Carmen Astrologicum

Book II

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In the name of God, the merciful and compassionate, to Whom I resort.

This is the second book of Dorotheus which he wrote on marriage and children and the judgments of the planets. The beginning of its beginning is from marriage. He said:

Look at Venus where it is and which are the first, second, and third lords of its triplicity as, if they are with Venus or in a cardine or in trine to it [Venus], then this is a good indication because Venus is full for the matter of marriage. If you find the lords of the triplicity of Venus with it or in the cardines or what follows the cardines, rejoicing in their light and direct in [their] motion, all of this is a good indication in the matter of marriage so that the father of the child was happy. But if you find the lords of the triplicity of Venus in a bad place or a cadent, corrupted, or they are under the rays of the Sun or near the West, then predict differently from that about the badness of the marriage because those who are born will be of those who will never marry or whose marriage is with slave girls or whores or old women who are disgraced or those young in years, or he is a leaser of whores; we have seen someone in [a nativity] like this who leased his wife, and he was disgraced in this. If you find the lords of the triplicity of Venus in a bad place, but Venus is with a benefic planet and [they are both] beneficial in one house, then he will marry an agreeable wife. But when the lords of the triplicity of Venus come in between [Venus and the benefic], they indicate disaster and disgrace because of women and anxiety and grief because of them.

Venus’ being with Jupiter while Venus is in a good place indicates his marriage to an agreeable wife. If you find Venus cadent [and] Mars and Jupiter aspecting it by day while the lords of its triplicity are in midheaven, then they indicate that the wife will be a whore, well known in the mouths of the majority of men, because Jupiter indicates fame in the city, but this [native] will attain disgrace from its …

[Venus’] badness. If you find Venus in a bad place and Jupiter and Mars aspect [it] while the lords of its triplicity are in midheaven, then the aspect of Mars indicates that she will long for marriage. If a malefic is with Venus or overcoming it or in opposition to it, then it indicates the badness of the marriage from men and women so that his life will revolve in grief and misery because of women, especially if the malefic is the Moon.

If you find Mercury in the house of Venus and Saturn aspects it, it indicates the marriage of that native to slave girls or the like and servants and strangers, and similarly also in the nativities of females. If Jupiter is with Venus, then predict that he will have intercourse with a praiseworthy woman. Especially if Jupiter aspects the Moon, then he will have intercourse with his mistress or his lady or the wife of one of the nobles. If with this Saturn and Mars aspect, from [different] directions, the Moon, [which is] the king of the night, then he will have intercourse with his lady or the wife of one of the nobles, and so also predict in the nativities of women. If Venus in the day is in the ascendent or midheaven under the rays of the Sun and Mars is in a cardine or with the lot of the wedding, then it indicates for the native a wife of the lowest [class], a stranger and a pauper. If Mercury and with it Venus aspect the lot, it indicates a wife [who is] a singer or a dancer.

If you find the malefics aspecting the sign of wedding, which is the seventh from the ascendent, and you find the lord of this place cadent or corrupted by the aspect of the malefics or by a bad position, then it indicates what I will tell you. If the lord of that place is Saturn, then the injury is because of the fathers and mature men or because of the dead. If the lord of that place is Jupiter, he will attain this because of kings or wealthy men or because of the decree of his city. If it is Mercury, then this calamity and injury is because of argument and talk, and some of them will marry a woman who has been in service as a concubine, but thieves stole her away. If the lord of that place is Mars, it indicates a marriage [that is] shameful [and] disgraceful. If Mercury is with Mars, then it is bad because he will kill his wife with his own hand and [her] blood will stick to him. If it is Venus, then the bride’s dowry is damaged, and she will be furious with him like the burning of fire because of women, and the marriage will be with this thing.
A chapter. Knowledge of the lot of wedding.

Look at the place (which I shall tell you) of the lot of wedding. Count from the degrees of Saturn to Venus and add to it the degrees of the ascendent [by day] or subtract it thirty at a time from the ascendent [by night]; wherever it reaches, then there is the lot of wedding. If you find any of those planets in this place or in quartile to it [the lot], then this is the indicator of the wedding. Look: perhaps then a malefic or a cardine of the lot is in the sixth or the twelfth so that this happens to be in a sign full of grief [and] scanty in benefit.

A chapter. Knowledge of the lot [in] the nativity of a woman.

