and gain.

The radical chart being taken into consideration.

#### Moon in Electional Astrology: (additional)

- Pay special attention to lunar aspects and sign and house position.
- In all elections fortify moon for moon is general significator of everything in human affairs.
- Good aspect between moon and sun favourable for success.
- Speed and success and growth when moon is waxing.
- Culmination etc for waning moon.
- New moon unfavourable accept in matters of secrecy.
- 1st twelve hours after new moon are COMBUST HOURS and not favourable for beginning anything.
- Next 72 hours are good providing aspects are strong, esp. by benefics at moons entrance into 13th hour.
- Then next 12 hours are combust and unfortunate.
- The following 72 hours are favourable and so on throughout the cycle.
- Nothing is started if moon is separating from conjunct or opposition of sun or malefic.
  
- Try to place the moon in good aspect to all planets that rule the election (Chief significators) or have as many favourable aspects as pos. If above is not possible care should be taken to connect moon with a fixed star whose nature combines.
- Avoid aspect with retrograde planet.
- Consider moon sign position. Moon is weakened in Scorpio and Capricorn. The worst zodiac position is Via Combusta - 15 degrees libra to 15 degrees scorpio.
- Unless specific signs are indicated place moon in cancer, taurus, virgo or pisces.

Moon is weakened in 10 ways:-

1. Combust - within 12 degrees from sun, worst when applying than separating for after 5 degrees sep. worst is over.
  2. In scorpio, esp. 3 degrees scorpio, exact degree of fall.
  3. 12 degrees each way opposition of sun, esp. when applying.
  4. Conjunct, square or opposition of malefics.
  5. Within 12 degrees of caput or cauda.
  6. In later degrees of sign containing a malefic.
  7. When cadent or via combusta.
  8. In detriment capricorn, or in aries, or libra (all afflict cancer).
  9. Slow in motion - moving less than her average speed of 13 degrees and 11 minutes a day.
  10. When void of course (e.g. performing no aspects at all before entering another sign.
- In all cases if possible place moon in house ruling matter of election.

# Exalted & Fall degrees of Planets & Nodes.

Planet	Exalted degree	Fall degree
☉	19° ♈	19° ♎
☽	3° ♌	3° ♏
♁	3° ♋ (♁♌)	3° ♏ (♁♏)
♂	15° ♌	15° ♎
♃	21° ♎	21° ♈
♅	15° ♎	15° ♌
♁	19° ♏	19° ♌
♁	14° ♌ (♁♌)	14° ♎ (♁♎)
♁	28° ♎	28° ♌
♁	19° ♎	19° ♌
♁	27° ♌	27° ♎

## SIDE NOTES ON HORARY ASTROLOGY

When a figure (chart) is not fit to be judged it is said 'not radical'.

1. A question is too late or too early when:- The horary figure is found in any one of the first three degrees of a sign or last three degrees of a sign ascending on the cusp of the first house (eastern horizon). If so, defer question.

<sup>Ex</sup>ception to the above is:- If the individual's birth chart corresponds with findings in horary figure then the question is considered radical.

2.
  - a/ If moon is found in horary figure in the last 3 degrees of a sign or Via Combusta (15° Libra to 15° Scorpio) abandon question.
  - b/ If moon is void of course (not forming aspects) abandon question ~~except~~ when moon is in cancer, taurus, ~~scorpio~~<sup>sagittarius</sup>, or pisces.
3. When horary figure has too many contradictory indications abandon question.
4. If malefics in 7th or ruler of 7th is retrograde, or moving toward or in unfavourable aspects the figure is not radical (unless reading for self). (7th = 7th House)
5. Compare with natal chart. If the horary's prominent point is on the natal asc., sun or moon position or planet or cusp of nature of question, the question is radical.
6. All questions in horary astrology are answered by finding the houses that bear upon the questions.  
  
