

ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

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PREFACE

In issuing this volume I feel that I am filling a serious gap in astrological literature, for no book on Electional Astrology has ever before been published, and the subject is one that is almost unknown to the great majority of students. From ancient times up to the seventeenth century Electional Astrology in common with all the other branches of the subject received a good deal of attention, and it is a matter for surprise that it has not shared in the present revival of interest in Astrology, considering the extreme popularity and usefulness of the matters with which it deals.

I am aware that the field of Elections is a very vast one, and that much still remains to be discovered, but I think I can claim to have included in these pages all the available information on the subject, both ancient and modern, leaving nothing to be added except by way of further original research.

This book is not intended for the casual reader, and I therefore make no apology for assuming a knowledge of the rudiments of astrology, and the ability to erect a horoscope, such as may be obtained from any elementary textbook. Beyond this, however, no further call is made upon the reader's knowledge, and I have included an explanation of every technical term, whether generally familiar or not, in a comprehensive glossary.

It is in the hope and belief that the information herein contained will not only be of interest but will also prove a source of practical daily help that I offer it to the astrological public.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

The subject of Electional Astrology, or more simply Elections, is concerned with the choosing, or “electing”, of propitious times for the commencement of any undertaking. Essentially it is the converse of Horary Astrology, for though its methods and procedure are similar it starts from the point at which Horary Astrology finishes and works back to the point at which the latter begins.

To put the matter rather more explicitly let us assume that a business is to be started. The businessman selects a date and time based upon reasons of convenience or some other practical consideration, and this automatically becomes the birth time of the undertaking. A horoscope set for this time is a Horary figure, or as Carter aptly terms it, an Inceptional figure, and by applying the rules of Horary Astrology one can predict the ups and downs of the business then begun and its ultimate success or failure.

But it is obvious that there is another way of going to work. If the horoscope for the start shows failure, why not begin at some other time when the horoscope favours the venture? In other words, why not choose a suitable horoscope first, and fit everything else into that? This is the theory upon which Elections are based, and Electional Astrology is concerned with the rules to be followed in building up a favourable horoscope to suit any given purpose.

The general principle of making an election is extremely simple. We have to take the planetary positions as we find them within a certain limit of time, and arrange them into the horoscope diagram so that the planets ruling the matter concerned are as strong and free from affliction as we can make them, and all the hindrances and afflicting positions are tucked neatly away where they can do the least possible harm.

This process of making any given planet as strong as it can be is known as *fortifying* it, and it consists in placing the planet in a favourable sign in an angle or an appropriate house, and in so arranging the date that it receives good aspects from the benefics Venus and Jupiter, and is not afflicted, nor in some cases aspected at all, by the malefics Mars, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. Unfortunately, we are always very dependent upon the general planetary positions at the time, and it is usually quite impossible to make an ideal election, because the planets will most disobligingly refuse to arrange themselves suitably within the

time-limit at our disposal. In such cases we have to do the best we can with the available material, but with a little trouble it will always be found possible to obtain an election that is reasonably satisfactory.

The subject is usually divided into three broad classes according to the basis upon which the Electional map is made, and we have to consider Radical Elections, Mundane Elections, and Ephemeral or Horary Elections.

1. Radical Elections

Every writer upon the subject of Elections agrees that the birth horoscope of the person for whom the election is made is of paramount importance. As Ptolemy puts it in the 6th aphorism of his Centiloquy, “It is advantageous to make choice of days and hours at a time well constituted by the nativity. Should the time be adverse, the choice will in no respect avail, however favourable an issue it may chance to promise.” Should the nativity or directions indicate failure in any matter, no election can possibly bring success, and the reader must not imagine for one moment that a knowledge of Electional Astrology is the master key to all wealth and happiness. Any experienced astrologer can multiply instances in which an election has been made for something against the indications of the radical or progressed horoscope and failure has resulted. Generally it is found to be impossible to use the time elected, for one obstacle after another arises until finally the business is begun at quite a different time, which, of course, proves to be in harmony with the adverse influences prevailing in the radical horoscope.

There are two obvious lessons to be learnt from this, namely, that it is essential to study the birth map first of all in order to determine the radical chances of success in the matter under consideration; and secondly that a horoscope for an election should be based primarily upon that of birth. The latter constitutes a Radical Election, as distinct from an Ephemeral one, which is not concerned with the radial horoscope. Unfortunately many people do not know their birth times, and therefore a radical election is impossible in their cases, but apart from this it is really a task beyond the power of the human mind to blend all the conflicting factors of the ephemeral positions and those of the radical and progress maps into one whole at all successfully, so that for all practical purposes it is better not to attempt to do so except in a quite general way. But it cannot be too strongly emphasised that in all cases where the birth map is obtainable it is essential to see that it will

allow of success either generally or at the particular time, for otherwise failure is inevitable.

No election can possibly be equally effective for everyone. Two people may leave on a voyage at exactly the same time, but the results may be totally different according to whether the individual birth maps favour travel or render it dangerous. Apart from this general consideration of the radical horoscope, however, there is not as a rule much need to go into detail with it. A number of rules are given relating to the blending in of the radical map, and these will be found in their appropriate places in the chapters that follow.

In a general way it is as well to see that the Electional figure does not stimulate any serious afflictions in the birth horoscope. The Moon and angles of the radical map should not be afflicted by the Electional positions, but should be strong and well placed in the Electional map. The house ruling the matter in question in the birth map should be fortified and its ruler should also be strong and unafflicted. Thus if the matter is a financial one, the radical second house, the sign on its cusp, and its ruler should be fortified, as well as the corresponding positions and planets in the Electional map.

It is usually favourable to let the sign on the radical ascendant be also on the Electional ascendant if it is not afflicted; and the signs on the tenth or eleventh radical cusps make good ascendants always provided that they are fortunate positions in the birth map and that their rulers are unafflicted. In any case it is helpful to place the lord of the radical ascendant in an angle or succedent house of the Electional map and oriental of the Sun, no matter whether it is a benefic or a malefic; and to avoid placing it in a cadent house or in an occidental position, especially if with the Moon. A malefic that happens to be the ruler of the radical ascendant may be made use of in elections, for it is not harmful to the person whose ruler it is. It is said that the radical ascendant should not be moved against the earth's rotation, or in other words that it should be upon the twelfth, eleventh, or tenth house of the Electional map rather than upon the second, third, or fourth.

2. Mundane Elections

Many of the ancient astrologers considered that an election should be based upon the important mundane horoscopes in force at the time, especially if the birth horoscope were obtainable. The chief map to be taken into consideration in this case is that for the ruling conjunction of

Saturn and Jupiter, and next in importance are those for the entry of the Sun into Aries and for eclipses and lunations. Thus the Electional ascendant should not be afflicted in the previous mundane map, and the same rule holds good for the planet signifying the matter of the election. When this latter planet is the dispositor of the Sun or Moon (and especially that which is the “light of time”) in the previous entry of the Sun into Aries, or is ruler of the ascendant in that map and is strong and well aspected both there and in the election, it is said to denote extreme success and fortune in the matter of the election, and in everything arising out of it. When the place of the previous New or Full Moon is dignified and well placed in the Electional map, the matter will be well established and continue steadily and fortunately. Success is also denoted when the dispositor of the previous New or Full Moon is oriental in the Electional map and in its own sign, provided it is in sextile or trine with the place of the lunation; but should it not be in aspect no effect at all will follow.

The lord of the triplicity containing the Moon at the previous lunation is also said to be powerful, and should be in good aspect or in reception with the significators in the election.

These are the chief rules that have been put forward in regard to the use of mundane maps in Electional Astrology. Actually the consideration of such maps is rarely attempted, and in the present state of our knowledge of Astrology it seems of little use to complicate the issue by attempting to bring too many factors into play.

3. Ephemeral or Horary Elections

This section is the only one that is usually considered, and is the one with which we are henceforth concerned. It comprises those elections that are based upon the planetary positions at the time for which the election is made, apart from any consideration of radical or mundane horoscopes. At the same time, however, the caution already given as to the importance of the birth map must not be forgotten, and this map must always be borne in mind no matter whether the rules specifically refer to it or not.

CHAPTER II

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The first step in the making of an election is to decide upon the important significators, that is to say, the planets, signs, and houses ruling the matter for which the election is required. By far the most important signifier in any and every election is the Moon, and it is essential always to fortify that luminary to the greatest possible extent; in fact the treatment of the Moon in Electional Astrology is of so much importance that it will best be considered separately after the other general principles have been formulated.

Apart from the Moon then, the important points, or “significators” as they are called, are the cusps of the ascendant and Midheaven with their rulers or “lords”; the house ruling the matter of the election and the lord of the sign on its cusp; and any planet or sign that has a general rulership over the matter in question. Thus in matters relating to business or employment the Sun is a natural signifier; in money matters, Jupiter; in love affairs, Venus; and so on.

In a similar manner the general nature of the signs is of importance. For example, agricultural work is ruled by the earth signs, so that these become of added importance in elections dealing with such work, and must not be afflicted or contain afflicting malefics. Watery signs have affinity with voyages; airy signs with flying or with intellectual pursuits; and so on. Therefore in every case consider which sign or group of signs relates to the business in hand, and take care to make that sign or group strong, angular, and unafflicted either by receiving bad aspects or by containing an afflicting planet. Again the speed at which the result will be achieved depends largely upon the signs. For a speedy conclusion, cardinal signs should be chosen; for slowness or permanence fixed signs, and for change, or a medium length of time, or when the question of time does not arise mutable signs are important. In all cases the chief significators should be placed in signs relating to the nature of the election; and the ascendant should also be in such a sign or in one denoting the speed or permanence desired. Thus in the case of a voyage a watery sign should be fortified, and the most appropriate one would be Cancer, which itself denotes movement and speed. This could be put upon the ascendant; or alternatively it could contain the lord of the ascendant or the Moon, and another fortunate or unafflicted sign should be chosen as ascendant.

It is always advisable to fortify the ascendant, its lord and the dispositor of the latter, as well as the fourth house, its lord and dispositor, because the ascendant is a general signifier of the person using the election,

and the fourth denotes the final end of the matter, but it is even more important to fortify the Moon, and the house and planets concerned with the business of the election, and these should take precedence if it is impossible to fortify both these and the ascendant and fourth and their rulers. The house ruling the business of the election is always of considerable importance, and it should not be allowed to contain afflicted planets or malefics.

Furthermore the ruler of the sign on its cusp must be placed in a strong and fortunate position, and must also be unafflicted. In considering the benefic or malefic nature of a planet a very important point arises. If in the birth map a planet such as Saturn or Mars is the significator of the business of the election this planet ceases to be a malefic for the matter in hand and must receive special consideration in the election. Similarly if Venus or Jupiter afflict the significators of the matter in the radical map it is of no use at all to use them as benefics in the election. A so-called malefic planet may favour the business greatly in the radical map, while a so-called benefic may strongly oppose it, and it is therefore necessary to remember that when the rules mention malefics and benefics one must be guided by any strong radical signification possessed by these planets, if the birth map is obtainable. If it is not known, then of course the usual interpretation must be put upon the terms. The benefics or planets favouring any matter are fortified by being placed in their own signs or their exaltation signs, by being in angles or failing this in succedent houses, and by being in good aspect or reception with the other significators. Cadent houses are generally unfavourable and denote failure, hindrance, or delay unless the matter specifically refers to them, but even so extra care must be taken to avoid afflictions.

In general a planet is strengthened by being in good aspect with one of its own signs, and if it happens to be afflicted the evil is considerably lessened by so placing it. Thus if the lord of the ascendant is afflicted it should be placed so that it is in trine or sextile to the rising degree.

The ascendant itself should never contain any malefic planet, and as already mentioned care should be taken to choose a rising sign that favours the business in some way, or one whose ruler is strong and unafflicted. In general both the ascendant and Moon are best in signs of long ascension, which tend to cause speed and success, whereas signs of short ascension conduce to hindrance and difficulty. But of course this rule is frequently subject to modification and should not be followed against other indications. Of the signs of long ascension Scorpio is the most to be avoided unless it happens to be appropriate to the matter in hand. In any case whatever sign is chosen the lord of the

ascendant should be kept free from affliction and should be direct in motion, for if retrograde it usually causes much trouble, difficulty, and delay even in the face of a very fortunate map.

It is also necessary on nearly every occasion to avoid placing either the Sun or the Moon in the ascendant. The Sun in the ascendant is said to undo all the benefit promised by the rest of the election, unless it is in Leo or Aries and well aspected. If with Saturn in this position it causes hindrances; if with Jupiter, grief, sadness, and change of place; if with Mars, sorrow, harm from enemies, little help from friends, accidents, or even death; if with Venus, much pain, travel, quarrels with friends and others, and slander; if with Mercury, sorrow and loss.

The Moon in the ascendant is very unfavourable for almost everything, unless it is strong by sign and very well aspected. In fact it is wiser to avoid this position in all cases except when it is expressly stated to favour the particular matter in hand. If the Moon is in the ascendant with Saturn it denotes sorrow, long and tedious illnesses or death, loss of money, goods, and friends, and trouble from influential people. If with Jupiter, it denotes journeys and voyages, but may bring marriage, children, or other benefits. If with Mars, much harm and deception; if with Venus, it may bring health and gain through women; and if with Mercury, many changes of work or friends. If both Sun and Moon are in the ascendant it is said to denote loss, trouble, sorrow, danger to the eyesight, and instability in the matter of the election.

As in Horary Astrology a certain amount of use is made of the Moon's nodes and Fortuna or Fortuna. The north node, Dragon's Head, or Caput, is of a favourable nature and equivalent to a benefic; while the south node, Dragon's Tail, or Cauda, is of a malefic nature. It is considered evil to place Cauda in the ascendant, or in conjunction with either the Sun or Moon, especially at the time of New or Full Moon, possibly because it would also be an eclipse. In the case of Fortuna, it is said to be important to fortify that point and its dispositor, and to place them in good aspect with the benefics and free from affliction by the malefics. Fortuna may safely be in a cadent house, but it should not be separating from the conjunction or aspect of the Moon, and the Moon should not be in the second, sixth, eighth, or twelfth sign from Fortuna (counting inclusively). In general Fortuna is well placed in conjunction or favourable aspect with the lord of the ascendant, especially if the question of profit or gain is of importance.

The house ruling the business of the election is, of course, of great importance, and a number of principles have been laid down which cover in a general way all elections coming under that house, the radical

horoscope being also taken into account. These principles are briefly as follows: -

Second House Elections. Fortify Jupiter and the ruler of the radical ascendant, placing either in the second unafflicted and in good aspect with planets that were favourably situated in regard to the radical second or its lord. See that Jupiter is free from combustion, and let the lord of the radical second house be unafflicted, strong, and in good aspect to the benefics, or to planets favouring money at birth.

Third House Elections. Fortify Fortuna, the Moon and her dispositor, and the first and third houses, together with their lords. Place planets in the third, which were fortunate, and in good aspect to the third or its lord at birth, but do not let them be lords of the sixth, eighth, or twelfth houses.

Fourth House Elections. Fortify the lords of the radical and Electional fourth house, and let the Moon apply to good aspects.

Fifth House Elections. Fortify the sign on the radical fifth house, and put it or its lord in the Electional second, placing Jupiter or Venus in good aspect to the cusp of the fifth. Debilitate the seventh house and its lord, but be careful not to afflict the ascendant and its lord.

Sixth House Elections. Fortify the Moon and place her in Taurus, Gemini, Virgo, or Capricorn. Let the lord of the radical second be in the Electional sixth in good aspect to the ascendant or its lord.

Seventh House Elections. Fortify the lord of the seventh and the Moon, taking care that they are unafflicted by the malefics or by Cauda. Place Leo or Aquarius upon the ascendant.

Eighth House Elections. Fortify the ascendant, its lord and the Moon, letting the lord of the ascendant and the Moon apply to a good aspect of Saturn.

Ninth House Elections. Take care to keep the lords of the radical and Electional ninth house free from affliction.

Tenth House Elections. Place the radical tenth cusp upon the Electional ascendant, and fortify the Moon and the lords of the ascendant and tenth.

Eleventh House Elections. Place Jupiter and Venus in the eleventh house, fortifying the lord of the eleventh and placing it in good aspect to the lord of the radical ascendant.

Twelfth House Elections. Keep the lord of the ascendant and the Moon free from affliction, and place them in good aspect with the lord of the radical twelfth.

The above rules are quite general ones, and must not be considered in any other light, for they may need modification in accordance with the actual business of the election as will be seen in later chapters.

CHAPTER III

THE MOON IN ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

The consideration of the Moon is of paramount importance in the study of Elections, and it is always essential to pay special attention to the lunar aspects and the sign and house in which the Moon is to be placed. In all elections it is a sound rule to fortify the Moon, whether she be a special significator of the matter in hand or not, because the Moon is a general significator of everything relating to human affairs, and anything begun at a time when she is weak and afflicted is extremely unlikely to prosper. As in all branches of astrology, a good aspect between the Moon and the Sun is an excellent foundation for success, and will improve any election.

To be at its best it is said that the Moon should be below the earth by day and above the earth by night, but this is not an important point, and is quite secondary to considerations of house position. This relation of the Sun and Moon is one of the fundamental factors that should be considered at the very outset of making an election, for the Moon's phase may make all the difference between success and failure. In a quite general way matters progress much more speedily and successfully if begun when the Moon is increasing in light, or in other words passing from New to Full. There are certain purposes that need a decreasing Moon, such as destroying weeds or cutting down timber, but whenever growth or progress is needed an increasing Moon is essential. The time of the New Moon itself however is an unfavourable one for most things except such as require secrecy. The first twelve hours after the exact moment of New Moon are known as Combust Hours, and are unfortunate for beginning anything. The next seventy-two hours are good and fortunate provided the Moon be strong and well aspected, especially by the benefics, at her entrance into the beginning of the thirteenth hour. The next twelve hours are again combusts and unfortunate; the following seventy-two are favourable; and so on throughout the whole month.

If an election is contemplated for at time when the Moon is just separating from the conjunction or opposition of the Sun, that is, for a time just after New Moon or Full Moon, the planet to which the Moon applies after leaving the Sun is of considerable importance, and the general rule is that nothing should be begun when the Moon, on separating from the conjunction or opposition of the Sun, applies to the conjunction or aspect of a malefic, especially if that malefic was unfavourable in the birth horoscope.

The exact effect of the Moon's application to a malefic or benefic immediately after New or Full Moon depends upon whether the lunation itself was well aspected, strong, and fortunate, or otherwise. If the lunation was unfortunate, and the Moon applies to a malefic, any matter begun at that time will end badly. This is all the more certain if the lunation or its dispositor falls in a cadent house, or in the third, sixth, ninth or twelfth house from that one ruling the matter of the election. If one or the other falls in a succedent house good may come in the end, but only after much trouble. If after a fortunate lunation the Moon applies to a malefic, the matter then begun will start well but will fail in the end. On the other hand if the Moon applies to a benefic after an unfortunate lunation the beginning will be bad and the end good, while if the lunation was a fortunate one, both the beginning and end of the matter will be good.