If you want to see in the nativity of a woman the lot of marriage, then count from the degrees of Venus to Saturn and add to it the degrees of the ascendent. If you find any of the planets in the lot or in quartile of this place, then it is the indicator. If it is Mars, then it indicates women who will marry [several] men in succession and will play the whore with men. If the lord of the lot of wedding is in the seventh sign and the lord of the lot is Saturn, then it indicates that that man who will marry her is an old man, and if Saturn is in its own house, then it indicates that he will be her grandfather or her paternal uncle or her maternal uncle or one of those possessing relationships to her. If the native is a slave girl or a servant, then this man who marries her will be her master. If the lord of the lot is Mars, then that man will not be known and he will be one who pursues one of the professions of Mars. If the lord of that is Jupiter, then the man who will marry her is well known [and] possesses fame in the towns and cities. If Venus is the lord of the lot, then he will bring this matter to an end with [other] things and [with] joy from wine. If it is Mercury, then he will bring it to an end with deceit and quarrelling about this many times, especially if Mars aspects it [Mercury].

Always if you find Venus in nativities of men or of women in a bad place, then it indicates a disgraceful marriage. If Jupiter aspects Venus from wherever it aspects, it indicates benefit because of females, but if a malefic aspects Venus while Jupiter is aspecting, then it diminishes the evil of the malefic. In the nativity of a woman predict similarly about their benefiting from men. If you find Venus in a sign possessing two bodies or possessing two figures, then the marriage …

If the lot of marriage is in opposition to Venus or in opposition to the ascendent or in a bad place, or Venus is also in a masculine sign and with this is eastern, then, because the feminine signs are of the portion of the night and Venus is of the portion of the night, most [of what was predicted for] one who was born thus will remain till the end of his life except for his wife. Because the diurnal planets rejoice in the East and the nocturnal planets rejoice in the West, what I told you of this is secure. If you find the lords of Venus’ triplicity …

p.201] aspecting neither midheaven nor Venus, then men will have no pleasure in marriage. If with this the lords of the triplicity of the lot of wedding are aspecting neither the lot of wedding nor Venus nor midheaven, then this [native] will never marry. If the lord of Venus’ triplicity is at the end of signs or in the term[s] of malefics or in the cardine under the earth or not in its own place, or the malefics aspect it, then this native will never marry. But if the lord of Venus’ triplicity is in its own place, it indicates marriage.

If Venus is in the seventh place from the ascendent, it indicates injury and misery and calamity because of women and that he will have little stability with them, but will have intercourse with those who have need and poverty and slave girls [and] servants [and] strangers, but according to this he will be married because of the place of Venus in a cardine, but because of the place of the ascendent opposite it [Venus] it indicates injury because of women. If Venus is in a bad place without the aspect of a benefic while Saturn does aspect it and is free of Jupiter, then it indicates that this native will remain without marriage, but he will have intercourse with those who are disgraced and in whom there is no good. If Venus is in [one of] its own places, it indicates marriage, and the marriage will abound in children. If Venus is in a tropical sign which is its own place in the strength of places, it indicates his change from [one] wife to [another] wife, especially if planets aspect it [the place]. If Venus is in the cardine under the earth, it indicates the death of the native’s woman and of his child, and [his] grief on this account. If the cardine under the earth is a tropical sign, especially Cancer or Capricorn, then this is bad and worse because the native will be desirous of intercourse with disgraced women or whores in public, and debt will always come upon him because of this. If Saturn is with Venus or Venus is in the term of Saturn while Saturn aspects it [Venus], then it is bad concerning marriage because he will marry a widow or an old woman or a woman who is deficient in the matter of caring about him or a young girl or a slave girl, insignificant in everything, or a woman disgraced in the matter of livelihood; it is also similarly bad in the nativity of women with respect to their husbands and children. But if Venus is with Mars or in the term of Mars while Mars aspects it [the term] in the nativity of a woman, then the wife will be desirous of adultery and grief on account of [her] children will come upon her; it indicates similarly in …

