

HORARY by Aetherwave

Due to its highly structured nature, Horary provides excellent practice for natal astrologers. Unlike conventional natal astrology however, Horary is a form of divination. Unless you seriously want an answer, don't cast a chart.

Horary works best when the mind is focused. If your not being serious, you're not focused. If you're worried about other things, in physical pain, in a distracting environment, or otherwise mentally preoccupied, you're not focused.

The reason the mind must be focused is that, unlike natal astrology where you can scientifically establish the proper chart start time and place, in Horary you must rely on your intuition to select the casting time and place. You need to receive an "ah-ha" feeling, as to when to cast the chart (the good news is that Horary has some built-in validity checks to see if you got it badly wrong).

Because Horary astrology is divination, questions should always be of a nature whereby answers can be given in a factual manner (i.e. black, white, night, day). Horary does *not* provide answers about psychological conditions, make any moral judgments, etceteras. Also, answers only reflect how situations exist at the "Birth of the question".

Chart Distillation

Interpretation of a Horary chart comes through examining the sequence of Aspects the MOON makes during its projected future travel through the Zodiacal Sign it occupies. Examination starts with the Moons' position at the "Birth of the question", and ends when the Moons progressed position reaches the Cusp of the next Zodiacal Sign.

In Horary Interpretation, only the Conjunction (0°), Sextile (60°), Quintile (72°), Square (90°), Trine (120°), and Opposition (180°) Aspects occurring in the chart during the course of the progression period are used. Due to the slow movement of the other celestial objects in comparison to the Moon, extrapolating from a hand drawn chart is usually sufficient (stay aware of retrograde Planets). However for superior accuracy, progress the chart within a computerized astro-clock program.

Chart Setup

“Birth of the Question”:

The nativity time occurs the moment the person *casting* the horoscope fully *understands* (e.g., is enlightened in regards to) the question being asked. The Questions birth location is the physical location occupied by the human Horologist, when the moment is right to *cast* the horoscope. Horary astrology assumes that Fate lets the question be understood at precisely that moment, because the alignments at precisely that moment are such that a chart can provide an answer.

The understood question must always be written down to avoid mistakes in chart interpretation. Do NOT skip this step, as it is very easy to go astray during a reading. What is written down is what the chart was intended to answer, and nothing else!

Once a questions nativity occurs, a similar Horary question should not be asked again for a minimum of approximately 3 lunar orbits (so that both the slow moving sky can shift to a new position where an answer can be again given, and so that events can progress which may bring new dynamics to the question being asked). You can always use other divination tools however.

Drawing the Chart:

Horary charts are cast in a manner similar to natal charts, using a current ephemeris, but they *always* must use true local (e.g., *sundial*) time. Horologists limit themselves to the luminaries **Sun** and **Moon** and the traditional planets **Mercury**, **Venus**, **Mars**, **Jupiter**, and **Saturn**. Most Horologists also plot the fixed stars **Algol**, **Cor Leonis**, **Regulus**, **Scheat**, **Spica**, and **Vega**. The Placidus house system is one most commonly used, but the Porphyry and Regiomontanus house systems have their supporters. *Never* use the Equal house system when casting a Horary chart!

The Moons **nodes** should be plotted, as well as the degree of arc of its last Syzygy (e.g., new or full moon phase). The **direction** the planets are moving (forward, retrograde, or stationary) needs to be noted, as do their positions in relation to the tropical (e.g., solstice) points. Accuracy in plotting position is crucial, as minutes or arc are often of great importance in Horary astrology.

Chart Examination

It is extremely important that the person examining the chart understand the true nature of the question being asked, as many of the factors affecting chart interpretation must be *chosen* from a “possibility list” by the charts examiner. It is good technique to frequently refer back to the written question during the examination.

Querent and Quesited:

Begin by determining what Planets and associated Houses (called SIGNIFICATORS in this context) represent the inquirer and the thing being inquired about. In Horary, the person originating the inquiry is called the QUERENT, and the thing being inquired about is called the QUESITED. Do *not* confuse the Querent with a Horologist casting the chart (unless self casting), or with any middlemen that may have passed the question on to the Horologist for interpretation.