Then the reading takes place.
7. Planets in angular houses are strong and indicate quick action. Planets in succedent houses are slower and results not so critical. Planets in cadent <sup>houses</sup> are weak and seldom indicate success and termination of affair.
8. Rulership or exaltation <sup>of a planet</sup> in a sign gives it extra power. Detriment and fall weakens a planet.
9. Signs represent a condition, direction, place, character, disposition, temperament, or physical description of a person. It modifies influence of planet and hence person or thing planet represents.
10. Cauda Draconis is used in questions of deception and carelessness. Caput Draconis is used in questions of luck (i.e. gambling type luck) without moral reason. Fortuna - instinct for drawing money by means of the desire nature.
11. Planetary importance order:- Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto, Sun. The ruler of the question being next in importance to the moon. The sun acts as a malefic as it absorbs influence of planets nearby or aspected, and usually works against individual's purpose.  
  
Mars and Saturn are malefics unless circumstances dictate.  
Venus and Jupiter are benefics unless circumstances dictate.  
Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are transcendental.

12. Significators:  
Person as enquirer represented by sign rising on asc.

The significator of person, matter or event must form a harmonious aspect with the planet that represents the person, matter or thing by which the question is about. (i.e. house and ruler and sign on house concerning question).

13.  $\circ$  P matter will be easily accomplished.  
 \* matter requires more activity and care to accomplish it.  
 □ matter will be difficult to handle and can only be brought about by diligent efforts and result will be of less value.  
 △ matter is accomplished easily and results will be satisfactory and contentment will ensure.  
 ∞ little likelihood of bringing matter to pass ~~Except~~ by much argument, effort and diplomacy, and the results ensuing will not be satisfactory. (Recent beliefs are one is brought face to face with a matter)

14. Translation of light: A planet moving to aspecting a significator of enquirer shortly after another aspect of significator of matter is separating from conjunction, sextile or trine. This means that a third party will accomplish the matter.

15. Collection of Light:- When significators do not aspect each other but move into aspect with heavier planets i.e. Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, a third party intervenes and brings completion.

16. Foretelling time of resolution of question:

Both significator of enquirer <sup>and</sup> of matter forms favourable aspects:-

- a/ in angular houses and cardinal signs - all forces involved are moving rapidly and with great power. Question will soon be resolved. The number of degrees between significators and aspects to be formed are the number of days for completion.

- Significators found in angles and common signs it is read as weeks in time.
- Significators found in <sup>in</sup> angles and fixed signs is read as months.

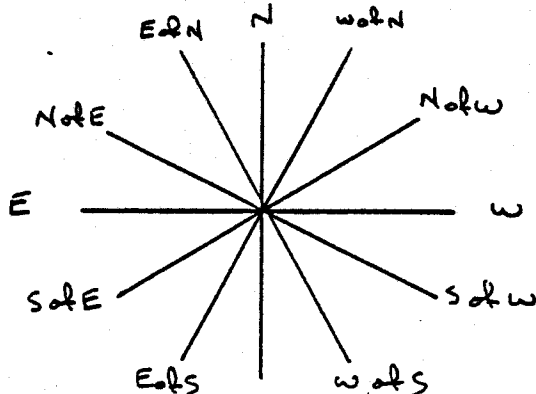
- b/ Significators found in succedent houses and cardinal signs, the degrees will stand for months and in fixed signs, years.

- c/ In cadent houses, things will go slow and uncertain of fulfillment.

- d/ Swifter planet overtaking slower planet is the critical one to be judged for 'time'. The rules above are applied using the faster planet as 'house' aspecting...

- e/ Looking at Ephemeris for days of aspecting times is another way.

17. Direction.



FOR SUCCESS of reading

18. Significators of enquirer and matter must be free of combustion, e.g. 17° from sun or more.
19. Significators must be free from retrograde (extreme disability).
20. Significators of enquirer not in cadent house (extreme disability).
21. Free from Refrination (~~eng~~ refrination is when 2 planets are approaching aspect but before aspect completes, the swifter planet turns retrograde and refrains from completing the aspect).  
This means the business will be dropped and come to nothing.
22. That no third planet forms an aspect to a significator before a significator makes a pending aspect. This represents interference by outside parties.

Additional notes on making success of a reading are on pages 52, 53, 54, 55 in "Horary Astrology", by Robert Deluce

House Questions characteristics are from page 59 on.