p.202] the nativities of men that sometimes the wives of the men are among those who are barren because of the existence of Mars with Venus or in opposition to it. If you find Jupiter and Venus under the rays of the Sun, then these two indicate an obscure marriage because he will marry widows and her whose childbearing has been cut off. If you find the Moon in its own house or exaltation with Venus while Jupiter aspects, then these [natives] will marry from among their own women. If you find Venus and the Moon, each of them in opposition to the other or in quartile or both of them are in one sign in a bad place, then this indicates harm to the marriage, but if they are in a cardine they indicate [that] the marriage of the native is to his sister or the closest [to him] of his women. If you find the Moon and Venus together in the cardine under the earth while Jupiter aspects [them], it indicates [his] marriage to one of his relatives, but he will have children at the end of his life. If you find the lord of the lot of wedding in [the place of] the lot of wedding or the lord of the lot aspecting it or the Moon, then these [natives] will marry from among their relatives their brother’s daughter or their sister’s daughter. If Saturn is with Venus in the house of one of the two in the ascendent, then he will have intercourse with his daughters and his older sisters, but if the Moon is in quartile to these two, then he will have intercourse with his maternal aunt. But if the Moon does not aspect while Mars does aspect from quartile, then he will marry a woman in whom he will take pleasure, but, however that is, the loss of his property will come upon him because of the woman, but if the native is female, then the woman
is a Lesbian. If Venus is in an alien house or in a tropical sign while the Moon aspects [it] or if the Moon is with it, then the woman will be desirous of intercourse, and from her longing for this that she will give men pay, and also if Saturn also aspects. If each one of the two, Venus and Mars, is in the other’s house or term, it indicates debauchery and wickedness, and similarly if they are together or one of the two aspects the other from quartile or opposition or they are in the East, so that this debauchery will be in public. If it is in the West, then it will be kept quiet and will be a secret, but it will be the most public that is [possible] and the worst in infamy if the Sun aspects it also, because this is harmful. If with this the lord of the sign of wedding is Mercury and Mercury is in the sixth, western, or in a qudruped sign while the sign of wedding is a quadruped [and] injured, then a marriage is not judged for ...

p.203] this native while he is a youth, and if he does marry, his wife will survive [only] a brief time because most of these [men] are worried about their own lives without marriage. If the lord of the sign of wedding with this is in a good place, then he will have intercourse with a sick woman or a stranger who has no one, and he will have no constancy among women, and trouble and injury will come upon him because of them. If the lord of the lot of wedding is under the rays of the Sun or under the earth while the malefics aspect [it] and it aspects its own place, then he will have intercourse with whores and slave girls or he will have intercourse with one with whom a multitude of men has had intercourse. But if you find the lord of the lot rejoicing in its light, aspecting its own place while the benefics aspect it, and its place is strong in a cardine or what follows a cardine, then this native will marry a good woman with no blemish in her, virtuous, praiseworthy in this, and he will be noble in his condition and his benefit. If the lord of this lot which I mentioned is Jupiter, then this benefit and the good which he attains will be from the nobles of men and it will be on account of women. If it is Saturn, then this benefit and the good will be the inheritance of the property of [his] wife’s father or her relatives, however this came to him, or the inheritance from a slave whom he freed. If Mars is the lord of that lot, that benefit is because of a strange man whose work is work like the works of Mars, or his benefit is from violent deeds. If the lord of the lot is Mercury, then that benefit which was on account of women will have as its cause calculation and words. If it is Venus, then he will be praised and benefited on account of women and females. If the lord of the lot is Mercury and it is in a bad place while benefics aspect that place or a benefic is in it, then he will marry a virtuous [and] good wife, but he will be anxious and unhappy because of the position of Mercury. If the lord of this place is in a good place while a malefic aspects this place or is in it, then misery and misfortune on account of women pass these [natives] by or according to this they attain joy and profit because of them. Look at the seventh place from the lot, as, if you find its lord in the lot and the lot’s lord in the seventh, then these [natives] will keep quiet about their marriage[s] and will have intercourse with women secretly, then they will marry them after that and they [the women] will bear children from them.

p.204] II.5 A chapter. Knowledge of how many wives he will marry.

If you wish to know how many wives he will marry, then mark off from midheaven to Venus; whatever number of planets is between these two, that number of wives will he marry, but wherever you find Saturn, then know [his] coldness and distress; wherever you find Mars, [his] death unless a benefic aspects it. In the nativities of women, if you wish to know how many husband[s] she will marry, then count from midheaven to Mars, but if Mars is in midheaven then count from midheaven to Jupiter; whatever number of planets is between these two, say this is the number [of men] whom she will marry. If you find Venus cadent from midheaven, say [that there is] little constancy toward women in men, and say similarly in the women with respect to their husbands if you find Mars in the seventh.