The Quesiteds significator is the CUSP OF THE *relevant* HOUSE, and the *relevant* HOUSES DEPOSITOR. Note that the choice of a relevant House should be influenced by the *perceived* role that the things Quesited about fulfill in the Querents life, remembering always that the way in which you perceive something may not be the way the Querent does (especially if they are from a different culture)! If in doubt, quiz the Querent to determine their personal perceptions.

The Querents significator is the CUSP OF THE FIRST HOUSE, and the FIRST HOUSE DISPOSITOR. Note that the Moon (because of its use during interpretation) is also deemed a significator of the Querent, *IF* it has not already been assigned as a significator to the Quesited.

In the case of a person asking a question on *behalf* of another person, the person that should be fulfilling the role of Querent is not the person actually generating the question, but the person on whose behalf the question is being asked. To correct for this factor, the chart must be “turned” so that the person on whose behalf the question is being asked is reflected by the Cusp of the First House.

Example;

A person asking the question is asking on behalf of his neighbor. This neighbor is then determined to be a 3rd House association to the person generating the question. Because this neighbor is considered to be the actual Querent, and because the Querent must always be represented by the First House cusp, we have to “turn” the chart (shift the House numbering pattern) so that the old 3rd House is now labeled as the 1st House. As the numbering pattern remains linear, the old 4th House will now be labeled as the 2nd House, the old 5th House will now be labeled as the 3rd House, etceteras.

Determining a relevant House:

Each House describes a specific department in a persons life. Please refer to one of the many astrological reference sources that go into detail on the subject. To briefly summarize:

1st House relates to the **Querent**.

2nd House relates to querents **possessions**.

3rd House relates to querents **brothers** and **sisters**.

4th House relates to querents **father** and **real estate**.

5th House relates to querents **children**.

6th House relates to querents **labor** and **illness**.

7th House relates to querents **partnerships**.

8th House relates to querents **transformation** and querents **partners wealth**.

9th House relates to querents **travels** and **deep thoughts**.

10th House relates to querents **social standing**.

11th House relates to querents **friends** and **hopes**.

12th House relates to querents **secret enemies**.

Determining a relevant House Depositor:

The House Depositor is the Planet (or luminary) that Rules the Zodiacal sign occupied by the relevant House Cusp. The rulers are:

Aquarius = Saturn (*Sign of Joy*)

Pisces = Jupiter

Aries = Mars

Taurus = Venus (*Sign of Joy*)

Gemini = Mercury

Cancer = Moon *

Leo = Sun *

Virgo = Mercury (*Sign of Joy*)

Libra = Venus

Scorpio = Mars (*Sign of Joy*)

Sagittarius = Jupiter (*Sign of Joy*)

Capricorn = Saturn

Note that the “Sign of Joy” is where the planet expresses itself most positively.

* *the luminaries are always in their Sign of Joy*

Validity Checks:

The most obvious validity check is that the Horary chart must in some way describe the participants of the question being asked. The Querent should be reflected in the associations of the Ascendant, or to Planets within the First House. The Querited should also be reflected in associations with the selected House, and the House should produce a descriptive Planet. Be aware that associations often occur through linkages. Furthermore:

-- A Horary chart can only be considered valid if the Moon does *not* fall within the VIA COMBUSTA (the area of the Zodiac extending from 24°0' Libra – 5°59' Scorpio).

-- A Horary chart can only be considered valid if the ASCENDANT lies *within* 3°0' – 26°59' of the Zodiacal Sign it occupies (i.e., is not too near a Sign Cusp). *Rare Exceptions* are if:

- the ASCENDANT Conjuncts a Querents Natal Planet position. {refer to the Querents Natal horoscope for this information}
- the chart describes a Querent whose age matches the degrees of the cusp.

-- A Horary chart can only be considered valid if the Ruler of the Planetary Hour harmonizes with an associated property of the Ascendant. In decreasing levels of affirmation, one of these four harmonizations need to occur:

1. Is the planet which is RULER OF THE HOUR, the same planet which is RULER OF THE ELEMENT associated with the Zodiacal Sign that the Ascendant currently occupies?
2. Is the planet which is RULER OF THE HOUR, the same planet which is RULER OF THE SIGN (sometimes there may not be one) that the Ascendant currently occupies?
3. Does the planet which is RULER OF THE HOUR, have the same NATURE as the Zodiacal Sign that the Ascendant currently occupies?
4. Is the RULER OF THE HOUR,
 - in a Trine Aspect to the RULER OF THE ELEMENT associated with the Zodiacal Sign that the Ascendant currently occupies;
 - *or* in a Trine Aspect to the RULER OF THE SIGN (sometimes there may not be one) that the Ascendant currently occupies;
 - *or* in a Trine Aspect to the Ascendant Cusp?