Having decided which part of the month is most favourable according to the relation of the Moon to the Sun, the next step in the making of an election is to study the Moon's aspects and sign position, the former being more important than the latter. The Moon should be as well aspected as possible, especially by the planets that are of general or particular significance to the matter in hand, and even if few good aspects are obtainable she should always be kept free from affliction, especially by the malefics and the significators of the election. Good aspects to the Moon from planets that were fortunate in the birth horoscope are a considerable help, just as afflictions from the unfortunate radical planets are particularly to be avoided; and it is said to be favourable to place the Moon at the same distance and in the same relation to the Sun as obtained at birth, but unless the birth horoscope is known these considerations cannot be taken into account.

It is preferable as a rule for the Moon to be in no aspect at all to the malefics, for this is better even than a favourable aspect, unless the malefic concerned happens to be a significator of the matter in hand. But in all cases afflictions from the malefics to the Moon should be avoided if possible. Sometimes, however, an affliction from one of the malefics is unavoidable, and in such cases an affliction from Mars is less evil when the Moon is decreasing in light than when increasing, while with Saturnian afflictions the reverse holds good, and the affliction is less evil when the Moon is increasing.

The ideal proceeding is to place the Moon in good aspect to all the planets that rule the matter of the election, or in other words to the chief significators. But as a rule this is impossible and one must be content to have favourable aspects to one or two of them only, choosing the most important ones for preference. If, as sometimes happens, the Moon

cannot aspect two given planets Ptolemy states that care should be taken to connect her if possible with some fixed star whose nature combines them both.

In choosing the Moon's aspect it is most important to avoid a lunar application to the conjunction or aspect of any retrograde planet, for anything begun at such a time will quickly fail, and if other evil aspects are in force at the same time, will end in considerable difficulty and trouble.

The next consideration is that of the Moon's sign position. This should be as appropriate to the business of the election as possible, and full details will be found among the special rules contained in later chapters. In a general way the Moon is weakened by being in Scorpio and Capricorn, its signs of fall and detriment, but special considerations may over-rule this, as will be evident from the later rules. The worst zodiacal position for the Moon is said to be the Via Combusta, which extends from 15° Libra to 15° Scorpio. This is unfavourable for everything but especially for buying and selling, travelling, and marriage and all matters connected with women. Unless any special signs are stated, it will be favourable to place the Moon in Cancer, Taurus, Virgo, or Pisces. The ancient astrologers considered the Moon to be impeded or weakened in ten ways.

1. When combust or within 12° from the Sun. This was considered a worse affliction when applying than when separating. After having separated 5° the worst of the effect is over.
2. In her fall in Scorpio, and especially in Scorpio 3°, the exact degree of fall.
3. Within 12° of the opposition of the Sun, and especially when applying.
4. In conjunction, square or opposition with the malefics.
5. Within 12° of Caput or Cauda.
6. In the latter degrees of a sign containing a malefic.
7. When cadent, or in Via Combusta.
8. In her detriment in Capricorn, or in Aries or Libra, all of which afflict her own sign Cancer.
9. When slow in motion, or moving at less than her average speed of 13° 11' a day.
10. When void of course, or in other words when she forms no aspects at all before entering another sign.

The final consideration is the house in the Electional map, which the Moon should occupy. If possible the Moon should be placed in the house ruling the matter of the election or in any angle except the ascendant, which, as already mentioned, is usually a very unfavourable position for the Moon. A strong position is advisable, especially if the matter is one that involves permanence and long continuance. When the business of the election necessitates speed or concerns ephemeral matters it is better not to place the Moon in too strong a position, and in such cases it is preferable to place Venus or Jupiter in the ascendant or Midheaven.

It frequently happens that something must be begun quickly, and there is not sufficient time to allow of the choice of a day when the Moon is favourably placed or aspected. In such cases the only course to pursue is to make the best of the available positions. If the Moon is applying to a malefic when the business must be put in hand it is best to make this malefic the lord of the ascendant, no matter whether it be afflicted or not. But take care that the chief significators are as free from affliction as possible. If the Moon is weak and afflicted place her in an angular or succedent house, but see that she is in no aspect with the ascendant, its lord, the lord of the house ruling the election and its dispositor, or any other important significator. If haste is essential under these conditions, put the Moon in a cadent house in no aspect to the ascendant, but let a benefic be rising or favourably aspecting the rising degree.

CHAPTER IV

THE LUNAR MANSIONS AND ASPECTS

It was the custom of the ancient writers on Elections to give a list of the effects due to the Moon's position in the various signs and mansions, and the lunar aspects to the other planets. There is no necessity for any consideration of the Moon's sign positions here, as this is covered to the fullest possible extent in the chapters that follow, but for the sake for completeness the effects ascribed to the lunar mansions, and the traditional Electional influence of the lunar aspects are appended.

The lunar mansions form a kind of lunar zodiac of 28 divisions that is related directly to the fixed stars and constellations, and only indirectly to the zodiac of signs in ordinary use. Each mansion is $12^{\circ} 51' 25''.7$ in extent, and the series begins at Aries 0° of the constellations, which now corresponds to about Aries 19° in the zodiac of signs used in all astrological work. The exact correspondence is not known with any degree of certainty, and authorities are not agreed on the exact date on which the two zodiacs coincided, but for the present purpose any discrepancy that may exist is of little importance, and almost certainly less than one degree. The latest estimate is that of Dr. Vijaya-Raghavulu, which shows the sign position of the first point of the constellation zodiac as falling in Aries $19^{\circ} 10' 39''.09$ on 1st January 1937 with an annual increase of $50''.264799$. The Arabic name, initial degree, and Electional influence of each of the mansions is as follows: -

1. *Al Sharatain or Al Nath.* Aries $19^{\circ} 11'$. Good for travel, and taking medicine, especially laxatives. Avoid quarrels.
2. *Al Butain.* Taurus $2^{\circ} 2'$. Good for treasure hunting, taking prisoners and captives, travelling by water, buying animals, and planting and sowing.
3. *Al Thurayya.* Taurus $14^{\circ} 54'$. Good for hunting, chemical work, buying and selling, and journeys by land but not by water.
4. *Al Dabaran.* Taurus $27^{\circ} 45'$. An unfavourable mansion. Bad for building, mining, digging wells, and constructing fountains, for it causes hindrances and destruction in such work. Bad for marriage and voyages. Good for planting and sowing. It produces flights of creeping things, and causes quarrels.
5. *Al Hak'ah.* Gemini $10^{\circ} 36'$. Favourable for building, returning from journeys, sending children to school or college, commerce, voyages, marriage and medical treatment.

6. *Al Han'ah*. Gemini 23° 28'. Favourable for hunting, besieging towns and beginning wars and punitive expeditions. Bad for planting and sowing, medical treatment and all peaceful operations.
7. *Al Dhira*. Cancer 6° 19'. Favourable for money matters, friendship, love affairs, and planting and sowing. Bad for any kind of travel, and for people in authority. It is said to be favourable for ridding a place of flies.
8. *Al Nathrah*. Cancer 19° 11'. Favourable for love, friendship, social affairs, journeys, and medical treatment. It is said to drive away mice, and to be bad for prisoners and captives.
9. *Al Tarf*. Leo 2° 2'. Favourable for voyages, but bad for land journeys. Causes quarrels, and is bad for planting and sowing.
10. *Al Jabhah*. Leo 14° 54'. Favourable for love affairs and marriage, building, obtaining help from others, and planting and sowing. Bad for voyages.
11. *Al Zubrah*. Leo 27° 45'. Good for voyages, commerce, arranging bail for prisoners or rescuing captives, and for planting and sowing. Bad for taking purgatives.
12. *Al Sarfah*. Virgo 10° 36'. Favourable for planting and sowing, marriage, improving the conditions of others. Bad for voyages.
13. *Al Awwa*. Virgo 23° 28'. Favourable for planting and sowing, ploughing, financial operations, marriage, journeys by land or water, releasing prisoners, sending messengers, and all works of a benevolent and charitable nature.
14. *Al Simak*. Libra 6° 19'. Favourable for planting and sowing, medical treatment, and for voyages, but bad for land journeys. It is a doubtful position for marriage, for it favours adultery.
15. *Al Ghafir*. Libra 19° 11'. Favourable for treasure seeking, mining, all kinds of digging and excavation, and beginning lawsuits. Bad for marriage, social intercourse, building, and travel.
16. *Al Jubana*. Scorpio. 2° 2'. Except for the freeing of prisoners this mansion is unfavourable for everything, and especially for journeys, marriage, trade, and agricultural work.
17. *Iklil al Jabhah*. Scorpio 14° 54'. Favourable for love affairs, building, buying animals, and general business, but bad for voyages.
18. *Al Kalb*. Scorpio 27° 45'. Favourable for building planting and sowing, voyages, freeing prisoners, starting lawsuits, and secret operations. Bad for marriage.

19. *Al Shaulah*. Sagittarius 10° 36'. Favourable for warlike operations, besieging cities, naval warfare, etc. It is good for planting and sowing, voyages, and lawsuits, but tends to cause loss of position.
20. *Al Na'am*. Sagittarius 23° 28'. Favourable for hunting; buying, training and taming animals; and for strengthening prisons and strong rooms. It is bad for company promoting and for marriage.
21. *Al Baldah*. Capricorn 6° 19'. Favourable for building, planting and sowing, business, travelling, and legal transactions, but bad for marriage as it conduces to divorce.
22. *Al Sa'd al Dhabih*. Capricorn 19° 11'. Favourable for voyages and medical treatment. Bad for buying or wearing new clothes, and for engaging servants.
23. *Al Sa'd al Bula*. Aquarius 2° 2'. Favourable for medical treatment, freeing prisoners, and voyages. Bad for marriage and for borrowing and lending money.
24. *Al Sa'd al Su'ud*. Aquarius 14° 54'. Favourable for marriage, medical treatment, planting and sowing, and for beginning war, although it hinders the action of the Government.
25. *Al Sa'd al Ahbiyah*. Aquarius 27° 45'. Favourable for building, sending messengers, beginning lawsuits, travelling, forming friendships, and marriage. Bad for physical exercise.
26. *Al Fargh al Mukdim*. Pisces 10° 36'. Unfavourable for everything except medical treatment.
27. *Al Fargh al Thani*. Pisces 23° 28'. Favourable for planting and sowing, commerce, marriage, medical treatment, and beginning lawsuits. Bad for building and voyages.
28. *Al Batn al Hut*. Aries 6° 19'. Favourable for commerce, medical treatment, marriage, planting and sowing, building prisons and strong rooms. Unfavourable for borrowing and lending money and for any kind of travel.

The exact astrological significance of the lunar mansions and the methods of using them have been almost entirely lost, and there is much need for research in this matter. If we are to believe the ancient writers they are of extreme importance, and much of the old astrology was based upon their use. In the words of Cornelius Agrippa: "In these twenty-eight Mansions do lye hid many secrets of the wisdom of the Ancients, by the which they wrought wonders on all things which are under the circle of the Moon."

Lunar Aspects

Many students of astrology are in the habit of choosing favourable times for everyday matters by the rough and ready method of looking for a day when the Moon's aspects are of a generally favourable nature. A glance at the detailed rules contained in the later chapters of this book will afford ample proof that a haphazard method such as this cannot be of very great use or reliability, but at the same time one cannot deny that it does possess a certain value, and at least is better than no method at all for it ensures favourable lunar conditions if nothing else. The following notes on the lunar aspects do not profess to be more than a brief general guide, and are by no means exhaustive, for full details will be found in later chapters.

Moon-Sun

Conjunction. Begin nothing except things that are to remain private, hidden and secret.

Sextile. Undertake work for influential or titled people, and seek favours from them. Good for short journeys, changes, new friendships, social advancement, and literary or clerical work.

Square. Bad for changes, travel, beginning new undertakings and dealing with influential people, but favourable for managing the affairs of nobility, though less so than the trine.

Trine. Good for seeking preferment, managing the affairs of others, beginning new ventures, investing and speculation, and meeting important people.

Opposition. Good for dealing with titled people, but not with rich men. Bad for starting any new ventures or making changes.

Moon-Mercury

Conjunction. Begin literary work, writing, correspondence, etc. Favourable for preparing accounts, commercial transactions, sending messengers, despatching parcels, and signing contracts and agreements.

Sextile. Favourable for study, and for dealing with intellectual and scientific people. Good for commercial work, and especially for entering into agreements or contracts.

Square. It is said to be good for travelling, buying and selling, sending messengers or messages, study, and dealing with influential people. Bad for agreements and writing.

Trine. Good for sending children to school, beginning studies, undertaking mental or literary work requiring ingenuity, and for dealing with lawyers, secretaries, and literary people.

Opposition. Said to be good for most purposes, but bad for contracts and agreements. Favourable for dealing with literary or clerical workers, travel, and study.

Moon-Venus

Conjunction. Favourable for pleasure, love affairs, and wearing new clothes.

Sextile. Favourable for financial affairs, love affairs, marriage, and buying ornaments and jewellery.

Square. Favourable for sports. It is said to be good for hiring servants and for marriage, but this seems very doubtful.

Trine. Good for love affairs and for wearing new clothes provided the Moon is not in Leo.

Opposition. Bad for money matters as it causes extravagance. Love affairs need caution.

Moon-Mars

Conjunction. Bad for journeys, and for dealings with soldiers, doctors, and other martial people. Unfavourable for most purposes.

Sextile. Good for buying houses, weapons, tools, etc. Good for chemical work, and for contests and fights.

Square. Bad for all purposes, especially marriage, forming new friendships, and dealing with influential people.

Trine. Good for hunting, beginning war, starting controversies, lawsuits, and fights, buying animals, and dealing with martial people.

Opposition. Bad for journeys, friendships, and dealing with women. Nothing of importance should be begun.

Moon-Saturn

Conjunction. Bad for most purposes, and especially for dealing with elderly people, and those ruled by Saturn, and also for journeys, business and starting new ventures.

Sextile. Good for building, mining, agricultural work, and dealing with elderly people, magistrates, and those in official positions. Bad for love affairs and friendships with women.

Square. Bad for everything, and especially medical treatment, travel, love affairs, and dealing with Saturnian people.

Trine. Good for repairing old places or things, manuring land and general agricultural work, building, investment, and dealing with Saturnian people.

Opposition. Bad for starting any new ventures, and for engaging servants or employees, financial affairs and investments, and seeking favour or advancement.

To the above ancient rules may be added the following: -

Moon-Uranus

Good Aspects. Good for dealing with the Government, political and municipal bodies, and large firms. Also for joining societies, taking up the study of occult subjects, starting electrical work and aviation, patenting inventions, taking electrical treatment, making changes and starting enterprises of an unusual or novel character.

Bad Aspects. Bad for journeys and removals, for dealing with public bodies, seeking advancement, forming friendships, especially with women, marriage, aviation, electrical or occult work, and anything of a dangerous nature.

Moon-Neptune

Good Aspects. Good for social affairs, travel, especially by water, artistic, musical, and psychic activities, visits to hospitals and nursing homes, undergoing ray treatment or taking anaesthetics, and beginning spiritualistic and mystical studies.

Bad Aspects. Bad for travel and voyages, for speculation, forming new friendships, love affairs and marriage, entering into agreements and contracts, beginning musical or artistic work or spiritualistic and psychic activities, surgical operations, and ray treatment.

CHAPTER V

PLANETARY HOURS

No treatise on Electional Astrology would be complete without some account of the Planetary Hours, not so much because they are particularly important, but chiefly on account of their extreme popularity. They are quite as easy to use as the lunar aspects described in the last chapter, and constitute a very simple Electional system by themselves. Needless to say any such cut and dried system is of no scientific value and of little practical reliability, but the Planetary Hours have their uses in Electional Astrology and provided they are used in a supplementary way and not considered as in any way replacing a properly made election there is no reason why their effects should not be tested.

The astrological day begins at the exact moment of local sunrise, and the night begins at local sunset. The time between sunrise and sunset is divided into twelve equal parts, each of which is called one Planetary Hour. Similarly the time from sunset to the following sunrise is also divided into twelve equal parts which constitute the Planetary Hours of the night. Some modern authorities consider that noon and midnight should mark the exact halves of the day and night, and therefore divide the time from sunrise to noon into six equal parts; from noon to sunset into another six equal parts; and similarly from sunset to midnight, and midnight to sunrise. Whether this method is more correct than the former and ancient one is open to question, but for Electional purposes the difference is not usually sufficient to be of importance, and occurs only at the change of hour.\

The rulership of the hours depends first of all upon the days of the week, which are themselves ruled by the planets as follows: -

Sunday is ruled by the Sun

Monday is ruled by the Moon

Tuesday is ruled by Mars

Wednesday is ruled by Mercury

Thursday is ruled by Jupiter

Friday is ruled by Venus

Saturday is ruled by Saturn

The first planetary hour starting from sunrise on any day is ruled by the planet ruling the day itself. The succeeding hours are ruled by the planets in a definite and fixed succession, known as the Chaldean order,

which is as follows:- Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Sun, Venus, Mercury, Moon. Thus on a Sunday, the first hour from sunrise is ruled by the Sun; the next hour is ruled by Venus; the next by Mercury; the next by the Moon; the next by Saturn; and so on in the same order throughout all the remaining hours of the day and night. It is a simple matter to work out the planetary hours for any given day once the times of sunrise and sunset have been taken from the almanac, but for those who need merely a close approximation there are numerous mechanical devices on sale that give the commencing times of each hour for various latitudes and their planetary rulers at a glance. The influence of each planetary hour for Electional purposes is as follows:-

Hour of Saturn. This hour is favourable for beginning undertakings that require much time, perseverance, and patience, and for dealing with Saturnian people such as farmers, gardeners, miners and mineowners, estate agents and elderly persons. It is a good time to deal in land, houses, and property, and to buy grain, coal, or other produce of the earth or of mines. It is favourable for digging, ploughing, and agricultural work generally, and also for archaeological and geological work, and anything relating to the past or to old and antique things. It is unfavourable for borrowing money, and is bad for all journeys and voyages owing to the risk of loss and disappointment. Servants and employees engaged in this hour are apt to prove idle and careless. It is bad for hair cutting, and for putting on new clothes for the first time. This hour is unfavourable for taking medicine; and anyone who is taken ill at this time may undergo a lengthy and serious illness.

Hour of Jupiter. This is favourable for most purposes. It is a good hour in which to deal with lawyers, doctors, clergymen, and professional people generally, as well as bankers, merchants, landlords, grocers, and all Jupiterian people. It is a good time for asking favours from influential persons, for borrowing and lending money, and for seeking employment. Journeys may be begun in this hour, but it is not favourable for boarding ships. It is good for social functions, banquets, and for joining benevolent societies or becoming a Freemason. Sowing and planting may be begun, but the hour is not a good one for purchasing animals. It is unfavourable for surgical operations, but a person taken ill in this hour will soon recover. It is an excellent time for becoming engaged to be married.