Remember this lot: count from Venus to the degree of the seventh sign and add to it the degrees of the ascendent [by day] or subtract it from the ascendent [by night] thirty at a time; wherever it reaches, there is the lot of happiness and wedding. See which [planet] is its lord and which is with it and which aspects it, as, if a malefic is in this lot or aspects it, say that the native will marry disgraced [women] and one in whom there is no good. If the lord of this lot is in a bad place while Venus is under the rays of the Sun and the malefics aspect [it], then most of those whose nativity is thus will never marry.
The time of the wedding: whenever Jupiter transits where the lot was or in quartile from it or in opposition to it or in trine to it or [transits] the triplicity [trine] of Venus or Venus’ quartile or opposition, then the marriage will occur unless Saturn aspects from opposition or quartile, because if Saturn aspects thus, it chills it [the wedding] and there will be nothing but destruction, or, if there is a marriage, it will not last. Whenever Jupiter transits in the place in which Venus was, it is suitable for the marriage. If the year ends at the sign in which the lot was, it indicates marriage unless Saturn is as I mentioned because Saturn will chill it, but sometimes the transit of Saturn, if it was in the base-diagram of the nativity in a powerful place and ruled something of the lot, aspecting the lot, indicates marriage especially if Jupiter helps it with [its] aspect because Jupiter and Venus indicate good wives. If a multitude of women was predicted for the native in his nativity, then, whenever Venus transits in its own ...

p.205] house or aspects its own house, he will marry, but [his wife] will neither stay nor be suitable. Also if Mars aspects Venus and Venus also aspects it [Mars] as I mentioned to you, it indicates a marriage of short duration.

The man is suitable for the woman and the woman for the man if the ascendant[s] of these two are the same cardine. If the two luminaries or one of the two is in the ascendent or midheaven, then also it is suitable. Similarly [does it happen] if you find that wherever is the Venus of one of the two [marriage partners], there is the Moon of the other, or wherever is the Moon of one of the two, there is the Venus of the other, especially if the Moon of one of the two is in trine with the Moon of the other. But if, wherever one luminary of one of the two [marriage partners] is, in this sign there is a malefic for the other, then it indicates injury and little agreement, but if, wherever a luminary of one of the two is, in it there is a benefic for the other, or all the benefics the two natives are in cardines, or the lot of both of them is in the same sign, it indicates agreement and suitability.

[II.6] A chapter. Knowledge of the lot of wedding by day and by night.

Calculate also the lot of wedding by day and by night from the Sun to where the Moon is, and add to it the degrees of Venus [by day] or subtract it from where Venus is [by night] thirty at a time; wherever it reaches, there it is. If Jupiter is in opposition or quartile to it, it indicates marriage. If the lot of wedding happens to be in opposition to the ascendent or in the cardine under the earth while the malefics aspect [it], then the native will see the death of his women. If you find the lord of the triplicity of Venus in the cardine of the West or the cardine under the earth, it indicates the death of his women. Similarly look in the nativity of a woman at the lot of wedding; as I told you in the consideration about the wedding of men [it is] from Venus, so similarly for women look from Mars. If Venus is in the cardine of the West or the cardine under the earth, it indicates for men the death of their women and the smallness of their constancy toward women. Similarly if you find Mars in the cardine of the West or the cardine under the earth, it indicates for women the death of their husbands.

If you find Venus western with a malefic or in its aspect, it indicates for the native the death of his women. If Jupiter aspects Venus ...

p.206] from the length or eight and you find Venus in the twelfth or sixth, then the native will marry a good woman, but she will die, and fear and weeping and anxiety will reach him because of her. But your consideration concerning the time of their (the women’s) death [should be] as I told you in the matter of the parents and brothers.


Now I will make clear to you sodomy and [what is] like that of what is in men and women. If Venus is in the house of Mercury and Mercury is in a bad place, then the native will not love women, but his pleasure will be in boys. If the lot of wedding is with Mercury and Mercury is in a masculine sign which is a cardine, he will be desirous of boys, [but] will not love intercourse with women. If you find Mars in the house of Mercury and Mercury in the house of Mars, then he will be covetous of males; the aspect of Mars to Mercury from quartile or opposition indicates the same.
If Venus is in one of the signs of desire, which abound in lust (they are Aries, Capricorn, Pisces, and Taurus), and Venus is under the [Sun’s] rays with Saturn or Mars, then this indicates [something] like what I told you of the act of scandals; [it indicates] similarly if you find Venus in what I named for you of the signs of desire and one of the two malefics, Saturn and Mars, is overcoming it [Venus] from 6 quartile. If Venus is in the cardinal of the West in opposition and the Moon is in the ascendent, then, if the native is female, it indicates that she will be a Lesbian, desirous of women, and if the native is a male, he will be desirous of males, especially if Venus is in Leo or Virgo or [one of] the houses of the malefics. If the malefics aspect it [Venus], then it will be worse. If Venus is under the [Sun’s] rays, then it will be worse and more evil. If Venus is in a house of Saturn and Saturn in a house of Venus in the cardine of the West or the cardine under the earth or the sixth or twelfth place, then the native will be effeminate [and] will be one of those in whom one does [something] like what one does in women. Venus also indicates thus if it is cadent or in a bad place while the malefics are in a feminine sign which is a cardine; then the native will be effeminate, weak in his joints and strength, and one will do in him the act of women. And it will be worse for him if the two luminaries are in a feminine sign or one of the two luminaries is in a feminine sign which Saturn or Mars aspects. If it …