How to determine the RULER OF THE HOUR:

Planetary Hour lengths do *NOT* match standardized clock hour lengths! Planetary Hour lengths *differ* between daytime and nighttime, and *also* change daily depending upon the Sun's location along the ecliptic.

- 1) Determine from a calendar the horary Weekday of the nativity. Horary Weekdays last from *local* (e.g., sundial) Sunrise, through *local* Sunset, and on until the next *local* Sunrise. Weekdays occur in a continuous 7 day cyclic order. If we begin with Sunday, the next will be Monday, then Tuesday, then Wednesday, then Thursday, then Friday, then Saturday, then back to Sunday again. Horologists are currently working under the assumption that the North American calendar names for the weekdays are in synchronization with the horary Weekday names.
- 2) Determine by calculation the Planetary Hour lengths for the weekday in which the nativity occurred. Start by determining the *local* (e.g., sundial) sunrise and sunset for this weekday, as well as the *local* sunrise for the next weekday. Mathematically divide the Daytime into 12 equal length segments. Separately mathematically divide the Nighttime into 12 equal length segments. Be cognizant of the fact that the daytime and nighttime Planetary Hour lengths will be different.
- 3) Using an ephemeris, match up the nativity time to its corresponding Planetary Hour time. Take note as to whether the nativity occurred in *local* Day or Night. Be aware that during an Interpretation the day/night boundary may be crossed, and that this may change rulerships and other factors when it occurs.
- 4) Determine by formula the Planet Ruling the Hour. Planets are assigned to Planetary Hours in a cyclic order. The cyclic pattern begins at *local* (e.g., sundial) Sunrise and continues for 24 hours until the next Sunrise. Be cognizant that at the start of a new Weekday, the cycle will be reset with a new starting Planet.

The cycle of the hours follows this repeating planetary hour pattern:

Saturn – Jupiter – Mars – Sun – Venus – Mercury – Moon – (then back to Saturn again).

The planet assigned to the first Hour immediately after Sunrise depends on the horary Weekday as follows:

Sunday first hour = Sun
Monday first hour = Moon
Tuesday first hour = Mars
Wednesday first hour = Mercury
Thursday first hour = Jupiter
Friday first hour = Venus
Saturday first hour = Saturn

How to determine RULER OF THE ELEMENT:

In Horary astrology each Element (Air, Water, Fire, and Earth) is associated with a Zodiacal Sign, and also ruled by a Planet. In past times this association was known as Triplicity (because there are three associated Signs with each).

The Element associated with the Zodiacal Signs are:

Air = Aquarius, Gemini, and Libra.

Water = Pisces, Cancer, and Scorpio.

Fire = Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius.

Earth = Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn.

The Element Rulers are as follows (note that they change depending upon whether the “Birth of the question” occurred during a horary Day or Night):

Day Air = Saturn

Night Air = Mercury

Day Water = Mars

Night Water = Mars

Day Fire = Sun

Night Fire = Jupiter

Day Earth = Venus

Night Earth = Moon

How to determine RULER OF THE SIGN:

In Horary astrology each Zodiacal Sign is associated with a Planet. However, depending on whether the “Birth of the question” is occurring during horary Day or Night, a Zodiacal sign might *not* have a ruler. The Sign Rulers are as follows:

Aquarius by Day = Saturn
Pisces by Night = Jupiter
Aries by Day = Mars
Taurus by Night = Venus
Gemini by Day = Mercury
Cancer *anytime* = Moon
Leo *anytime* = Sun
Virgo by Night = Mercury
Libra by Day = Venus
Scorpio by Night = Mars
Sagittarius by Day = Jupiter
Capricorn by Night = Saturn

How to determine NATURE:

In Horary *both* the Planets and Zodiacal Signs have an associated Nature, which is **dry** or **moist** and **hot** or **cold**.

The Nature of the Planets (and luminaries) are:

Saturn = dry & cold
Jupiter = moist & hot
Mars = dry & hot
Sun = dry & hot
Venus = moist & cold
Mercury = dry & cold
Moon = moist & cold

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