Hour of Mars. This is an unfortunate hour for most purposes, and especially for journeys and voyages. It is favourable for dealing with doctors, surgeons, dentists, chemists, engineers, soldiers, and others under the rule of Mars, and also for work connected with fire and metals, but there may be danger in the latter if Mars is afflicted. It is

also said to be favourable for engaging men servants, but this is the case only when Mars is well aspected. Work requiring much force and energy may be begun in this hour.

Hour of the Sun. This is not a very fortunate one for general purposes, and is chiefly favourable for obtaining preferment and for approaching influential or titled people and public officials. It is a bad period for beginning buildings and entering houses for the first time for it threatens quarrels and dissatisfaction, and is a dangerous hour in which to be taken ill. No new clothes should be first worn in the hour of the Sun, nor should any expenditure be incurred. It is a bad hour for love, courtship, and marriage. If the Sun is favourably aspected it is a good time for dealing with people and things ruled by the Sun, but if afflicted such dealings should be avoided. This principle applies to all the hours.

Hour of Venus. This hour is an extremely good one for courtship and marriage, and for all dealings with women or with matters relating to women. It is favourable for musical and artistic pursuits and interests, social affairs, and for all kinds of sport, pastimes, pleasure and enjoyment. It is a favourable time for beginning a journey, but not voyages; and it is a good time to leave another person's house, but a bad one in which to return to it again. It is unfavourable for surgical operations, and is also bad for wearing or beginning to make new clothes. Planting and sowing may be begun during this hour.

Hour of Mercury. This is favourable for general buying and selling, writing letters, signing documents, beginning studies, and other mercurial activities. It is good for planting and sowing and for sending children to school or college, especially when Mercury is well aspected by the Moon or Venus, but in no circumstances is it favourable for marriage. It is a good hour in which to begin a journey, but bad for re-entering one's house after a long journey or voyage as it threatens quarrels and discontent. It is favourable for borrowing or lending money, and for matters connected with apprenticeship, especially when Mercury is in good aspect with Jupiter. It is a bad hour for buying houses or lands, engaging servants, or arranging bail for a prisoner. It is favourable for taking medicine, especially when Mercury is in good aspect with Mars, Jupiter, or Saturn; and is a good time for seeking favours from influential people. If Mercury is weak and afflicted there is danger of deception and trickery at the hands of others.

Hour of the Moon. This is a favourable time for courtship and marriage, and also for sending children to school. A journey may be begun in this hour, but the return home from a journey, and especially from a voyage, should be begun under another hour. It is also said to be favourable for

dealing with enemies and opponents. Friends may be made, especially among women and the general public. It is a good time for hiring servants, and also for advertising and opening shops, due care being taken to see that the Moon is strong and well aspected. This hour is unfavourable for buying animals, especially small ones, and also for beginning building and lending money. Neither is it good for taking medicine, nor for making clothes.

This concludes the general rules and principles of Electional Astrology, and the following chapters cover all the special rules for particular elections.

CHAPTER VI

PERSONAL ELECTIONS

Under this heading may be grouped a number of elections which all refer to toilet and personal matters.

Cutting the Hair

The Moon should be in a mutable or earth sign, well placed and aspected, but not in Virgo owing to its barren nature. For speedy growth, however, it is better to let the ascendant and Moon both be in watery signs. The Moon should be increasing in light and motion, and in sextile or trine to the lord of the ascendant in the native's birth horoscope. Afflictions from the malefics to the Moon must be avoided, for they cause scurf and dandruff. For the hair to grow thick, the Moon should be in opposition to the sun, and both it and the ascendant should be unaspected by the malefics.

If the hair is not intended to grow quickly again, place the Moon in Gemini, Leo or Virgo, decreasing in light and motion, and afflicted by Saturn.

Dressing or Waving the Hair

Put the Moon in Aquarius in good aspect to Venus, and avoid afflictions to Mars, especially if heat is to be used. In the case of a permanent wave a sextile or trine to Saturn is advantageous.

Removing Superfluous Hair

In removing superfluous hair by means of ointments or depilatories let the Moon be in Pisces, Scorpio, or Cancer, in sextile, trine, or even square to Jupiter, Venus, or the Sun, but not in conjunction with any of them, and not in aspect to Saturn. On no account should the Moon be in any sign that increases hair, namely, Aries, Taurus, Leo, and the latter part of Sagittarius and Capricorn. In general let the Moon, ascendant and its lord be in feminine signs, and the Moon and lord of the ascendant be in the western half of the map. Always avoid an affliction from the Sun to the Moon and ascendant, especially in or from Aries.

Beauty Treatment, Massage, etc.

Put the Moon in Taurus, Cancer, Leo, Libra, Scorpio or Aquarius in good aspect to Venus, and also to Jupiter if possible. In the case of plastic surgery, afflictions to Mars must be avoided, and the Moon must not be in the zodiacal sign ruling the part to be operated upon. Avoid afflictions from Saturn, and do not let that planet be angular or occupy

the 6th house. The rising sign should be Libra or Aquarius, with Venus or Jupiter in the ascendant in good aspect to Mars and the Moon.

Cutting Nails and Corns.

In cutting the fingernails place the Moon in a succedent house, or failing that, in an angle, but take care it is not cadent. See that the Moon is not in any aspect with Mercury or Jupiter, nor afflicted by Saturn or Mars, for an affliction from Saturn makes the nails grow slowly or thin and weak, and an affliction from Mars tends to cause them to grow inwards. The Moon should be in Aries, Taurus, Cancer, Leo, or the first fifteen degrees of Libra, free from affliction. From Libra 15° to Scorpio 15°, as well as all Gemini and Sagittarius are particularly to be avoided.

In cutting the toenails see that the Moon is not in Gemini, Pisces, or from Libra 15° to Scorpio 15°.

In cutting corns let the Moon be in a cadent house, in Gemini, Leo, or Virgo, decreasing in light and motion, in order that the corns may not grow quickly again. But afflictions from the malefics must be avoided, for they might cause complications. Especially avoid afflictions in or from Cancer or Capricorn which are the signs producing corns.

Bathing.

Let the Moon be in Libra or Pisces, and in good aspect to Venus, when bathing for pleasure or cleanliness. In taking medicinal baths consider the planet causing the illness. If it is Saturn, and the illness is of a cold or moist nature, let the Moon be in a fiery sign in good aspect with the Sun. If Mars is the cause of the illness, and it is of a hot or feverish nature, let the Moon be in a watery sign, in good aspect with Jupiter or Venus.

Buying or Wearing New Clothes.

Fortify the ascendant, its ruler and the Moon. Let the ascendant and the sign containing its ruler be cardinal, and if possible let the Moon be in Aries (except from the seventh to the fifteenth degrees, and 22° or 23°), or Cancer (except the first six and last three degrees), or the first fifteen degrees of Libra, or the first eighteen degrees of Virgo, or the first nineteen degrees of Sagittarius, or the first twenty degrees of Pisces. The Moon may also be in the first twenty degrees of Taurus, for there it promises pleasure and satisfaction, but it should not be in any other fixed sign, especially Leo and Scorpio, the former being particularly evil for the purpose. The Moon should, if possible, be in sextile or trine to the Sun, but if all these requirements cannot be met, then at least keep the Moon out of Leo, Scorpio, Capricorn, and the last fifteen degrees of Libra, and see that it is not afflicted by the malefics.

When buying clothes it is as well to fortify the 2nd cusp and its ruler, and to let the Moon be increasing in light.

When putting on clothes for the first time let the Moon or the Sun be in the tenth house, free from affliction, and if possible in sextile or trine to Jupiter or Venus, with reception. Especially avoid placing the Moon in the ascendant or fifth house, and do not let the Moon or the rulers of these houses be in Leo, Scorpio, Capricorn, or the last fifteen degrees of Libra, or in affliction. If possible the ascendant, its ruler, the Moon, the dispositor of the Moon, the fifth house, and its ruler should all be in cardinal signs and none in fixed signs except the first twenty degrees of Taurus. Both Ptolemy and Hermes state emphatically that in the buying, cutting out, or wearing of new clothes it is extremely inadvisable to place the Moon in Leo even if well aspected, and the latter adds that it is equally bad for the Moon to be in conjunction or opposition with the Sun or afflicted by the malefics.

These are the rules laid down by the ancients, and they may be supplemented in certain particulars. In choosing a sign for the Moon the nature of the garment should receive consideration. Thus Aries is suitable for buying hats and headgear; Taurus for neckwear; Cancer for coats, shirts, blouses, vests, etc; Virgo for gloves; Libra for belts; Sagittarius for skirts, sporting outfits, tailor-made costumes and checks; and Pisces for boots, shoes, stockings, and socks. If possible there should be a favourable aspect from the planet ruling the colour of the garment. The Sun rules gold and yellow; the Moon silver, grey, yellow, green, brown, and opalescent colours; Mercury, yellow; Venus, pale blue, green, pink, turquoise and art shades; Mars, red, scarlet; Jupiter, blue and purple; Saturn, green, black, and very dark shades of any colour; Uranus, rich dark brown, also checks, stripes, tartans and colour combinations; and Neptune, lilac, lavender, mauve.

CHAPTER VII

DOMESTIC ELECTIONS

Engaging Servants.

Fortify the ascendant, its ruler, the Moon, its dispositor, Fortuna and its dispositor, and also the sign and ruler of the sixth house and its dispositor, and let the benefics be above the horizon. Make the ruler of the sixth house apply to the ruler of the ascendant, or make the latter dispose of the former. This is said to make the servant diligent and respectful, but if a malefic is in the fourth or sixth the servant will be an unfaithful one.

If these rules cannot all be observed place the lord of the sixth in the ascendant or Midheaven, or in sextile or trine to the cusps of these houses. If the servant is likely to be a source of profit, as, for example, a helper in a business, place the lord of the sixth in the second unafflicted, but not essentially dignified. If this is impossible place it in sextile or trine to the second cusp or in reception with, or disposed of by, the ruler of the second. It is also advisable in all cases to let the lord of the sixth house be in good aspect with the lords of the ascendant and the second house in the birth horoscope, and to see that the second house and the Moon in the radical map are unafflicted by the Electional positions. The Moon should be strong, well aspected, and free from all affliction. It is well placed in Taurus, Gemini or Virgo. If the Moon is in Leo the servant is likely to be proud and to have a large appetite, and the latter is also the case if the Moon is in Taurus. If in Capricorn or Aquarius the servant will leave but return again and soon leave once more. If the Moon is in Pisces there is danger of unfaithfulness, dishonesty, or drunkenness if at all afflicted. On the whole it is best to place the Moon in a fixed sign, and therefore it is generally favourable in Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, and also the latter half of Sagittarius. Some authorities say that for engaging a manservant the Moon should be in Gemini, Virgo, Libra, Sagittarius, or Aquarius, and for a maidservant it should be in Taurus, Cancer or Pisces. Afflictions from the malefics must be particularly avoided, for Saturn causes laziness and dirtiness; Mars gives danger of theft, intemperance, and fire; Neptune causes treachery and dishonesty; and Uranus causes breakages and also sudden and unexpected difficulties and troubles. Afflictions from Mercury denote theft and lying; from Venus untidiness and possibly immorality; and from Jupiter, theft and dishonesty. It is also wise to avoid any afflictions in Cancer and Virgo, the domestic signs.

Buying Food and Cooking

In everyday matters of this kind the Moon is of primary importance. When the Moon is in Aries or Capricorn, especially if applying to Jupiter, it is a suitable time for buying or eating mutton and veal. In Taurus, especially if applying to Venus, it is good for beef and also for sugar and sweets. If in Gemini or the other airy signs, and applying to Mercury it makes birds unsafe, while if the application is to Mars, all meats of a heating nature should be avoided. In Cancer, it is favourable for buying milk, butter, cheese, eggs, onions, and tea. In Leo, or when applying to Mars from Virgo, venison should be avoided. In Virgo it is favourable for buying vegetables, cereals, flour, bread, and cakes, but if it is afflicted by Mars it is best not to eat herbs, vegetables and fruit, especially apricots, peaches, plums and cherries. In Libra or Aquarius it is favourable for milk or foods made from milk such as custards, etc., and also for confectionery. In Scorpio it is good for buying medicines, but dangerous if afflicted by the malefics. In Sagittarius it is suitable for game. In Capricorn it is good for buying coffee, cocoa, and hares or rabbits. In Pisces it is favourable for fish, especially if applying to Jupiter. If the Moon applies by good aspect to the Sun or Mars any kind of meat may be bought or eaten; if to Mercury, cereals, vegetables, and birds; if to Venus, sugar, sweets, and fancy cakes; if to Jupiter, grocery and provisions, and if the Moon applies to Saturn it is necessary to beware of stale food, salted meat, and cold foods.

When shopping beware of afflictions in or to Leo, especially in the birth horoscope, for they cause absentmindedness, loss of parcels, wrong change, and similar misfortunes.

When baking it is best to place the Moon in Aries, Cancer, Libra or Capricorn, while *when boiling or brewing* it should be in Cancer, Scorpio, or Pisces. *For roasting*, a good aspect of Mars is useful, but an affliction may cause burning. If cooking by gas or electricity be careful of afflictions from Neptune and Uranus respectively, as they may cause escapes of gas or short circuits.

In making cakes put the Moon in Gemini, Libra, or Aquarius in good aspect to Venus or Mercury, and avoid afflictions from Saturn which cause heaviness. If very fancy cakes or confectionery are being made the Moon is best in Libra.

In making jam the Moon should be in Scorpio or Taurus in good aspect to Venus.

When making wine or other drinks place the Moon in Pisces or Taurus in good aspect to Venus. Avoid aspects from Saturn, which make the drink harsh, and from Mars, which make it strong and also give danger

of breaking the bottle containing it; but good aspects from Mercury, Jupiter, or the Sun are advantageous.

A dinner, feast, or banquet should be begun when the ascendant and its ruler are fortunate, and when the Moon, its dispositor, the fifth cusp and its ruler are well aspected, and all are free from affliction from Mars and Saturn, and are in reception with the rulers of the seventh and eleventh houses.

Buying Tools, Household Goods, and Utensils

When buying tools and ironmongery the Moon should be in good aspect to Mars, especially if the article is made of iron or steel; to Jupiter if it is of tin; to Venus if of copper; to Saturn if of lead; and to Mercury and Uranus if of aluminium. When buying drills, gimlets, screws, screwdrivers, nails, hammers and similar tools with a driving action, the Moon should be in a cardinal sign, especially Aries, and well aspected. For planes and grooving tools the Moon is well aspected. For planes and grooving tools the Moon is well placed in Taurus, Libra, and Aquarius; for saws, Capricorn and Aquarius; for measuring instruments, Gemini and Virgo; and for scissors and cutting instruments, Gemini. In the purchase of household utensils, the Moon should be free of affliction and in a sign ruling the article in question or well aspected by the planet ruling that sign. For crockery, afflictions involving Cancer should be avoided. For glass and ornamental brass articles the Moon should be in Leo; for pots and pans, Taurus and Virgo are good signs, and a favourable aspect from Mars is beneficial. For soap and cleaning utensils, the Moon is best in Cancer; for polishes, Leo; and for brooms and brushes, Cancer or Capricorn. For thread and sewing materials the Moon should be in Virgo; for pins and needles, Aries; for wool, Taurus; for silk, Libra or Aquarius; and for cotton, Cancer or Virgo. In buying a vacuum cleaner the Moon should be in a fixed sign, preferably Aquarius; and this sign is also favourable for buying electrical and gas appliances. For furniture the best sign is Libra, with good aspects from Venus and Jupiter.

Household Work

When washing, the Moon should be in a watery sign, particularly Cancer, well aspected by Venus or Jupiter. Afflictions from Saturn should be avoided, for they cause the articles to become dirty very quickly. When cleaning, a favourable aspect from Saturn is helpful for it tends to produce thoroughness; while a good aspect from Mars adds energy. The Moon is best in an earthy sign if brooms, brushes, and dusters are being used, and airy signs should be avoided. When having chimneys swept the Moon must not be afflicted by Saturn. It is best in a

fiery sign in good aspect to Jupiter. For household repairs the Moon should be in the sign ruling the article to be mended, in good aspect with Venus, Jupiter or the Sun, and with its dispositor. For general carpentry work the Moon is best in Cancer, favourably aspected by Jupiter, but for mending furniture Libra or Aquarius are the most suitable signs. For painting, the Moon should be in a watery sign, especially Scorpio; for whitewashing, in Cancer; and for paper hanging, in one of the airy signs. For electrical work the best signs are Aquarius, Libra, or Gemini, or when the Moon is in good aspect to Uranus; and for gas repairs, the Moon should be in Aquarius, or in good aspect to Neptune. For mending sinks and drains place the Moon in Scorpio or in good aspect to a planet in that sign.

CHAPTER VIII

COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Buying and Selling

The seventh house and its lord signify the person (that is, the buyer or the seller) who first broaches the matter; the ascendant and its lord signify the person approached; the Midheaven and its lord signify the price of the article; the fourth, its lord, and the Moon, the article itself; while the planet from which the Moon last separated is co-significator of the seller, and the planet to which it next applies is co-significator of the buyer. The Moon in the ascendant is favourable for either buying or selling, though it is bad for most purposes.

In buying, fortify Fortuna and place it in Sagittarius or Pisces in good aspect to Jupiter, Venus, or Mercury if itself well aspected. Let the Moon be decreasing in light, and in a sign of long ascension, increasing in light or motion, and joined with the benefics. It will also be favourable for selling if the Moon is in Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Capricorn, or Pisces separating from the conjunction or favourable aspect of the Sun, Venus, Jupiter, or Mercury, and aspecting the malefics but not in conjunction with them. If the Moon separates from the benefics and applies to the malefics it is much better for the seller than the buyer; therefore to buy cheaply let the Moon separate from malefics and apply to benefics. It should be noted that there are contradictory statements amongst various authors as to the best sign position of the Moon for buying and selling. It has been said that the Moon “between the beginning of Capricorn and the latter end of Gemini,” causes one to buy dear and sell cheap; while when placed “between the beginning of Cancer and the latter end of Sagittarius: it conduces to cheap buying and dear selling. This is a flat contradiction of the rule given above, and is, I think, much less likely to be correct. I am inclined to think that it arose through hasty or careless study of the early writers on Electional Astrology, or through confusion over the signs of long and short ascension.

In either buying or selling it is important to keep the Moon and Mercury free from the conjunction or any aspect of Mars, for that always hinders the business and causes discord and wrangling. Some authors add that Cauda exercises the same effect. If the Moon is passing from the first quarter to the full, it is best for selling; while if from the full to the last quarter it is best for buying. From the last quarter to the New Moon is the best time for buying things which the buyer would conceal or keep secret. In selling it is also advantageous for the Moon to be swift in

motion and in good aspect with the benefics at her entrance into the first quarter.