p.207 [Saturn or Mars] is in Capricorn, Aquarius, Aries, Taurus, or Pisces, and the lot of illness is with these two in a feminine sign, if the native is a woman then she will be a Lesbian; if they are in a masculine sign, if the native is a male, then they will not do to women as they ought to. It will also be thus if Venus is with one of the malefics, and it will be worse than this if Mercury is injured. If Jupiter aspects [something] similar to this, it will relax that misfortune or keep it secret.

If you find the Moon in Pisces, Taurus, or Aquarius, while Mercury is with Mars, then the woman will be notorious for adultery, especially if Venus is in the ascendent or in midheaven. If you find, in the nativity of females, the two luminaries in masculine signs and Venus in a masculine sign, in the cardines, and one of them is in opposition or quartile to another, then this native, if it is a female, is one of those [women] who do in women the act of men. If you find Venus … in the nativity of women while each one of the two luminaries is in trine with its lord, then these [women] will have much intercourse with men and a great number of men will have intercourse with them.

Up to here is the section on marriage.


Look at [the first and the second] lord of Jupiter’s triplicity; if they are both together in a good place departing from the Sun’s rays, then the two of them indicate children and benefit from them. If one of them is in a good place and the other in a bad place, I then he will have children, but misery and lamentation and weeping will reach him because of them. Consider with respect to the lords of the triplicity as I told you in the beginning of this my book: in which of the times [the children will be born], and for how much of his life will joy and happiness reach him, and in which of them [the times] will misery and misfortune come to him. If you find the lords of Jupiter’s triplicity, both of them, in a cardine under the [Sun’s] rays, then he will be one of those who will not be blessed with children, then especially if Jupiter [also] is cadent under the Sun’s rays.


Calculate the number of children as I shall tell you. Look at the lords of Jupiter’s triplicity, which of them is the stronger, and calculate …

p.208 [its] place which is above the earth, and count from it till it reaches the ascendent; whatever signs are between these two, according to that is the number of [his] children. If Jupiter and Venus are in what is between these, they indicate an increase in this number, and whatever planets there are also besides this will increase [the number]. If you find in what I told you of signs a sign possessing two bodies, then double it. If you find in what is between these Mars or Saturn, it indicates the death of the child, especially if Mars and Saturn are in a bad place. But if these two are in a good place, then they

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indicate an increase in [the number of] children, except that this [extra] child will be expelled, especially if that sign in which the malefic is is the cardine of the West or the cardine under the earth.

If you find the lord of Jupiter’s triplicity, which is the indicator of the matter of children, in midheaven, then predict for him that he will have four children or one, but if it is in the cardine of the West, then predict that they will be seven or one, especially if the cardine of the West is Aries. If you find the lord of Jupiter’s triplicity cadent from the cardine of midheaven or the cardine under the earth, then count from the ascendent to it; whatever is the number of signs between these two, that is the number of children he will have. The rest of the investigation is as I told you. If the lords of Jupiter’s triplicity are in signs abounding in children, then predict that the number of children will be greater than what I said; their number will also be made clear to you from the section on brothers.

If you find the Moon and Venus in Capricorn and Cancer or their triplicities, then see which of them is better in [its] position; let this strong one be the indicator of children. If they are both in other than these triplicities, then let your consideration be from the lords of Jupiter’s triplicity. If you find the indicator of the matter of children in the ascendent or midheaven or in the sign of fortune, then he will be blessed with children in his youth. If it is in the second from the ascendent or in the sign of wedding or in the eighth sign or the cardine under the earth, then [children] will be born to the native in the middle and the end of his years. If you find the indicator of children [to be] Jupiter, in a good place under the Sun’s rays, then he will have children, but they will not live.