In buying to sell again fortify the Moon particularly, and also Mercury, the lord of the second house and if possible the lord of the ascendant. Let the Moon be in conjunction or good aspect with Mercury, strong by sign and house, and free from affliction, especially by Mars. Fortify the Moon, the eleventh house and its lord if Mercury cannot be fortified, but at least see that Mercury is free from conjunction or any aspect of Mars, and if possible let it be in conjunction or good aspect with Venus or the lord of the eleventh or both. The more strongly that the Moon and Mercury can be fortified, the more certainty will there be of gain.

Borrowing and Lending Generally

The ascendant and its lord are the significators of the borrower; the seventh and its lord are significators of the lender; and Mercury and the Moon signify the thing to be lent. If, however, the Moon is within 17° from the Sun, the latter becomes significator of the article instead of the Moon. In order to bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion let the lord of the ascendant and the lord of the seventh be in good aspect or reception; or let the lord of the seventh be in the ascendant, or Mercury be in reception, or in conjunction or aspect, with the lord of the ascendant. See that the Moon is not placed between 15° Libra and 15° Scorpio, nor in the ascendant at noon; and take care that neither the Moon nor ascendant is in the first degree of Gemini, Leo or Sagittarius, which is bad for both parties, and particularly for the lender. Never lend anything in the hour of Saturn, nor when Jupiter is afflicted or within 17 degrees of the Sun.

Borrowing Money

Fortify the lord of the second, the sign containing it, and the second cusp in both the radical and Electional maps; and also fortify Jupiter. Let the Moon be decreasing in light and in Leo, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Aquarius, or Pisces; and let Jupiter or Venus be in favourable aspect to the ascendant, or Moon, or both if possible, but see that neither Jupiter nor Venus be cadent. Take care that the Moon is not afflicted by any of the malefics, nor in conjunction, or any affliction, with Mercury. If the Moon is afflicted by Mars there is much solicitation, difficulty, and often quarrels; while if the affliction is from Saturn there is considerable delay, and often failure or a disappointing end. Never borrow or lend money when the Moon or ascendant is in the first degree of Gemini, Leo or Sagittarius, or the Moon is in the ascendant at noon, for much inconvenience will arise, particularly to the lender.

If the transaction is to be kept a close secret, let the Moon be within 17° from the Sun and applying to the conjunction or good aspect of Jupiter or Venus, which are themselves free from affliction. If the Moon after separating from the Sun applies to the conjunction or any aspect of Mars the business will be divulged, and known by those from whom it is desired to keep it. It is advisable also to see that the Moon is not in conjunction with either of the nodes, nor placed between 15° Libra and 15° Scorpio, nor in the ascendant at noon.

If it desired to keep the money idle for a long time let the angles, and especially the ascendant, be in fixed signs, and the lord of the ascendant, the Moon, and the lord of the second be also in fixed signs, strong and free from affliction. But if the money is to be used quickly let the angles, and especially the ascendant, be in cardinal signs, or failing that in mutable ones, and let the lord of the ascendant, the Moon, and lord of the second in the radical map, and if possible in the Electional map also, be in cardinal signs and free from affliction. If it is desired to keep the money so that it may be used to advantage, fortify the ascendant, its ruler, and Jupiter; and the lord of the eighth in reception with the lord of the second or ascendant. If possible place the lord of the eighth in the second, and the lord of the second in the eighth.

In the case of a will made in emergency during illness, the following rules should be observed. If the Moon be slow in motion, unaspected, combust, or under the Sunbeams, the testator will die and the will remain unaltered. This is especially so if the Moon be in conjunction (not in aspect) to Mars, provided Mars is not in the ascendant nor aspecting either the ascendant or its lord. There is, however, danger that the will will be lost or stolen.

If Saturn, instead of Mars, is similarly placed in regard to the Moon or lord of the ascendant, and in no aspect to the ascendant, the testator will live and the will will remain unaltered during the rest of his life and after his death; but if Saturn afflict the ascendant it will be altered.

If Jupiter or Venus be similarly placed the testator will recover, and subsequently revoke the will.

Searching For Hidden Treasure

This is perhaps not an election that will often be needed by most readers, and it may be well to repeat the advice given by all the ancient authors to make quite certain from the birth map that one is at all likely to succeed in any such enterprise before attempting it. Should the answer be sufficiently reassuring to justify an election, then fortify the lord of the ascendant, the Moon, and the fourth house and its lord, and

let them apply to a good aspect of Jupiter or Venus, taking care to place the malefics in cadent houses and the benefics in angles.

Making Investments

It is not possible to deal with this subject in these pages, for all the information available is confidential and I am not at liberty to publish it. It will be obvious that the radical map must receive careful attention, and that the fifth house and its lord are of chief importance, but the full consideration of the subject of investment and speculation belongs to the commercial branch of astrology, the laws of which are unlikely to be publicly stated for many years.

CHAPTER IX

BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION

Apprenticing a Youth to a Trade

Fortify the Moon, the cusp of the tenth house, and the lord of the tenth in the radical and electional maps. Fortify also the planet ruling the trade selected, and the signs influencing it, as given in all textbooks of natal astrology.

Learning Any Trade or Occupation

Note the planet ruling the occupation and let one of the signs ruled by that planet occupy the ascendant or tenth house.

Learning Any Science

Place a human sign upon the ascendant and let the Moon be in a human sign also. Put the lord of the ascendant in the tenth or entering it, and the lords of the tenth and ninth in aspect to the ascendant. Let the Moon be in conjunction with Mercury or in good aspect to it, Mercury being strong and well dignified. Put Mercury in good aspect with the lord of the ascendant; and let the lord of the ninth be in reception with the lord of the ascendant. See that the Moon is not decreasing in light nor descending in latitude.

Learning Music

Regard the chief significators Venus, Mercury, and the Moon. Place Venus in some of her own dignities (the stronger the better) and let Mercury apply to her also from some of her dignities. Let the Moon be similarly placed, especially in Pisces or separating from Mercury and applying to Venus. Let the ascendant be in a suitable sign, and let Venus, and if possible Mercury also, have dignity therein. See that Mercury, Venus and the Moon are angular, but if it is not possible to place the Moon in an angle let her be in the ninth house, strong and well aspected. When learning singing place the lord of the ascendant in the ninth, strong and free from affliction. Put the Moon in Capricorn, which causes a carrying voice, or in Gemini or Virgo. Fortify the ninth and its lord and let them be free from all afflictions from the malefics; and also fortify the tenth and its lord if adopting singing as a profession. Bonatus says that to excel all others in singing place Mercury direct and joined to Venus retrograde, either in the houses, exaltations or other dignities of either of them.

When Learning Any Wind Instrument

Place the Moon in Pisces, Scorpio or the last decanate of Leo.

Setting Up In Any Trade or Profession

Let the radical tenth cusp be the ascendant of the election. Let the lord of the ascendant and the Moon not only be free from affliction, but in sextile or trine to the lords of the tenth and second houses. If possible let the benefics be angular and the malefics cadent, but note that if the occupation be ruled by one of the malefics, that malefic should be strong and well placed in the figure.

Engaging Assistants

The rules for this are the same as for engaging servants. The planet and signs ruling the business, or the duties for which the assistant is required, should be well placed and aspected.

Starting in Employment or Taking up a Position

Let the luminaries be in their dignities, or at least not afflicted by the malefics. Let Jupiter be in the ascendant and the Sun in the Midheaven. Let the seventh and second houses be strong and fortunate, for if these are occupied by the malefics it shows trouble through money or associates, especially if Jupiter and Venus do not aspect them favourably.

Entering the Church or Beginning Serious Studies

Fortify the ascendant, the third house, and their lords, the Moon and its dispositor, the Sun, and also Jupiter, which is the general significator of religion. If possible let the luminaries be in Sagittarius or Pisces, or let either of these signs be rising. For mystical pursuits fortify Neptune also, and for study fortify Mercury. If possible let the significators be in good aspect to each other to their dispositors, or to each other's house.

Making Contracts

Let the Moon be in the ascendant or in a sign of the same triplicity, and if possible essentially dignified, or in good aspect to her dispositor. Fortify the lord of the eleventh and place it in a strong position.

Partnerships and Agreements

The ascendant, its lord and the planet from which the Moon last separated denote the party who began the business; the seventh, its lord and the planet to which the moon next applies denote the other party; the tenth and its lord denote what will happen between them; and the fourth and its lord denote the end of the business. The party prospering most or most stable in the matter may be judged by noting whether the

ascendant or seventh cusp is the better aspected by the lord of the tenth, or is the more essentially dignified.

Place the Moon, the ascendant and its lord at the time of making the agreement or partnership in mutable signs, especially Gemini or Virgo. If Sagittarius or Pisces be chosen let the Moon be received by Jupiter. Fixed signs are all unfavourable with the exception of Leo, and so are cardinal signs, except Capricorn. If possible place Fortuna, its dispositor, and the dispositor of the Moon also in mutable signs. Fortify all the significators, placing them in aspect to the benefics and free from affliction by the malefics. Let the Moon be increasing in light and motion, and let as many of the significators as possible be in aspect with each other or in reception, especially the lords of the ascendant and seventh.

CHAPTER X

FRIENDSHIP AND FAVOUR

Gaining Love and Friendship

Fortify the Moon, the eleventh and its lord, placing both in trine and reception with Venus, and let Venus be also well dignified, or else let her trine and receive the lord of the ascendant and lord of the eleventh, the reception being by house or exaltation. If this cannot be done let them be trined and received by Jupiter in the same manner, and let the lord of the ascendant be well dignified. If the friendship is desired for the purpose of gain or profit let Fortuna be in the ascendant; if for gaining inheritance put Fortuna in the fourth, and so with other houses according to the purpose for which the friendship is desired.

For Friendship with Relatives and Neighbours

Fortify the lord of the radical ascendant and if possible let him apply to a good aspect of the lord of the third or vice-versa. Alternatively let the lord of the ascendant and third be in reception and well placed.

Fortify the radical third house and its lord.

Reconciling People at Variance

In the case of two brothers or neighbours fortify the ascendant and its lord, the Moon and its dispositor and the third and its lord; and let the lord of the third be in conjunction or good aspect and in reception, by any dignity, with the lord of the ascendant. If possible let the lord of the third be in good aspect with the ascendant, and the lord of the ascendant in good aspect with the cusp of the third house; or let the lord of the ascendant be in the tenth or eleventh, and the Moon be in good aspect with either or both of the significators.

If the reconciliation be with a woman or between women Venus must be fortified. If elders or superiors are involved attention must be paid to Saturn; if equals, to Mars; and if young people or inferiors, to Mercury.

In general vary the above significators according to the persons to be reconciled. If you yourself are one of the parties take the ascendant and its lord for yourself, and for the other person take the house and ruler signifying him or her in the map, as the fourth for the father, tenth for the mother, seventh for the wife, fifth for a child, sixth for a servant and so on, in the same manner as the third was taken above for a brother, sister or neighbour.

Visiting

On setting out to visit a person let the lord of the seventh be in the ascendant, and let the Moon be in aspect and reception with any retrograde planet, for this ensures that the person shall be met.

Joining Clubs or Associations

Fortify the lord of the ascendant and let him apply to a good aspect of the lord of the eleventh, or vice-versa. If possible let the lords of the ascendant and eleventh be in reception or let the Moon translate light from the lord of the ascendant to the lord of the eleventh. If the club or association is connected with any special purpose fortify the planet and house ruling that purpose, and let the former be in favourable aspect with the significators.

When Becoming a Freemason

Take the twelfth house and its lord instead of the eleventh, and fortify Jupiter.

For Parties and Social Gatherings

Fortify the eleventh and fifth and their rulers, and let the ascendant or Moon be in Leo or Libra, in good aspect to Venus. Do not let the malefics be angular, and avoid afflictions from them to the significators, for afflictions from Mars denote quarrels or unpleasantness, and from Saturn slowness, heaviness, and boredom.

In the case of garden parties it is better to fortify Jupiter than Venus, for if Venus is strong there is risk of rain.

Giving or Sending Presents

Fortify the fifth house and its lord and also Jupiter, and see that Mars and Saturn are in no aspect to these planets nor to the Moon and Fortuna and their dispositors, the Part of Goods, or the ascendant and its lord.

If possible let the ascendant and fifth cusp be in mutable signs, the best being Pisces and the first fifteen degrees of Sagittarius, after that Virgo, and finally Gemini.

Receiving Presents

Fortify the ascendant and second house and their lords, and also the Moon and its dispositor, for this will cause gain to come through the gift. Also fortify Fortuna, its dispositor, and Jupiter, and see that Mars and Saturn are in no aspect to the above significators.

Obtaining Promises and Asking Favours

Fortify the eleventh and its lord, the ascendant and its lord, and Fortuna and its dispositor. Make the lord of the ascendant in aspect to both the lord of the eleventh and the dispositor of Fortuna, or place one of them in good aspect to the lord of the ascendant and the other to the ascendant itself. Let the Moon be well dignified and received by the lord of the eleventh and the planet signifying the thing promised. Let the lord of the seventh apply to the lord of the ascendant or to the ascendant itself; for the seventh denotes the party applied to, the ascendant the person requiring the promise or asking the favour, and the Moon the promise or thing sought. Therefore it is favourable if the Moon separates from the lord of the seventh and applies to the lord of the ascendant.

The cusp of the eleventh should be in the dignities of the planet signifying the person approached; as, for example, Saturn, if an old person; Jupiter, if a judge or professional man; and so on. Also let this planet itself apply by good aspect to the lord of the ascendant, and let the lord of the house signifying the person approached also apply favourably to the lord of the ascendant. If the father, take the lord of the fourth house; if a business superior or an influential person, the lord of the tenth, and so on. If the business concerns money see that the second and its lord receive a good aspect from the significators of the person approached.

When asking favours from noble or influential persons, put Jupiter in the ascendant in good aspect and reception with the lord of the tenth. Or put the lord of the tenth in the ascendant or in sextile or trine thereto or to its lord or the Moon. If possible put the Moon in the tenth, free from all impediments, and let the lord of the ascendant also be strong and unafflicted by the malefics. See that neither Saturn nor Mars is angular, especially in the ascendant, unless it is a significator. If all these conditions cannot be complied with let the lord of the thing desired be in the tenth, or the lord of the tenth in the house ruling the thing or in good aspect to it and its lord, and if possible let the aspect be with reception.

When approaching a king or prince let a fiery sign rise, and place the Sun in good aspect to Jupiter or Venus. Or let the Moon be in the ascendant in good aspect to the Sun in the tenth.

When applying to a clergyman, doctor, lawyer, or judge let the Moon be in conjunction or good aspect with Jupiter, or even in square if they are in reception. When approaching elderly people let the Moon apply to a good aspect of Saturn, if possible from angles. When approaching

women, let the Moon apply to a favourable aspect of Venus; and when approaching writers, editors, clerks, accountants, etc., let the Moon apply to Mercury. In all these cases take care that your own significator is in favourable aspect or reception with the significator of the person to whom you intend to apply.

To Accomplish Desires or Gain Credit for Undertakings

Put Sagittarius, Pisces, or Cancer on the ascendant. Fortify Jupiter, the Moon, and the eleventh and its lord. If possible place Jupiter in the eleventh or ascendant, or at least in sextile or trine to one or both of these places; and let him be in reception with the lord of the eleventh. If possible put the lord of the eleventh in the ascendant, and the lord of the ascendant in the eleventh. Place the Sun in the tenth or the ascendant, free from impediment, and the Moon in trine or sextile to him, or even in square with reception provided she be strong and unafflicted. If possible let the Moon separate from Jupiter, the lord of the ascendant, or the lord of the eleventh, when applying to the Sun, for this denotes that the credit or praise will be spread abroad.

CHAPTER XI

MEDICAL ELECTIONS

The medical side of Electional Astrology would require a large volume to itself if it were to be adequately treated, and the task would be beyond our present knowledge of the subject. I have therefore not attempted any complete account of all the elections that could be made in accordance with present day medical knowledge, partly because little is known and a great deal of research work would be needed to obtain the necessary information, and partly because such work can be properly handled only by a medical expert. The following notes embody all the information that has been handed down to us, and presumably tested many times in the past.

For a Doctor to Visit a Patient

Make the angles and their lords as strong as possible, and place the benefics therein. For the ascendant and its lord well dignified indicates that the patient will benefit; the tenth, that the patient will be obedient; the seventh, that the doctor will be able to go through with his treatment; and the fourth, that the medicine will be effective. Fortify the ninth, its lord, the Moon and its dispositor, for if the ninth and its lord be weak or afflicted the doctor will lose the patient's confidence, no matter how good he may be. For the doctor to gain credit let the Moon and Jupiter be strong and dignified, and let the latter be in the second or in good aspect to the cusp or fortified lord of that house, Fortuna, and its dispositor. Let the patient be first seen or visited in the hour of Jupiter.

Taking Medicine or Beginning Treatment

Let the ascendant be the sign ruling the diseased part of the body, and see that it is free from affliction. Fortify the Moon and take care that it is not in conjunction or opposition with the lord of the sixth, eighth or twelfth at the decumbiture, or in the patient's radical map, or in the election. It is best to have no aspect from the Moon to these planets, but if one cannot be avoided let it be a sextile or trine, if possible with reception. Let the Moon be in the eastern half of the map.

If the illness is all over the body let the ascendant be a human sign, Libra being the best, and let the Moon and lord of the ascendant be also in human signs, strong and free from affliction, especially by the above signifiers. It is favourable to let the ascendant be Libra or Scorpio with the Moon therein in conjunction or good aspect with the benefics. Avoid all aspects from the malefics if possible, and if not let them be

good ones, but take care that the Moon is not aspected by two malefics or going to combustion.

Note that in cases where no blood is drawn the Moon may safely be in the sign ruling the diseased part of the body. Avoid giving medicine when the Moon is in the first 15° of Libra or Aquarius, in conjunction or bad aspect with Saturn, Jupiter, or Mars, or when these planets are in mutual aspect, for the operation of the medicine is hindered. In preparing medicines avoid the hours of Saturn and Mars. In undergoing electrical treatment fortify Uranus, and keep it free from affliction, especially by Mars, while in ray treatment fortify Neptune as much as possible.

Giving Purgatives

Place the ascendant, its lord, the Moon and its dispositor, or as many of these as possible, in Cancer, Scorpio or Pisces. Let the Moon if possible be placed between 15° Libra and 15° Scorpio aspecting a planet below the earth and unaspected by Saturn, Jupiter, and Mars, or a retrograde planet. Avoid having the Moon in Aries, Taurus, Capricorn or the last half of Sagittarius, and do not let either the Moon or the lord of the ascendant aspect a planet above the earth for these tend to cause vomiting. According to Haly the lord of the ascendant, the Moon, and dispositor of the Moon should be strong, dignified, oriental, angular, and free from the aspects of the malefics, especially in the case of the Moon, the lord of the ascendant and the ascendant itself. The Moon should apply to Venus, and be in reception with the benefics; and its dispositor if weak should be in good aspect to the benefics with reception. The Moon should not apply to, or be in aspect with, Jupiter for that hinders the effect.

If the purgative is in liquid form Scorpio is the best sign for the ascendant or Moon; if in powder form, Cancer; and if as a pill, Pisces. Avoid the Moon in the ascendant for it tends to cause swellings, and also take care that the Moon and lord of the ascendant are not in the fourth. See that the lord of the eighth is neither angular nor in aspect with any of the significators.

Giving Emetics

Place the ascendant, its lord, and the Moon in the ruminant signs Aries, Taurus, and Capricorn, of which Taurus is the best. Let the lord of the ascendant be exalted, or in sextile or trine to the rising degree.

See that the Moon is in no aspect to any planet below the earth for that causes the medicine to work downwards, especially if the planet be strong; therefore let the Moon be in conjunction or aspect with a strong

and dignified planet above the earth. Take care that the Moon, ascendant, and lord of the ascendant are not in watery signs, especially Scorpio and Cancer for that has a laxative effect.

For Gargles

Let the ascendant be Cancer, Leo, or Virgo, or, according to some, Aries, Taurus, or Capricorn. Let the Moon be decreasing in light and motion, and in Aries, or Taurus descending in latitude, and applying to the benefics. Place the lord of the ascendant also in Aries, Taurus, or Capricorn.

For Enemas

Put the ascendant in Aries, Libra, Scorpio or Aquarius. Let the Moon also be in one of these signs applying to Venus, and let the lord of the ascendant be unaspected by the lord of the sixth.

Treatment for the Head

Let the ascendant be Aries, well fortified, if possible, by the benefics, and free from the aspects of the malefics. Let the Moon be in Aries or Taurus, decreasing in light, in conjunction or aspect with the benefics and free from hindrance or affliction. Take care that the Sun is in no aspect to either the Moon or ascendant when they are in Aries, especially in square or opposition, because of the great heat generated.

Treatment for the Eyes

Let the Moon be increasing in light and motion, fortunate, aspected by the benefics, and unaspected by Mars. Let Jupiter be in the ascendant or above the earth, in sextile or trine with the ascendant or even in square provided it is not weak or afflicted. Keep the ascendant and the Moon out of earth signs, and if an aspect between the Moon and Mars is unavoidable, take care that it is separating.

Treatment for the Nose

Let the ascendant be in Cancer, Leo, or Virgo, and place the Moon in the ascendant in aspect with a benefic, free from combustion and affliction, unaspected by a malefic, and not in conjunction with a weak or retrograde planet.

Surgical Operations

Let the Moon be increasing in light and motion, in good aspect with Jupiter or Venus, and unaspected by Mars. Let the Moon be in a fixed sign, but not in the sign ruling the part to be operated upon nor, according to some authors, even in aspect to it. Also see that the

ascendant and its lord are not in this sign, nor let the Moon and lord of the ascendant be cadent.

It is important to fortify the sign and its lord ruling the part of the body to be operated upon, and place the lord of the ascendant in the ascendant or Midheaven, unaspected by Mars, at the same time keeping the Moon free from any kind of hindrance or affliction. In a general way the Moon is better in a fixed sign than in a cardinal or mutable one, but this consideration is a secondary one, and it is of far greater importance to keep it out of the sign ruling the part of the body operated upon. Afflictions from Saturn or Mars tend to cause festering, gangrene, and other complications, and are especially dangerous when the Moon is near the conjunction of the Sun, and until it has separated by fully twelve degrees.

Dental Treatment

See that the Moon is not in Aries or Taurus, and keep Mars and Saturn free from affliction. Afflictions to Jupiter or such as involve the fixed signs should also be avoided. If anaesthetics are to be used take care that Neptune is well aspected, both in the radical and Electional maps.

Circumcision

Let Venus be exalted above Mars and applying to a good aspect to Jupiter; and let the ascendant, its lord, Venus, and the Moon be unaspected by Saturn. Let the lord of the ascendant be ascending in latitude, and place the Moon and its dispositor in northern signs and succedent houses. See that the Moon is not in Scorpio, and that Mars is not in any angle.

Phlebotomy, Bloodletting, Transfusion of Blood, Etc.

Let the lord of the ascendant, the rising sign, the Moon and its dispositor be strong and unaspected by Saturn, Mars, or the Sun for these have a hindering effect. The Moon in conjunction with any of them hinders phlebotomy a day before and after the exact conjunction; in opposition, twelve hours; and in square, six hours. The Moon in conjunction with Venus or Mercury hinders blood letting twelve hours before and after, especially if they be combust. See that the Moon is not in Leo, Taurus, or the sign where the incision is to be made. The Moon may be in conjunction or good aspect with Jupiter or Venus if they are not combust, and even in square to them provided the Moon be in a good sign. It is favourable also for the Moon to be in a good sign, and free from affliction in trine or sextile with Saturn, Mars, or the Sun. But avoid the Moon or lord of the ascendant in the fourth house. For those of sanguine temperament, the Moon should be passing from New Moon

to First Quarter. For choleric people from First Quarter to Full, and in Cancer, Scorpio or Pisces. For phlegmatic people, from Full to Last Quarter, and in Aries or Sagittarius. And for melancholy people, from Last Quarter to New Moon, and in Libra or Aquarius. With young men and women the Moon should be passing from New to First Quarter; for middle-aged people, from First Quarter to Full; for elderly people, from Full to Last Quarter; and for old people, from Last Quarter to New Moon.

For Stopping Haemorrhage

Let the Moon be in Taurus, Virgo, or Capricorn.

CHAPTER XII

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Marriage

The ascendant, its lord, the Sun, and the planet from which the Moon last separated are signifiers of the man. The seventh house, its lord, Venus, the planet to which the Moon next applies are the signifiers of the woman. The tenth house, its lord and occupants, and planets aspecting the cusp or the lord denote the things that will happen between them, whether good or bad. The fourth house, its lord and occupants, and planets aspecting the cusp or lord denote the event and the end of the marriage.

Mercury denotes the children and if dignified and in conjunction or aspect with the benefics, especially if in a fruitful sign, denotes a child speedily. Let the ascendant be well aspected or occupied by the benefics, and unafflicted by the malefics. Particularly fortify the Moon for upon her much of the good or evil depends. Let the Moon be increasing in light and motion (especially light), and if possible past the first quarter and not in conjunction with a malefic in the ascendant, for that signifies continual strife and discord. If this position be found in either nativity, the party having it will have chief power and will make strife, but if the Moon be above the earth he or she will nevertheless be inclined to make peace again. Be certain to fortify Venus, who is chief signifier, and take care that she is not cadent, combust, retrograde, nor in fall, detriment, or afflicted by the malefics. No marriage can be good if Venus is weak or afflicted, nor can it be very bad if Venus is strong and well aspected. If possible put Jupiter in sextile or trine with Venus, or Venus in reception with Jupiter, and the Moon in a sign ruled by either or in one of their terms and if possible in good aspect with them. Or place the lord of the seventh in good aspect to Venus, Moon, or lord of ascendant, but make the lord of the seventh be disposed of by them by one of the essential dignities. Let the Moon, Jupiter, and Venus if possible be in sextile or trine to each other, but the trine, is best and in the watery triplicity. Be sure they, or any of the signifiers, are not in the signs or parts of signs to be avoided, especially in the ascendant. The values of the signs are as follows: -

- Aries: Bad for marriage
- Taurus: From 0° to 19°, good; the rest bad.
- Gemini: The first fifteen degrees are good, the rest bad.
- Cancer: Bad for marriage, except when marrying a widow.
- Leo: All good, but it causes one party to deceive the other as to his or her money or possessions.
- Virgo: Bad for marriage except when marrying a widow. Indicates that the husband soon dies.
- Libra: Good for betrothal but bad for marriage.
- Scorpio: The first fifteen degrees are good for marrying a maid or virgin, indicating that she will be obedient, good, chaste and loving. The last fifteen degrees are entirely bad, and denote a woman who is lewd, quarrelsome, treacherous, fickle, envious, malicious, and disobedient.
- Sagittarius: Indifferent, but not unfavourable.
- Capricorn: The first ten degrees are bad for marriage. The rest of the sign is good, especially in marrying a widow, and denotes that the woman will be loving and tractable, though she will have few children.
- Aquarius: Bad. Causes the woman to be masculine and disobedient.
- Pisces: Good. Makes the woman loving and just, though it inclines her to chattering.

These effects are strongest when the Moon is in the sign, but are also felt when it is on the ascendant or containing Venus. If the Moon and Venus are in cardinal signs the joy and happiness between the couple will not continue long. If Jupiter be in a feminine sign and Venus in a masculine, the marriage is better for the man than for the woman; and if otherwise, vice-versa; while if Jupiter or Venus is in the tenth house at the time of marriage it is said to indicate immediate conception. On no account should the Moon apply to Saturn or Mars even by good aspect, for it destroys love and harmony; while these planets in the seventh house indicate disharmony through the woman. IF the moon is combust it is said to signify the death of the husband; and if it is between 15° Libra and 15° Scorpio it denotes a bad end to the marriage. If the benefics are in the eastern half of the map the husband will gain most by the marriage, but if they are in the western half it will be the wife who will obtain most benefit. The relative strength and weakness of the

lords of the ascendant and seventh will indicate whether the husband or wife respectively will be the dominant partner.

If the birth map can be obtained observe the following rules: - Make the significators in the woman's map apply by good aspect to those in the man's, or let his dispose of hers, or let hers translate the light of the benefics to his, or be in reception with his by house or exaltation out of a good house, for this denotes happiness, contentment and good fortune. If benefics or planets aspected by benefics be in the radical Midheaven at the time of marriage, the couple will have issue in the first year. If in the birth map the lord of the tenth is in the ninth, there will be no conception in the first month. If in the radical maps the Moon of one be in the twelfth house of the other, that one whose Moon is so placed will be subordinate to the other. Also that one will be subordinate who has the lord of the ascendant, Moon, or Sun (if the man, and if the woman the lord of the ascendant, Moon, or Venus) disposed of by the significators of the other party, or applying to any aspect of them unless there be strong reception, which causes mutual amity. That one whose radical significators are strongest and most essentially fortified is usually the dominant partner.

In marriage for gain fortify the ascendant, its lord, the Moon and their dispositors. Let a cardinal or mutable sign be rising, and place the Moon in any mutable sign except Gemini. Let the ruler of the house containing the Moon be in Leo, and see that the chief significators are free from affliction and well placed, if possible with mutual reception. Fortify the first, second, fourth, tenth, and eleventh houses and their lords, or as many of these as possible and fortify Fortuna, placing it in good aspect to Jupiter or Venus.

Conception

The chief significators in this matter are the ascendant and fifth house and their lords, and the Moon and its dispositor. Fortify as many of these as possible and place them in male signs, if a male child is to be conceived, or in female signs if a female child. If the significators are equal in regard to sex look to the lord of the hour and the planet to which the Moon applies. If the significators are still equal an hermaphrodite may be born, and if the significators are in double-bodied signs there is a likelihood of twins. For a male child let fixed signs occupy the angles, and let the ascendant be a masculine sign of long ascension free from affliction by the malefics. Place the benefics free from affliction and strong, and take care that no malefic or feminine planet is angular. Let the luminaries be strong and free from affliction, and let the Moon be in good aspect with the Sun. See also

that the lord of the ascendant is fortunate in the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth months after conception, if possible. According to the ancients the odd planetary hours dispose to the conception of a male, and the even hours to that of a female.

If Venus and the Moon are weak or afflicted, conception will be hindered. For conception to take place quickly let the Moon be rising in Libra, with Cancer on the Midheaven, and let the Moon and ascendant be strong, and Jupiter be on the cusp of the tenth well aspected. If this cannot be done place Jupiter on the cusp of the eleventh or fifth in sextile or trine to the ascendant, its lord, or the Moon, and place the Moon or lord of the ascendant in the fifth, within 5° of the cusp in good aspect to the ascendant.

Conception is hindered if the Moon be in Gemini, Leo, or Virgo applying to Venus or aspecting Mars, and in no aspect with Jupiter.

Christening Children

Fortify the ascendant, its lord, the Moon and its dispositor. Place a fixed sign on the ascendant, with Jupiter strong in the first or ninth house, or in good aspect with the cusps of, or planets in, these houses, and let the planets in the ascendant or ninth be either benefics or at least well dignified. See that Saturn and Mars are not in these houses nor aspecting their occupants or lords. Fortify the ninth and its lord, and place Venus and the Moon in good aspect to Jupiter, if possible with reception, or let them all be in conjunction in the ascendant or ninth, and let the significators be in sextile or trine to Jupiter or Mercury.

Putting Children to Nurse

When the nurse first feeds the child let the Moon be in conjunction, sextile or trine to Venus, and if possible in Taurus or Libra. Venus is best placed in one of the first six signs, especially Taurus or Cancer.

Take care also to fortify the radical Moon, Venus and ascendant.

For Weaning Children

Let the Moon be remote from, and in no aspect with, the Sun, and let neither be in Taurus or Libra. Some authors, however, favour the Moon in Libra and also in Virgo from the twelfth to the twenty-fifth degree, which constitutes its twelfth mansion. If the Moon be in an earth sign the child will be fond of eating herbs, roots, and vegetables; if in Leo, it will be a meat eater; if in a watery sign, it will be fond of fish; and if in any of the other signs it will have no marked preferences. In general, however, weaning may be satisfactorily undertaken when the Moon is

in Scorpio or Aries, remote from the Sun, and in square or opposition to Venus.

Sending Children to School

Fortify Mercury, the Moon, and lord of the ninth in both the radical and Electional maps. Let the Moon be in conjunction, sextile, or trine with Mercury, and if possible in Gemini or Virgo. Fortify the ascendant and its ruler also.

CHAPTER XIII

HOUSES AND PROPERTY

For Building Houses

When beginning to build fortify the ascendant and its ruler, the Moon and its dispositor, and the planet to which the Moon applies. Also fortify the fourth and second houses and their lords, and the tenth house and its lord if the house is to be a high one. Take care that the significators are not below the horizon, for that hinders progress, though the Moon may be in the third or fifth if well aspected by a benefic or significator above the horizon. Fortuna should be angular and its dispositor strong, while Mercury and its dispositor should also be well placed.

Avoid any afflictions from Mars to the significators, and see that Mars is not in a strong position; it should be in good aspect to Venus, and in a sign or part of a sign ruled by that planet. The Moon should be increasing in light and motion, free from Saturn and Cauda, and applying to Jupiter, for that improves the appearance of the house. There should be no aspect between Saturn and Venus, and Saturn must not be in the ascendant or fourth, for if there it will hinder the work, cause the house to stand empty, bring trouble to the inhabitants, or quickly need repair. If Mars be in the ascendant in a sign of short ascension there will be damage by fire. Let the Moon be in aspect to its dispositor, and let the ascendant be aspected by its ruler, all free from affliction, for otherwise the landlord of the house will never live in it. Cauda is best in the twelfth, and must not be in the ascendant, fourth, or second, especially the latter, but Caput may safely be in any of these houses.

If all these requirements cannot be satisfied fortify the ascendant, Moon, second and fourth houses and their rulers, and let the Moon be in good aspect or conjunction with Jupiter. If possible place Jupiter in the second, and also fortify the planet that is exalted in the sign containing the Moon. According to Hermes no building should be begun when the Moon is in Scorpio or Pisces with South latitude becoming more southerly, for it will soon fall or become ruined. The best time to begin building is when the Moon is in Aquarius, or when Aquarius rises and the Moon, Jupiter and Venus are in good aspect with the rising degree.

Some astrologers are of opinion that the significators should be joined to powerful fixed stars, but this is not of great importance in the case of

the building of houses, and refers more particularly to the erection of public buildings and cities.

For Building Factories and Works

Place the Moon in Aries in the ascendant, or in Libra or the latter part of Virgo, and in favourable aspect to the lord of the ascendant, which should also be in one of these signs. Keep the Moon free from affliction by the malefics, and if possible in favourable aspect with the planet ruling the work to be carried on in the factory. In any case this planet should be unafflicted and placed in a strong position. The most unfavourable signs for the Moon are Cancer and Capricorn.

For Laying on a Water Supply or Digging Wells

Let a watery sign rise, and fortify the ascendant. Place the lord of the ascendant in an angle and see that it is oriental, essentially dignified, and also in a watery sign free from any affliction. Place Saturn in the eleventh house, oriental and free from affliction, but not in conjunction with the Moon, and fortify Jupiter also. Avoid placing a malefic in the tenth house, for that causes water to fall rather than rise. Let the Moon and its dispositor be dignified, and in the third or fifth house in an earthy sign.

If the Moon is in any house below the earth, take care to fortify her, and place her in aspect with a benefic above the earth, preferably in the tenth. If, however, the Moon has to be above the earth, place her in an earthy sign in the ninth, tenth, or eleventh if possible and see that she is not aspected by any planet below the earth unless it be essentially dignified and in mutual reception with her by house or exaltation. The Moon and angles should be free from affliction, and the Moon should be in her first quarter.

It is also beneficial to place Fortuna in one of its essential dignities, and also to dignify the lord of the preceding New Moon. But in any case chiefly fortify the Moon, the lords of the ascendant and Midheaven, and the cusps of these angles, especially that of the latter.

For Installing Electricity and Gas

The proceedings to be adopted are similar to those for laying on water. In the case of the electric supply the ascendant should be in one of the airy signs, especially Aquarius or Libra, while for gas Aquarius or Pisces are favourable. The Moon should be in a fiery sign, unafflicted and fortified, and above the earth. Afflictions from Mars to the significators should be avoided for they cause fires, and also afflictions from Uranus and Neptune which respectively rule electricity and gas.

For Sanitation and Draining

For laying drains, etc., place the ascendant or the Moon in Scorpio or Taurus, free from affliction. Fortify the lord of the sixth house, and see that this house is unafflicted and unoccupied by malefics. Afflictions from Saturn tend to cause stoppage, while those from Mars or Neptune cause leakage or unpleasant odours, and risk of infection.

Repairs and Decoration

In all repair work avoid affliction to the planet or sign ruling the place or thing that is being repaired. Fortify this planet, placing it free from affliction, and in good aspect to Jupiter or Venus. A good aspect from Saturn is also beneficial, and from a planet in one of the fixed signs. Let the sign ruling the place to be repaired, or one of the signs ruled by the appropriate planet, be on the ascendant or containing the Moon, in either case free from affliction, and let the Moon be increasing in light. See that the angle of the horoscope ruling the place to be repaired is untenanted by malefics, and that its ruler is fortified and free from affliction.

For decorating, place the Moon in an airy sign for preference, or failing that in a watery sign, strong and free from affliction, and in good aspect with Venus, which should also be fortified. The parts of a house ruled by the planets, signs and angles are as follows: -

The Sun rules the front entrance, hall, dining room or chief room, and the porch. The Moon rules the cellar, water system, lavatory and bathroom, and the doors. Mercury rules the library, study, picture gallery, and tool shed. Venus rules the bedrooms, drawing room, and women's rooms generally. Mars rules the kitchen and fireplaces. Jupiter rules places where wood is kept, store cupboards, and larders. Saturn rules dark, secret, or little used places; while Caput rules the stairs, and Cauda rules places for animals. The airy signs rule the caves and upper parts of rooms or of the house itself, Gemini ruling walls or partitions; Libra cupboards; and Aquarius places near doors. Watery signs rule the larder, lavatory, sinks, and places near water, Scorpio being especially concerned with sinks and dirty water, and Cancer with the glass work. The fiery signs rule chimneys, and parts constructed of iron; while the earthy signs rule the floors and foundations. The ascendant rules the most frequented part of the house; the tenth, the dining room, and first room beyond the entrance; the seventh, the rooms of the mistress of the house; and the fourth, the middle of the house, and the room where the oldest person resides.

Arranging Mortgages

The rules for this are the same as those for borrowing money as given in the last chapter.

Buying Land and Houses

The ascendant, its lord, and the planet from which the Moon last separated represent the buyer. The seventh, its lord, and the planet to which the Moon applies denote the seller, and also the seeds and plants sown or growing on the land. The fourth house, its lord, planets in it, and the Moon denote the land or house itself. The tenth, its lord, and planets in it denote the price, and also the wood or timber on the ground.

Fortify the fourth house, its lord, and planets in it, the Moon and Fortuna and their dispositors, and see that they are in no way afflicted, in no aspect with the malefics, and neither retrograde nor in their detriment or fall. Aspects from Mars must especially be avoided for they cause the land or house to be soon lost.

At the time of making the negotiations let a fixed sign rise, fortify the ascendant and fourth and their lords, the Moon and Fortuna and their dispositors, and the planets from which the Moon last separated. If possible place the Moon in Cancer or Taurus in a favourable house in good aspect to the rising degree or ruler of the ascendant, and in good aspect to the lords of the fourth and second houses. Let the lord of the seventh apply to the lord of the ascendant or be disposed of, or in reception with, that planet. Let Taurus, Leo or Aquarius be on the cusp of the fourth house and its lord be oriental and free from combustion. Also let the benefics have chief power in the angles, or at least in the ascendant and fourth; and in the other two place the luminaries in sextile or trine with the ascendant and fourth; and in the other two place the luminaries in sextile or trine with the ascendant and fourth, or with one of them, preferably the ascendant. See that the rulers of the angles are not retrograde, and that retrograde planets do not occupy the angles or ninth and eleventh houses. Avoid a planet of a fiery nature in or ruling the fourth, especially if it is not well aspected by the benefics. If the lord of the fourth is on a watery, cold or moist nature, take care that it is not aspected by Saturn, and that the lord of the tenth is not weak or afflicted.

Benefics or essentially dignified planets in the fourth, or the cusp and lord of the fourth well aspected, denote fertile and good soil. In the seventh, they denote strong and fruitful plants. In the tenth, they show much excellent timber, and tall, sound, and fruitful trees. Malefics or weak planets in the angles cause much trouble and annoyance. In the

seventh they cause malice, deceit and loss through workers on the land or tenants of the houses.

Renting, Letting, or Hiring of Houses, Land, or Anything Else

The ascendant and its lord denote the hirer; the seventh and its lord the letter or owner; the Midheaven, the price; and the fourth, the Moon, and the sign containing the Moon, the end of the business. Fortify the ascendant, its lord, and the Moon and her dispositor. For if the ascendant and its ruler are strong it denotes that the hirer is honest, and just, and will keep his side of the bargain, while if they are weak trouble will result. For the greater advantage of the hirer, let the lord of the seventh apply to the lord of the ascendant; while for the greater advantage of the letter or owner let the lord of the ascendant apply to the lord of the seventh. According to some authors, however, the ascendant, its lord, and the planet from which the Moon separates represent that party who made the first move in the matter; while the seventh, its lord, and the planet to which the Moon applies denote that party who was approached.

In general chiefly fortify the Moon and her dispositor, and the four angles and their lords, and let the significators apply as above. Note also that the application of the planets from which the Moon separates or to which she applies have the same signification as that of the lords of the ascendant and seventh. It is advantageous to fortify Jupiter and Saturn if possible, and to place them in good aspect to each other, for this causes both owner and hirer to be faithful to the agreement.

Selling Land or Houses

See the rules for selling generally in the previous chapter.

Removing to Another House

If the house to which you remove is your own let the ascendant and Moon be in fixed signs, but if it is rented place them in mutables. In general fortify the ascendant and its lord, the Moon and its dispositor, Fortuna and its dispositor, and the second and fourth houses and their lords. Let the Moon be increasing in light and in good aspect with benefics in the fourth or ascendant. Also let the lord of the second house be strong and above the earth, and in good aspect with the lords of the seventh and eighth houses, for they denote the place to which the removal is made.

If the house is being taken purely for residential purposes the ascendant and its ruler, the fourth and its ruler, and the Moon are of chief importance, but if the matter involves considerations of gain or investment, the second and its ruler, and Fortuna and its dispositor must

be fortified, while if possible Jupiter should be placed in the second strong and free from affliction. Keep all the significators free from the aspects of the malefics, and if possible let them be in good aspect to Jupiter or Venus.

In general if the house is being taken for any special purpose fortify the house and its ruler, which denotes that purpose. Fortify the fourth and its ruler, and if possible place the fourth and its ruler, and if possible place Taurus or Leo on the cusp of that house, for that indicates a clean, dry, and well-built house. Avoid placing Scorpio on the fourth, for that denotes insects and vermin, and often trouble with drainage, being much worse if the cusp is in any aspect with Saturn.

Entering or Taking Possession of a New Residence

Let the Moon be in her greatest dignity, in good aspect with Jupiter or Venus and the lords of the fourth and second houses, and in no way afflicted by Saturn or Mars. Let a fixed sign ascend, and let both the cusp of the ascendant and its lord be well aspected by benefics. Avoid Saturn or Mars in the seventh; and let the lord of the ascendant and the lord of the seventh be in good aspect, and if possible, in reception also. Let the Sun and the Moon be in good aspect with the first and seventh cusps, and fortify the lord of the fourth, and the fourth house itself.

Avoid afflictions from Cauda to any of the above houses and significators. If Mars should be lord of the ascendant at the time of taking possession see that it is not in the second house, or in aspect to the lord of the second, for this denotes much trouble in the new residence.

Pulling Down and Destroying Houses and Buildings

According to Haly the significators should be placed in a manner exactly contrary to that chosen for building. Put the Moon and its dispositor in a fiery sign, and let the ascendant be in a fiery sign also, with its ruler in a fiery or airy sign.

Other authors say that the ascendant should be in a sign of long ascension, and its ruler should be occidental, slow in motion, retrograde, cadent, and passing to affliction in its fall or detriment. The Moon should be decreasing in light and motion, cadent, aspecting weak and afflicted planets, and if possible in Scorpio or Capricorn, under the earth or aspecting a planet under the earth, in the last quarter, aspecting retrograde planets, and in south latitude becoming more southerly. Let the fourth house, its lord, and also all the other significators and the planets in conjunction or aspect with them be weak and afflicted. Take

care to debilitate Mars also, for he is against pulling down what is built just as much as against building.

If the Moon separates from the malefics and is in conjunction or reception with the benefics the place destroyed will be more easily rebuilt if this is ever taken in hand.

CHAPTER XIV

JOURNEYS AND MESSAGES

Journeys

The ascendant rules the starting place, the seventh, the place to be visited; the tenth, the circumstances of the journey there; and the fourth, the circumstances of the return journey. The general outcome can be judged by the affections of these places.

In starting a journey let the Moon be increasing in light and motion, in good aspect to the Sun, free from impediment, and unafflicted, for an affliction to the Moon is worse than to the ascendant. See that the Moon is not in the second, eighth, fourth, sixth, nor twelfth which cause delay and hindrance, but let her be in the fifth or tenth in aspect with her dispositor and the benefics and essentially dignified, which causes good success, gain, health and a speedy return. Let the eighth, seventh, and second house and their lords be fortunate, for the eighth denotes what happens to a traveller when he arrives at his destination; the seventh, what happens when he comes away from it; and the second what happens at his return home. Therefore pay particular attention to the eighth and its lord when starting a journey, and to the second and its lord when returning. Let Mercury be free from combustion and unafflicted by the malefics.

Mercury when retrograde delays an outward journey but hastens the return, and in general a retrograde or peregrine planet hinders travel. Let the lord of the ascendant be unafflicted by the malefics, free from combustion, and in a good house. Place a benefic in the ascendant or in an angle for this makes for safety, speed, and pleasure. But avoid the Moon in the ascendant in either going or returning for that causes sickness and much trouble. It is, however, favourable to let the Moon apply to an aspect with the ascendant and its lord, both of which should be free from affliction by the malefics. Prosperity and success follow the Moon in good aspect or conjunction with Jupiter or Venus. If the Moon is increasing in light and motion the journey will be made quickly with safety and ease, but if the Moon or Saturn or both be in the ascendant or seventh, or Saturn in the ascendant and Moon in the seventh there will be many sicknesses, losses, quarrels and danger in the journey or the place visited. The Moon in the tenth or eleventh is good, less so in the third, fifth or ninth, and least in the seventh or fourth. But the Moon is most productive of harm in the ascendant, second, sixth, eighth or twelfth. When the Moon is in Via Combusta or peregrine in the beginning of a journey, the traveller will either be taken

ill on his journey, or will otherwise suffer loss or injury. See that no malefic occupies the eighth or any angle, and take care that Mars does not occupy the third, ninth, or second, especially the latter.

Some of the ancients say that the ruler of the preceding Vernal Equinox should be fortified, and also the sign and planet in that figure denoting the purpose of the journey. The ascendant of that map should not be cadent in the start of a journey. If the journey is to an influential man or for business advancement let the tenth cusp of the Equinox be rising and so on.

If the radical horoscope be known choose a day and hour in which the Moon and ascendant agree with the birth map. Let the eleventh and third houses and their rulers be fortunate. Watery signs are best for voyages, but fixed signs for inland journeys. If going to an influential person or for a business purpose let the radical tenth house ascend; and in general let the planet governing the person visited or the purpose of the journey be strong and in good aspect to the lord of the ascendant or Moon. Avoid a malefic in the radical ninth house, and fortify the lord of the ninth. In general it is favourable to let the Moon apply to the significator of the person to be visited, e.g., to Mars for soldiers, surgeons, etc., to the Sun for nobility, and so on. This significator should be placed in the ascendant, tenth, or eleventh, and never in the fifth, seventh, or fourth or in an occidental position for that brings trouble.

Furthermore the significator of the purpose for which the journey is made should be unafflicted and fortified. If the ascendant in the daytime is Aries, there is said to be danger from thieves. If Taurus, gain by cows, oxen, cattle, etc. If Gemini, gain by arms, or good servants. If Cancer, good luck and good health, except in the journeys of Kings and Princes, for which it is very evil. If Leo, success, but the cause of evil to others. If Virgo, pleasure on the journey and gain by servants. If Libra, a mixture of good and evil. If Scorpio, much sadness, toil and labour without obtaining one's desire, but afterwards a little gain will come. If Sagittarius, the desire is obtained, there will be profit by horses and arms, and a deed will be done for which a reward will be obtained. If Capricorn, a tiresome, disappointing, and tedious journey. If Aquarius, hopes frustrated, and deception from enemies. If Pisces, desires obtained, good health, and gain from precious stones.

According to some of the ancients the degree rising and its lord when the traveller steps out of his house are his significators, and the degree rising and its lord when he is just out of sight of his house are the significators of the journey.

If going on a secret journey let the Moon be under the Sunbeams, separating from the Sun, applying to a benefic, and free from all other impediment.

In short journeys fortify the ascendant and its lord, the Moon and Fortuna and their dispositors, and the planet with which the Moon is in conjunction or aspect. Also fortify the third house and its lord, the lord of the hour, and the planet ruling the business for which the journey is being taken. If it is impossible to fulfil all these conditions, then fortify the Moon, and see that the lord of the hour is in no way weak or afflicted. If possible place the Moon in a cadent house, and let it be cadent from the lord of the ascendant.

In walking let the Moon be increasing in light and motion, applying to a benefic, and free from impediment. If the Moon is afflicted by Saturn the walk will seem tedious and depressing; while if by Mars there will be danger of accidents.

In travelling by train, car or aeroplane avoid afflictions to the significators from Mars and Uranus.

In voyages follow the same rules as for ordinary journeys by land, but pay special attention to the watery signs, fortifying planets therein and avoiding afflictions involving these signs.

In journeys with royalty or nobility place Jupiter in the ascendant or seventh house which signifies a successful and pleasant journey. Take special care that Jupiter is not in the fourth, nor aspected by the Moon or Venus from any angle, and see that neither Saturn nor Mars be angular (especially in the ascendant), nor in conjunction or aspect with Venus. Avoid the Moon under the Sunbeams, or with Cauda or the malefics, for this denotes that the person taking the journey will never return owing to death.

If a speedy return from a journey is desired place Jupiter in square to the Sun, and Venus in sextile to Jupiter and semi sextile to the Sun. Or place the Moon in Leo increasing in light and motion.

Entering any place, town, or city. Fortify the second house and its lord, and place the latter in a good house above the earth. Put the Moon in the third, fifth, or eleventh applying to a planet receiving her, whether a benefic or not; or else in the second, strong and free from impediment, and applying to, or in reception of, the lord of the second. But take care that the Moon is not in the fourth, sixth, eighth, or twelfth houses. Never let the significator be under the earth unless the business requires it, or is to be kept secret.

If going to obtain favours from royalty or nobility place the lord of the tenth in the ascendant or second, and the lord of the ascendant or second in the tenth, and let there be favourable aspects with reception between the significators. Place the significators similarly for other purposes.

For enterings generally see that the second house and its lord are unafflicted, free from impediment and not cadent. If the lord of the second is combust, the traveller will die suddenly in the place. If it is in the seventh, he is subject to quarrels, personal harm, loss, and trouble through acquaintances. If the Moon be in the fourth, he is in danger of death there, especially if the Moon be weak and afflicted by the malefics or the lord of the eighth. If possible let Jupiter be lord of the second, and placed in the eleventh, strong and unafflicted by the malefics. Or let him be in the second in aspect with the Moon. Let Fortuna be angular, or in the eleventh or fifth, which denotes pleasure, health, and gain; and if possible let the Moon's dispositor apply to it, for that brings matters to a good end.

To stay a long time in the place let the Moon and the lord of the second be angular. Let the ascendant and its lord be in fixed signs, and let the Moon be in good aspect with Saturn with reception.

To leave the place quickly place the Moon in a cardinal sign in the third, and the ascendant and its lord also in cardinal signs. Let the lord of the ascendant be in the second, and the lord of the second in the ascendant.

Returning From Journeys

Fortify the ninth house, its lord and the Moon at the time of starting. Also fortify the ninth house, its lord, and the Moon in the previous Equinox or Solstice. Let Jupiter, or Venus or both be in the ninth or applying to it or to its lord or to the Moon in both the latter map and that for the election, taking care that all these places are free from affliction by the malefics. See that no malefic occupies the second house.

Sending Messages or Applying to People

In this matter the Moon is the chief consideration. Let the Moon be in conjunction or aspect with the planet signifying the person to be approached, as if the father, to the lord of the fourth; the wife, seventh; the mother's brother, twelfth; a king, prince or noble, tenth; and so on. Also let the planet to which the Moon applies receive either the Moon or the lord of the ascendant.

In sending to a king, noble, or superior let the Moon be in aspect, with reception, to the Sun or lord of the tenth; and let the Sun and lord of the

tenth, or that one which is in aspect with the Moon, be in the ascendant, tenth, or eleventh. Failing this let it be in the third, fifth, or ninth, though this is not so favourable. See that the Moon is not in Gemini or Pisces.

In sending to churchmen, let the Moon be in good aspect to Jupiter out of the above-mentioned places, if possible with reception, or in reception with the lord of the ascendant.

With soldiers, use Mars in these places, but avoid placing the Moon in an angle, and let it be in a succedent house.

With farmers or elderly men use Saturn; with women, Venus; and with young men who are not your relatives, or to secretaries, editors, writers, and scholars, Mercury. In all cases the planet used must be strong and free from affliction.

Writing Letters, or Beginning Anything Requiring Ingenuity

Fortify the ascendant and its lord and keep them free from affliction by the malefics. Let Mercury be dignified, fortunate, and direct in motion, in good aspect to the ascendant, its lord, and the Moon, if possible with reception. It is favourable to place the Moon in Gemini applying to Mercury, Uranus, or Neptune.

Secret Operations of All Kinds

Let the Moon be in Scorpio and under the earth. Let the Moon, and also the lord of the ascendant if possible, be under the Sunbeams but not combust, separating from the Sun, applying to a benefic and free from all other impediment. If possible place the Moon, or the significator of the matter in the fourth house. Take care that the ascendant and its lord are not in aspect with the Sun.

CHAPTER XV

GAMES AND SPORTS

Games

The ascendant and its lord denote the challenger or beginner, and the seventh and its lord the other person. Fortify the ascendant and its lord (if the challenger is to be favoured) and debilitate the seventh and its lord. Let a cardinal sign rise, and let the lord of the ascendant be in the fifth, well aspected by Jupiter, Venus, or the lord of the fifth; or let the lord of the fifth be strong and unafflicted in the ascendant. Let the lord of the ascendant be in conjunction, sextile, or trine to the lord of the fifth, if possible with reception.

To win money let the lord of the fifth separate from a good aspect of the lord of the eighth, and apply to the lord of the ascendant or second. Take care that the lord of the ascendant, the Moon, and the lord of the second are not afflicted by the lord of the fifth, seventh or eighth house, for this causes loss of money. Also see that the lord of the fifth is not in the seventh or in good aspect to the lord of the seventh. If possible place the lord of the eighth in the second, or applying to that house or its lord, or to the lord of the ascendant. If that is impossible place him in the ascendant in reception with the lord of the second or ascendant. But take care that the lord of the eighth does not receive or dispose of the lord of the second, especially while play is in progress. The sign on the radical fifth house may be placed upon the election second cusp in good aspect to Jupiter or Venus, provided it is not afflicted at birth. (These rules must, of course, be reversed if the person who is challenged is to win.)

Let the Moon when play begins be above the earth, strong, and separating from one benefic and applying to another, preferably stronger, essentially dignified, and above the earth. If the Moon be in good aspect to Mercury, or to the cusp of the second or its lord, so much the better. Let the person to win sit facing the place of the Moon in the heavens. If the Moon is in the west, let him sit facing west and so on.

The points of the compass shown by the houses are as follows: - ascendant, East; fourth, North; seventh, West; and tenth, South. The intermediate houses indicate intermediate directions. Thus the middle of the second house is NE, and its cusp is NE by E; while the third cusp is NE by N. In general it is best for the challenger if the Moon is in the east and he sits facing it; or for the person challenged if the Moon is in

the west and he faces it. If the Moon is below the earth when play begins this rule should be reversed, and the person to win should sit with his back to the Moon.

If the ascendant, its lord and the Moon are in cardinal signs when play begins, it will not continue long; if in fixed signs, the contrary; if in mutable, a medium length of time, and as soon as they finish others will begin. If the Moon applies to a benefic the beginner will win, but if to a malefic he will lose. If the Moon applies to a benefic and then immediately after to a malefic he wins at first and loses afterwards; if to a malefic and then a benefic, he loses at first and wins in the end.

In playing chess let the Moon apply to Mercury and then to Mars, and so much the better if the Moon is in reception with them both. If the sign is a mutable one neither player will gain much.

If a benefic is in the ascendant, the beginner wins, especially if a malefic be in the seventh, and vice-versa. The lord of the ascendant in the Midheaven favours the beginner. If the lords of the ascendant and seventh be in opposition, the players will quarrel. When the lord of the ascendant is retrograde the beginner will cheat, and in cards a retrograde planet indicates a revoke. If both the lords of the ascendant and seventh be equally dignified in the tenth the game will be an even one. When Mercury and the Moon are in the ascendant there will be many words and much wrangling; Mars there, they will tell many lies, especially the beginner; Saturn there, neither side wins and after a tedious dispute they leave off; Jupiter there, they part in anger; Venus there, they break off merrily; Moon there, the game will be quickly won.

If leaving home to play, face the Moon, and let the lord of the ascendant be above the earth, free from combustion and the affliction of the malefics, and let him apply to the benefics and be in the Midheaven or eleventh.

In the case of outdoor games or sports place the significators in appropriate signs, and take care that Mars and Mercury are fortified and free from affliction.

Races

The following rules apply to races between two competitors and not to horse-racing in general which does not come within the scope of the present book.

In foot races let a human sign rise or contain the Moon. Fortify the eleventh and debilitate the fifth. Also fortify Mercury, and make it the

ruler of the eleventh, or place it in the eleventh and dignified, or in the ascendant or tenth in good aspect to the Moon or lord of the ascendant.

In horse races place an animal sign, especially Sagittarius, on the ascendant. Fortify the Midheaven, ascendant and twelfth houses and their lords, placing them in good aspect to the benefics, and debilitate the seventh and sixth houses and their rulers. Also let the Moon be swift in motion and if possible in Sagittarius or Libra in good aspect with the Sun, Mars, Venus, or Jupiter. This promises victory for the challenger who, as in playing games, is represented by the first house. If the lord of the seventh is strong and better fortified than the lord of the ascendant, or if the Moon is slow in motion and afflicted by a malefic the challenger loses. If the lord of the twelfth is retrograde, or the lord of the ascendant is afflicted, hurt or misfortune will befall the rider or horse on the challenger's side. Make Jupiter lord of the eleventh, or place him in the eleventh, in some of his dignities, or place him in the ascendant or tenth in good aspect to the Moon or lord of the ascendant. See that the Moon is not afflicted by Saturn, Mars, or Mercury, and avoid mutual afflictions among the latter planets. It is unfavourable to place Cauda in the ascendant or in conjunction with the Moon; and it is better to avoid the Sun, Mercury, Mars or Saturn as lords of the ascendant or of the hour in which the race begins.

When riding a horse to win in a race where there are several competitors, fortify the ascendant, its lord, the Moon and its dispositor, the planet to which they are joined, and also Fortuna and its dispositor; and make the lord of the ascendant and the Moon apply to the latter. Then place the lord of the hour in the ascendant at the time of stepping out of the stable. If all cannot be done, be sure to place the lord of the hour in the ascendant, and fortify the Moon, placing her if possible in Sagittarius or the first half of Libra. See that neither the lord of the hour, the Moon, nor the lord of the ascendant is in its fall, for that denotes that the horse will fall in the race.

Hunting, Fowling, and Fishing

The ascendant, its lord and the Moon denote the hunter; the sixth and its lord denote the dogs, traps, or other instruments of hunting, and the seventh and its lord, the creature hunted. Place on the seventh a sign of the nature of the animal hunted. For hare, deer, fox, etc., place a bestial sign such as Aries, Taurus or Capricorn, with the Moon therein. For wild beasts choose Leo or the last 15° of Sagittarius. Fortify the ascendant, its lord and the Moon, and the sixth and its lord, and debilitate the seventh and its lord. Avoid Saturn in the seventh, for that denotes disappointment.

In fowling or hunting birds by traps and dogs, let the ascendant be in an airy sign, and its lord in an earthy one. Fortify the sixth and its lord, but debilitate the seventh and its lord. Place the Moon in Gemini, Libra, or Aquarius, applying to Mercury, and let both be well placed and in reception. Add a good aspect to Venus also, if possible, to increase the pleasure. If the Moon be afflicted by Saturn or Mars, the fowler will catch nothing he desires.

In hawking or shooting birds let the ascendant and its lord be in airy signs, and place the Moon in Aries applying to Mars in Capricorn. If however the Moon is in the Midheaven afflicted by Mars the falconer will lose his hawk.

For waterfowl such as duck, mallard, etc., let the ascendant be in an airy sign, and its lord strong in a watery sign, or vice-versa.

In fishing let the ascendant and its lord be in watery signs and well dignified. Fortify the sixth and its lord and debilitate the seventh and its lord. For sea fishing and shellfish let the ascendant be Cancer, with Jupiter in Pisces. For smaller fish or when fishing rivers or poos, let Pisces rise. Place the Moon in Cancer or Pisces in the tenth in sextile or trine to Venus in the seventh. Take care that the Moon is applying to, and not separating from, any planet in a watery sign. See that the Moon is not afflicted by either Saturn or Mars, and avoid placing the latter planet in angles, especially the first or seventh.

In teaching dogs to hunt place the Moon in Aries in conjunction with Mars, which makes them courageous and quick to learn. But let Jupiter also be in aspect, to preserve them from danger in hunting.

In teaching setters place the ascendant in an earthy sign, and the lord of the ascendant in conjunction with the Moon in an airy sign, and in good aspect to Mercury and Venus, which add docility and gentleness.

In teaching hawks, falcons, etc., let the Moon be in Aquarius applying to Mars, and let Mars be in Scorpio.

If the Moon applies to a retrograde planet when starting to hunt or fish it denotes nothing but weariness and trouble; if it be in the ascendant it denotes great agility, and if Mars be in the Midheaven it denotes the same to the animal hunted. In general, in hunting place the Moon in the Midheaven and a cardinal sign rising, with Jupiter therein in good aspect to the Moon. Place Mars in the seventh, Saturn cadent in no aspect to the ascendant, and Venus in the ascendant or Midheaven receiving the application of the Moon.

Competitions, Lotteries, Etc.

In competitions where there are only two competitors follow the same rules as for games. Open competitions, sweepstakes, and similar ventures cannot safely be made the subject of elections, for no matter how good a time be chosen to enter it is possible that one or more of the other competitors entered at an even better time. Moreover the question of relative birth horoscopes, and directions becomes of great importance. It is said that the Moon should be in good aspect to the lord of the radical fifth house, and itself well aspected, when taking tickets in lotteries or sweepstakes, but this alone is obviously not sufficient to ensure success.

CHAPTER XVI

WARS, FIGHTS, AND LAWSUITS

I had originally intended to deal with lawsuits under a separate heading instead of including them with wars and fighting, but to have done so would merely have entailed an almost entire repetition of rules with little, if any, corresponding benefit. There is no essential difference between a lawsuit and a battle, and the same rules apply equally to either, but of course it will be obvious that whereas Mars is of prime importance in a fight, Mercury and Jupiter will be almost as much so in a lawsuit. If the general principles of Electional Astrology have been grasped there will be no difficulty in modifying the rules and choosing the correct significators for any special purpose.

Beginning Wars, Fights, Duels, Quarrels, Lawsuits, Controversies, Etc.

The ascendant, its lord and the planets in that house in conjunction or aspect with the lord denote the challenger, or the person who begins the controversy; and the seventh, its lord, and planets in the seventh or in conjunction or aspect with the lord denote the other side.

If the person signified by the ascendant is to be victorious let one of the signs of Saturn, Jupiter, or Mars be rising. A martial sign is to be preferred and in this matter Scorpio is better than Aries. Take care to make the lord of the ascendant dispose of the lord of the seventh, or be more dignified, fortified, and elevated than that planet. If, however, the side signified by the seventh is to be favoured reverse the above rules. These are the general rules for all controversies of any kind, but a number of other considerations were laid down by the ancients. The following rules are arranged so as to make the ascendant the side to be victorious, but if the other side is to be favoured the rules must be reversed.

Let the lord of the ascendant be in the ascendant or in good aspect with its cusp and also with Mars. If the lord of the ascendant is not in the ascendant he should be in the tenth, or, failing that, in the eleventh, and dignified. Take care that he is not in the fourth or seventh, for there he is in the power of the other side, nor in the eighth (which in a fight causes danger of death), nor retrograde, cadent, afflicted, or in reception with any afflicted or weak planet. Also place the lord of the seventh (the side to be vanquished) in the ascendant or second, and applying, preferably by good aspect, to the lord of the ascendant, for that denotes a desire to come to terms.

Take care to fortify Mars and let him be well placed, dignified, and either lord of the house ruling the victorious side or in good aspect to the significators of that side. Never begin a lawsuit or other controversy when the Moon is weak or afflicted. Fortify the second house and its lord, and let it be strong and dignified. For in duels, this house indicates the second of that person denoted by the ascendant; in wars it denotes the militia, money, and all helpers; and in lawsuits, the helpers; and in lawsuits, the helpers or the help itself. Conversely the eighth denotes these things for the side signified by the seventh. It is also necessary to fortify the Moon, seventh. It is also necessary to fortify the Moon, its dispositor and Mercury, and let them apply to the significators of the side to be victorious.

In fights and lawsuits where only two people are concerned, it is best to examine their radical horoscopes if possible. Victory will go to that one whose ruler of the ascendant is most essentially dignified, with due regard to current influences. In the case of fights, however, the radical and directional strength of Mars in the respective maps is of importance. All things being equal the victory is said to go to that person born at night. Hermes says that when the significators are in double-bodied signs the winner of a fight or lawsuit gains a great victory and the loser loses heavily, for the good or evil effect is doubled by these signs. In the case of wars between rival kings the maps for their coronations should be studied as well as their personal horoscopes. The Parts of War and of Victory should be fortified like the other significators, and not placed in the seventh, fourth, or eighth houses.

The Moon in Taurus in any aspect to Saturn or Mars is evil for the beginner of any war, quarrel, lawsuit, or fight, and it is also adverse in Virgo or Capricorn. If in Gemini or Cancer, the Moon should be in trine to Mars or aspected by the benefics, for otherwise she is not too favourable to the beginner. It is best to start when the Moon is in good aspect to the benefics, and free from affliction by the malefics.

See that Fortuna is placed in one of the houses relating to the side to be favoured, namely, the ascendant, tenth, second, or eleventh for one party, or the plaintiff in a lawsuit; and the seventh, tenth, second, or eleventh if the other side, or the defendant in a lawsuit, is to win. Place Fortuna free from affliction, especially by the lords of the opponents' houses, and if possible in good aspect to the benefics.

Avoid cardinal signs on the ascendant (or seventh) at the beginning of any controversy, but if one must rise let it be Capricorn.

In electing a time to begin war or invade any place, some authors say choose the day and hour of Jupiter, Venus, or the Sun, and let the

ascendant be free from all impediment or affliction, and in a sign of long ascension. The ascendant is best in Leo, or in one of the signs ruled by the major planets, and its lord and the Sun should be strong and well placed, while the lord of the seventh should be debilitated. If the Moon, Saturn, and Mars are joined together by conjunction or aspect at the time of any battle or fight there will be great mortality and bloodshed.

In joining the army or setting out to fight let the Sun, Jupiter, Venus, or Caput be in the ascendant, for this denotes safety. If Saturn rises there is danger of cowardice, while with Mars in the ascendant there is risk of death or serious wounding. If both Saturn and Mars are rising the danger of death is extreme, but if they are in the tenth house the soldier will be taken prisoner, especially if the lord of the ascendant is in the twelfth house. It is very dangerous to go into battle when the Moon is under the Sunbeams, or with Cauda or the malefics.

Buying Arms and Ammunition, Etc.

Let the Moon be in her house, exaltation or triplicity, and in conjunction with Mars if at the latter end of the month, or with Saturn if at the beginning. Let the angles, or at least the ascendant, be fixed, and in signs of long ascension. Place the Moon and the lord of the ascendant in an angle, especially the tenth, oriental and essentially strong, and let the Moon be increasing in light and motion. Fortify Mars as much as possible, and also the lord of the preceding New Moon, and let the Moon apply to a benefic after leaving the conjunction of the Sun. If the lord of the ascendant cannot be angular let him be entering an angle and in aspect with the fourth cusp.

Making Peace, Suppressing Rebels, Storming Castles and Towns

The rules for making peace are the same as for reconciling two people, as given in Chapter X

In suppressing rebels the ascendant denotes the rebels and the general rules are the same as for beginning war, making the seventh house the victorious side. In addition, note that the Moon must be in the opposite quarter of the map from the lord of the ascendant. Thus if the latter is in the east, place the Moon in the west, and so on. Hermes states that rebellions breaking out at the beginning of the year are not easily suppressed.

In taking the offensive note whether the superior planets are direct or retrograde. If retrograde, set out the instant they become direct; if direct, the instant they are retrograde; if oriental, when they become occidental; if occidental, when they become oriental; if combust when

they become free; if free when they become combust; or when they change signs. If Mars be in reception with a benefic in the map for the Vernal Equinox the war will cease, at least for that year.

As the ascendant and Moon denote the rebels, it is not safe to start while these are strong; nor is it safe for the rebels to move while they are weak. If the enemy or rebels are eastward, start when Mars is in the eastern half of the map, and between the tenth degree of Taurus and the tenth of Leo; or from the tenth degree of Scorpio to the tenth of Aquarius. If they are westward, start when Mars is in the western half of the map, and from the tenth degree of Leo to the tenth of Scorpio; or from the tenth of Aquarius to the tenth of Taurus. It is important not to begin when the Moon is combust or in conjunction with the Sun, or during the Combust Hours (see Chapter III), nor when the Moon is distant from the Sun by 12° , 45° , 90° , 155° , 168° , 180° , 192° , 215° , 270° , or 348° .

If any war or quarrel be begun in Combust Hours the beginner of it will be destroyed, or much evil and damage will befall him and his men or helpers. If in the first four hours, he will be killed; in the second four hours, he will be wounded or suffer bodily hurt; and in the last four hours, his men and helpers will be the chief sufferers.

To destroy strongholds, if the horoscope for the building of them is known, place the lord of the ascendant of that figure in the opposite sign and quarter of the map to that which he occupied at the building. Debilitate him as much as possible and let him be disposed of by the lord of your own ascendant, or afflicted by him. And let the ascendant be a fiery or airy sign, and the Moon and lord of the ascendant in signs of the same nature.

Or let the rising sign be one of long ascension, the lord of the ascendant be occidental, and the planet next to rise be slow in motion and applying to a planet also slow in motion, entering his fall, and cadent, but not retrograde. Or let the Moon be oriental and decreasing in light and motion, cadent, and applying also to a planet slow in motion, cadent, entering his fall, or entering Scorpio. If the Moon be above the earth, let her apply to a planet below the earth, but take care that the lord of the ascendant is not retrograde. This is best done in the Last Quarter of the Moon, when she is in no aspect to the Sun, or the sign Cancer, or her dispositor. The ancients said that if Aries rises when an army sets out to besiege a stronghold, they will be successful in taking the place.

CHAPTER XVII

AGRICULTURE AND GARDENING

Buying Land For Agriculture and Not For Building

Fortify the ascendant and its lord, the Moon, and Fortuna and their dispositors, and also Saturn, If the land is to be bought in the daytime place Saturn in Libra, Capricorn, or Aquarius; but if at night put him in Aries, Leo, Sagittarius or Libra in trine or sextile with Jupiter on the fourth cusp, and in no aspect to Mars. If Saturn cannot aspect Jupiter, substitute Venus for Jupiter and fortify the watery signs, which are better for the benefics than the airy signs in this matter. Let the Moon be increasing in light in her First Quarter, and in sextile or trine to Saturn or the planet aspecting Saturn. The Moon is also favourable in Taurus in the tenth house free from affliction and in good aspect with the lord of the ascendant, the rising degree being itself also unafflicted.

Tilling or Manuring Land

When beginning to till or manure land fortify the ascendant and its lord, the Moon, and the dispositor of the Moon, and let them be received by the benefics or by planets that are free from affliction, dignified and in angles or succedent houses. If all this cannot be done let the Moon be received by a benefic in an angle, and if possible place the planets most strongly fortified in the second house. Also fortify Fortuna, and the ruler of the preceding New Moon, placing the latter in an angle.

Planting Trees or Grafting

Fortify the lord of the ascendant, and the lord of its exaltation, and let the Moon be strong and unafflicted by malefics, and in Taurus, Aquarius, Leo, last part of Sagittarius, Pisces, or Virgo, in this order of importance, in sextile or trine to Venus. If Leo is chosen, however, see that the Moon is in good aspect to a benefic in a watery sign. Let Saturn be direct in motion and in the ascendant, eleventh, fifth, or second house, in one of his essential dignities, and if possible in good aspect with Jupiter. If Saturn cannot be in the ascendant, let Jupiter be there; and if neither can be thus placed let the Moon be there or in the tenth, eleventh, fifth or third house, free from all affliction. It is of great importance in all planting and sowing that the Moon be not only unafflicted, but essentially dignified and well aspected, especially by the benefics. Also in all planting and sowing operations debilitate Mars and do not let it be in the ascendant, tenth, eleventh, fifth, second or third house nor in aspect to the cusps of these houses, their rulers, or the Moon and Fortuna and their dispositors.

Let the Moon be aspected by its dispositor out of a watery sign, and if the ascendant is not a fixed sign let the Moon and lord of the ascendant, or at least one of them, be oriental of the Sun and rising, for this causes the trees to grow quickly and be fruitful. If they are rising but not oriental the trees will grow quickly but fructify slowly, and therefore the orientality is not an important consideration in the case of such trees as do not bear fruit. If the ascendant cannot be a fixed sign let it be a mutable one and place the significators in a mutable one and duly fortified. If it is impossible to observe all the above rules, put the Moon in Taurus or the latter part of Sagittarius, free from all affliction; let her be in conjunction or good aspect with Jupiter, himself unafflicted and in the ascendant, tenth, eleventh, fifth, or fourth house. If possible let Fortuna be also unafflicted and in one of these houses. In the grafting of trees take care that the Moon is not decreasing or invisible.

Vines should be pruned when the Moon is at the Full in Taurus, Leo, Scorpio or Sagittarius, as this ensures freedom from birds and worms.

Felling or Cutting Wood

To fell wood so that it may be dry, massive, strong, and durable, let the Moon be decreasing, between Last Quarter and Full, and in good aspect to Saturn. If possible let Saturn be strong and fortunate, for upon this depends the durability. If timber is to be kept a long time fell it towards the latter end of winter, placing the Moon below the earth and in aspect to Saturn, for that will prevent its rotting, and will render it exceedingly hard and durable.

In cutting firewood, or anything that it is desired should grow again quickly, cut when the Moon is above the earth in her First Quarter in aspect with either Venus or Jupiter.

Small trees and shrubs should be trimmed when the Moon is in Libra or Capricorn.

Planting and Sowing

The ground should be worked chiefly from the Moon's Last Quarter to New Moon, for that is the best time for destroying weeds. If level growth and yield be desired the ground should be sown if possible when Libra is rising. The Moon in Aries, Cancer, Libra, or Capricorn is favourable for sowing, provided she is not afflicted by Saturn or Mars. For planting, either Aries or Taurus is a suitable sign for the Moon; while Virgo and Capricorn are best for the sowing of seed that remains a long time in the ground. For preference the Moon should be in Cancer or Capricorn, but if it is in Aries there should be an aspect from a planet in Cancer or one of the other watery signs in order to prevent

the seed drying and withering. The Moon in Cancer is particularly suitable for sowing all kinds of pulse, turnips, potatoes, and root crops generally.

In general, sowing should be begun within a day or two after New Moon and while the Moon is increasing in light. It should not, however, be within 17° of the Sun, as this prevents the seeds from thriving. If the Moon is increasing in motion as well as light at the time when sowing is begun it conduces to quicker growth. If the ground is dry, or if the seed is of a hot and dry nature sowing should be begun in the increase of the Moon but near the Full. On the other hand when the ground is moist or the seed is of a moist nature it is often better to sow in the decrease of the Moon. In sowing peas and beans it is important for the Moon to decreasing in light and motion, but especially in light, for if it is increasing, and particularly if also in aspect to Jupiter or Venus from airy or watery signs, the plants will never cease blooming until they begin to wither. It is said that peas and beans planted exactly two days before Full Moon yield twice as big a crop as a plant laid at any other time. In the case of plants that grow upwards it is best to sow when the Moon is above the horizon, but in the case of those that grow underground the Moon should be below the horizon.

Let the ascendant and its lord be in cardinal signs or in Taurus, Virgo, or Aquarius, and let them, together with the Moon, be aspected by the dispositors of the Moon and lord of the ascendant, the latter being also in cardinal signs, or if this is impossible in mutable signs, Let the lord of the ascendant be unafflicted and in good aspect to the rising degree, which must itself be free from the aspects of the malefics. See that Saturn, which is a natural significator in land work, is well placed in the map and in good aspect to the Moon, who should herself be dignified; and take care that Mars is weak and in no aspect either to the Moon or the ascendant.

The following experiment is taken from the pages of *The Astrologer of the Nineteenth Century*, published in 1825, and should be easily capable of proof or disproof by the amateur gardener.

“Take any given quantity of common peas, and divide the same into four parts, keeping them separate. Then, on any spot of ground at all fit for vegetation, when the season approaches for sowing them, sow the contents of the first parcel on the first or second day of the New Moon. The second parcel sow near the same spot on the first or second day of the second quarter; the third parcel sow on the second or third day before the Full Moon; and lastly, sow the fourth parcel on the second or third day before the Moon is out. Now the first parcel, sown under the

New Moon, will grow very fast, blossom most beautifully, but will not bear fruit. The second will blossom and bear very little. The third parcel will not only blossom beautifully but will bear fruit in abundance, and the fourth and last parcel will scarcely rise from the ground! Likewise, all fruit trees set at the New Moon blossom, but never bear fruit; while all others set three days before the full bear abundantly. And in pruning trees the same effect takes place, for a tree pruned at the New Moon will shoot forth branches, but unbearable, and if pruned at the full, they will be prolific.”

CHAPTER XVIII

ANIMALS

Buying Animals

Fortify the ascendant, the sixth house, their lords, and the Moon, and also the sign ruling the animal to be bought, or that which is nearest in nature. The Moon should be in good aspect to the benefics, and free from affliction by the malefics. If possible let the Moon be in reception with the lord of the sign ruling the animal or the lord of the sixth, and free from affliction, but if it cannot be in reception, it should at least be in good aspect. If the animal is a bull, ox, cow, horse or any other large beast, put the Moon in Taurus, or the last 15 degrees of Sagittarius; if sheep, in Aries; if goats, in Capricorn or Taurus; and if pigs, in Taurus. If buying a male animal, put the significators in masculine signs; and if female, in feminine signs.

When buying *horse, cows, bulls, oxen*, and other large animals let the lord of the ascendant and the Moon be free from affliction, essentially dignified, and in good aspect with the lord of the twelfth house in the birth map and the second in the election. Let the significators be in good houses, and if possible place Aries, Leo, or Sagittarius on the ascendant, its lord being free from affliction. Let the Moon apply to an unafflicted benefic, and see that the lord of the radical twelfth is not afflicted by a malefic.

When buying *dogs or hounds for hunting* fortify the ascendant, the sixth house, their lords, and the Moon; and let the ascendant be in the last 15 degrees of Leo or Sagittarius, for this makes for strength and boldness.

In buying *greyhounds or racehorses*, let the Moon and significators be in airy signs, which give speed. The question of price is judged by the rules given for buying in Chapter VIII.

Note that castration should be performed when the Moon is passing from Full to New, care being taken that the Moon is not in Scorpio nor on the Midheaven. Pigs should be killed when the Moon is increasing in light, or the bacon will tend to wither. Animals should be bled only during the increase of the Moon, and never when the Moon is in Leo or Taurus if the blood is to be taken from the neck. The days of New Moon, Full Moon, and Quarters should be avoided, and also the days when the Sun enters the cardinal signs. Sheep should be sheared when the Moon is increasing.

Buying Birds

If *falcons or hawks, etc.*, fortify the ascendant, the fifth house and its lord, and let the Moon be in Gemini, Libra, Aquarius, or the first 15 degrees of Capricorn.

If *peacocks, turkeys, ordinary cocks and hens* or any domestic poultry, fortify the ascendant, the sixth, and their lords, and place the Moon in an earthy or fixed sign, well dignified. But if they are for fighting let the Moon, Sun, and Mars be strong and if possible in reception with each other or with the lord of the sixth.

If pigeons or pets fortify the ascendant, sixth, their lords, and the Moon. Let the Moon be in good aspect with Venus with reception and if possible from the fifth house. Also let the sign on the sixth be Taurus or Libra, especially Taurus, as that will prevent the bird from being lost.

For *flying pigeons* let the rising sign, the sixth, their lords, and the Moon be free from all hindrance and in good aspect to Jupiter or Venus, provided none is combust or becoming so; and let as many of these significators as possible, particularly the Moon, ascendant, and sixth, be in fixed signs or aspecting them. Take care that the Moon is not applying to the conjunction or aspect of any planet going to combustion, or to Mars, especially out of airy signs, or to Saturn, for all these denote that the birds shall either come to some harm, or be killed, or never return.

If *water fowl, swans, geese, ducks, etc.*, let the above significators be in watery signs. To keep them from straying Scorpio is best, and Cancer next best.

Set fowls from two days before the Full Moon to the Last Quarter.

Set ducks, geese, and turkeys from the First Quarter to the Full Moon.

Training dogs, or taming small animals. Fortify the ascendant, the sixth, their lords, and the Moon and her dispositor. Let the Moon be increasing in light and motion, and in good aspect or reception with the lord of the sixth or his dispositor or both; or let the lord of the ascendant or its dispositor instead of the Moon be in reception or good aspect with either or both of them. And if possible let the Moon, the lord of the ascendant or the lord of the sixth be in good aspect (especially with reception) with Jupiter or Venus.

CHAPTER XIX

PRISONERS AND CRIMINALS

Seeking Fugitives or Escaped Prisoners

When beginning the search place the Moon in the same degree as the Sun, but not within 17 minutes of it. Let the Sun be weak and afflicted, in the last 15 degrees of Libra or the first 15 degrees of Scorpio or within 12 degrees after it. If these conditions cannot be fulfilled let the luminaries be in the ascendant, or else let them be in square or opposition to one another, or in sextile or trine without reception, and weak by house. Or let the time be within three days of an eclipse or one day after, but if possible let it be a lunar eclipse, for the more the Moon is debilitated the less likelihood is there for the prisoner to escape. Let the Moon be in conjunction or aspect with a malefic, but take care that neither is in the fourth house. Let the lord of the ascendant be in conjunction or aspect with the lord of the seventh, or put the lord of the ascendant in the seventh and the lord of the seventh in the ascendant. See that the Moon is not in conjunction or aspect with any planet in the twelfth, for that denotes that the fugitive shall get clear, or if captured shall escape again.

To Make a Criminal Confess

Let the Moon at the time he is questioned be in Libra, or failing that in a human sign, or one of long ascension. If possible let the ascendant be Libra, with the lord of the seventh in that sign in conjunction with the Moon.

Freeing Prisoners and Captives

The ascendant and its lord denote the person to be freed; the tenth the person freeing or who has the power to free. A malefic in the ascendant at the time of deliverance denotes imprisonment again. Therefore put a benefic in the ascendant, and let the lord of the ascendant be well dignified and free from affliction by the malefics. If possible let him be in conjunction or good aspect with the lord of the tenth and received by him, as also by the lord of the twelfth. If possible put the lord of the tenth in the twelfth or applying thereto or to its lord, and let the lord of the twelfth be received by the lord of the tenth. Make the Moon increasing in light and motion and in aspect to the benefics. Let the benefics to which the Moon is joined by conjunction or aspect be oriental and swift. See that the Moon is not in the twelfth nor aspecting a planet slow in motion. Also see that the lord of the twelfth is neither slow nor in conjunction or aspect with planets except swift and well

dignified ones. Dignify the Sun, and fortify the tenth house and its lord, for if these are impeded it signifies powerlessness on the part of the helpers.

CHAPTER XX

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The contents of this chapter are of a somewhat miscellaneous nature and relate to matters that are not the concern of single individuals or the general public. For this reason, and also for the present unorthodox and unofficial status of astrology among the governments of the world, the rules that follow are of no practical use. But I include them for the sake of completeness, and in the hope that the day may not be far distant when considerations such as these will once again be recognised as of importance.

Electing Kings, Presidents, Government Officials, Managers, Etc.

Fortify the ascendant, its lord, the tenth and its lord, the Sun, and the Moon and make them free from the conjunction or bad aspect of the malefics. The Sun and Moon are best in no aspect at all to the malefics, but if an aspect cannot be avoided let it be a sextile or trine with reception; and place the luminaries in angles or succedent houses.

If possible put the Sun in Leo free from impediment; if that is not possible put him in sextile or trine with the planet having dominion by house or exaltation in the house containing the Sun; failing this they may be in square but with reception. On no account let them be in opposition, either with or without reception. In the case of the square, do not let the aspect be thrown from a masculine sign, and take care that the signs are ones in which the Sun and the planet have some dignity. Note any eclipse of either luminary or any great conjunction that year, and see that the sign in which the conjunction or eclipse fell is not on the ascendant or tenth cusp. Also keep the lords of these houses out of the ascendant and tenth. Place both luminaries in terms of the benefics, aspecting each other by sextile or trine. If possible also let the lords of those terms be in sextile or trine to the luminaries, or at least to one of them. See that the New or Full Moon before the election is not afflicted and if it is defer the election if possible until fifteen days after the conjunction or opposition.

Coronations and Installations

At the time of coronation or installation put Leo on the ascendant and the Sun in Taurus in the tenth house. Let the Moon be in the ascendant joined to Venus, Jupiter, or Mercury, all being strong essentially and receiving the Moon.

Beginning Rule or Government

Let the angles all be fixed, especially the ascendant and fourth, and let the lord of the tenth be free from all impediment. Place the lord of the ascendant either in the ascendant, tenth, or eleventh house, or at least in the fifth, received by the lord of the tenth. Let the lord of the tenth be received by its dispositor by sextile or trine; and the lord of the fourth be free from impediment and in good aspect to the benefics. If all this cannot be arranged let the Moon be received by the lord of the tenth, and let the lord of the fourth be free from impediment, taking care that the latter is in no aspect with the ascendant or its lord. If possible let some of the benefics occupy or aspect the fourth or tenth house or at least one of them.

Building Castles and Cities

At the time of laying the foundation stone fortify the ascendant and its lord, and the Moon and Fortuna and their dispositors, and place in the ascendant some fixed stars of the nature of Jupiter, Sun, Venus, or Mercury, or of Saturn if he is well placed. This gives durability and continuance.

Although aspects of Saturn are to be avoided in the building of houses, in the case of cities (or castles) Saturn should have power in the Midheaven and ascendant. Let the ascendant be Sagittarius or Pisces if possible, but in any case let it be unaspected by Mars, and see that Mars is not in conjunction or aspect with the Moon, the lord of the term of the ascendant, or the lord of the hour. Let the lord of the degree rising be fortunate, direct, and swift in motion; and the lord of the ascendant in exaltation or favourable sign, direct, and unafflicted. Place the sun in a sign of long ascension; and Fortuna and its dispositor in favourable positions and in good aspect with the Moon, for this, together with the favourable positions of Jupiter, Sun, and Moon, regulates the goods, trade, and riches of the inhabitants. See that Mars is in no aspect with Fortuna, for any aspect between them causes scarcity and poverty. Fortify Saturn as much as possible and let it be in good aspect to Jupiter, for that gives long continuance, peace, and large populations. It is important to see that Mars has no connection with any significator, for it brings much trouble to the inhabitants. Therefore Mars must be debilitated as much as possible and should be placed in a cadent house, very weak and afflicted. Let Jupiter be fortunately placed and elevated above Mars, and also take care to strengthen the Sun, Fortuna, and especially the Moon, for the stronger these are the more fortunate will be the city and its inhabitants. The Moon must be free from affliction, and it is important to see that it is not in conjunction or opposition to the

Sun or placed between 15° Libra and 15° Scorpio; nor must it be combust, void of course, in South latitude becoming more southerly; in the end or beginning of a sign; in its fall; unaspected by its dispositor; in the sixth or twelfth houses; or with either of the node

Des. It should be increasing in light and motion; in North latitude becoming more northerly; in exaltation or in the exaltation of Jupiter; and in an angle especially the ascendant or Midheaven, with Jupiter or Venus not retrograde. The ascendant and Moon are favourably placed in Taurus or Virgo; and the Moon is favourable in Capricorn if Jupiter is in the ascendant and the Sun by day or the Moon by night is in the Midheaven, for this shows durability and prosperity.

Building Churches

At the time of laying the foundation stone fortify the ascendant and its lord, the ninth house and its lord, the planets in these houses, the Moon and Fortuna and their dispositors, and the planets in aspect with the Moon. Let Jupiter be in the ascendant, if possible in Sagittarius or Pisces, but if this cannot be done let Jupiter be in good aspect to the ascendant, especially in trine, and in its own or a favourable sign and fortunate houses. Fortify the planet exalted in the ascendant, the tenth house and its lord, and as many of the significators mentioned above as possible.

Building Ships

War Ships. When beginning building fortify the ascendant, its lord, the Moon and her dispositor. Place them in the ascendant, tenth or eleventh and let the rising sign, and if possible the other angles also, be fixed. Fortify the fourth house and its lord, which are natural significators of ships. Take care that the Moon and other significators are swift in motion, or place the Moon's dispositor in a watery sign free from all impediment or affliction. If the Moon or lord of the ascendant cannot be in the ascendant put a benefic there free from affliction from the malefics, and let it be oriental if possible. Make the lord of the seventh weak and slow in motion.

Merchant Ships.

The same rules hold good but in addition fortify Mercury, placing him in good aspect with the benefics, and if possible, in the tenth, eleventh, or ascendant. Fortify the lord of the second, Fortuna and its dispositor. The Moon may be slow or swift in motion as desired.

General Rules in Building or Buying Ships

Let Jupiter or Venus be in the fourth in a watery sign or a sign of their own nature, strong and free from impediment, and if possible let the ascendant or the Moon be in Pisces. If the Moon is not in Pisces place her in Taurus, Gemini, the beginning of Cancer, Virgo, Sagittarius, or the latter degrees of Capricorn. Note that the last half of Capricorn was accounted watery by the ancients and the first half earthy.

Avoid afflictions to the significators from Neptune, and let that planet be strong and free from impediment. See that the Moon is increasing in light, motion, and latitude, and in aspect with the benefics, and let the Sun be in trine with the benefics. See that Mars is in no aspect with the ascendant or Moon, for it denotes casualties by fire, and the burning of the ship at the end. If the Moon be in Aquarius and the Sun and Mars are in evil aspect to her the ship will suffer much damage by storm and shipwreck. If the Moon is in a watery sign and afflicted by the Sun and Mars the ship will be wrecked and sunk with all hands. If in a fiery sign, she will be split upon a rock or run aground and lose most of her goods. If in a human sign, she will be ransacked and sunk by pirates, and the crew and passengers be slain. The influence of Mars over ships is very evil, but it is particularly bad in the ascendant, tenth, or eleventh house. Even a fixed star of the nature of Mars is dangerous; especially when afflicting the ascendant, for it threatens that the ship will be destroyed by fire.

Launching Ships

See that the Moon is essentially and accidentally strong, well placed by house, well aspected by Jupiter and Venus, and free from affliction by the malefics. And if possible let the ascendant, its lord, Fortuna and its dispositor be similarly fortified.

Commencing Voyages

Let the ship sail when benefics are angular or in the ninth house, preferably in the hours of Jupiter or Venus, when the Moon is in good aspect to one or both of these planets. The hours of the Sun and Moon should be avoided. Take care that neither the Sun nor the Moon is afflicted by Saturn and Mars, and see that the malefics do not occupy the third or ninth houses. Afflictions from Cauda should also be avoided for they show loss by deception. The ascendant should not be a fiery sign, for that gives a watery sign on the eighth cusp. Avoid placing Saturn in the ascendant, for that causes delay and misfortunes. If Saturn rises in Pisces afflicted by Mars at the time of sailing, the vessel will be cast away.

For yachts and sailing ships the ascendant when canvas is spread should be Aquarius, or in the case of small boats Libra or Gemini in order to ensure a good, strong and steady wind.