The lot of children: count from Jupiter to Saturn and add to it the degrees of the ascendent [by day] or subtract it from the ascendent [by night], thirty at a time; wherever it happens to be, look at its lord. Then count from the lot to its lord how many signs there are, or from its lord which follows it [to the lot]; whatever there is of signs between these two, that is the number of children. If you find a malefic between these two, it indicates the death of the children. If the Sun or the Moon is in quartile or opposition with the lot, then the Sun will increase the male children, the Moon the female. If you find that there is no [planet] in the lot or aspacting it, then the first child will not be benefited by it because he will be miscarried or will die horribly. If you find the lot in a cardine or a good place, then it is a good indication in the matter of children. If it happens to be in the sixth or twelfth place, then neither a male nor a female will be born to him, and he will suffer distress and grief from this; but if he should have children, they will not stay with him so that they will part from him in the cities. If the lot happens to be where none of the planets is in quartile or opposition to it, then these [natives] have a need for children. But if there are planets in opposition or quartile to the lot, then it indicates that he will have a multitude of children. If the lot happens to be in a sign of few children, then it indicates a small number of children. If Saturn is with it, then it indicates that he will be sterile or will have few children or will be grieved with an intense grief on account of [his] children.

Jupiter and Mercury indicate children if they are in good places, but deny [it] if they are in the sterile signs, which are Gemini, Leo, Virgo, Capricorn, the beginning of Taurus, the middle of Libra, Aries, and Sagittarius. As for Aquarius and what is like this, it abounds in children, but Scorpio abounds in children and in deaths for them.

If you find a planet in opposition or quartile to the lot, then predict that he will abound in children. It is necessary for you to consider the lot, [whether] perhaps it is in a sign of few children as, if it is thus, it indicates a small number of children. If Saturn is in the lot, then it is very bad because he will be sterile or have few children, and distress, grief, and misery in the matter of children will reach them.


Remember this lot which I told you about. Count from Mars to Jupiter and add to it the degrees of the ascendent [by day] or subtract it from the ascendent [by night], thirty at a time. Wherever your counting ends, when Jupiter transits that lot or its opposition or aspects it from quartile, then will be born children to this native. When Venus happens to transit this lot, it indicates children. When the
year comes to where Jupiter or Venus were, it indicates children. When Saturn also comes to that place, it also indicates children.


Count what of degrees is between Jupiter and the Sun and add to it the degrees of the ascendant; wherever it comes to, there is the lot of male children. Count from the Moon to Venus and add to it the degrees of the ascendant [by day] or subtract it from the ascendant [by night]; wherever it ends, there is the lot of female children. Look at the two lords of these two lots and their power in their places, and know whether the birth of males or of females is more numerous and better.

If you find Saturn in opposition to Mercury, it indicates the death of the children. If you find Venus, while Saturn is in opposition to it [Venus], without the aspect of Jupiter, he will be sterile or will have few children. If with this Saturn aspects the Moon [which is] in the tropical degrees with one of the malefics, or [when] a malefic aspects it [the Moon] from quartile, then it indicates that children will not be born to [those] men.

If you find the two lots which I mentioned to you [having] one of the malefics in quartile, it indicates the loss of his [the native’s] children. If you find the lot in the twelfth or the sixth while Saturn aspects, then it indicates the death of the children. If you find Jupiter in the cardine under the earth or in the cardine, the seventh, with a malefic, or [if] a malefic is in opposition or quartile to it [Jupiter], then it is the indicator of the death of his [the native’s] children, and worse than this if Jupiter is without light. If the Sun is with Saturn in a sign, it indicates grief in the matter of having children. If Jupiter is cadent, it indicates the loss of his parents. If Saturn injures Venus without the aspect of Jupiter, then it indicates grief on account of children, or they will have children but will not enjoy them, or no ...

p.211] children will be born to him, but if he has children, then sorrow and weeping will reach him because of having children, especially if Saturn aspects the Moon together with its [Saturn’s] aspect of Venus.

Now I will make the whole [of it] clear to you. If you find in nativities Jupiter and Mercury not injured, then judge an abundance of children. If these two are in their illuminator [the Sun] or their fall [dejection], then they do not indicate the existence of children, but if he should have a child, then he will die and grief will reach his father.

Look from the midheaven in the matter of the nativity [and] which [planet] aspects midheaven, and where its lord is, and of what sort the sign is, and where its witness is, and which [sign] follows midheaven this indicates males and females. Look from the fifth, from the sign which is the sign of children, and its lord- in what place it is, whether it is a benefic or a malefic, and how great its strength is in this nativity, because if it is cadent while Jupiter and Venus do not aspect the fifth place but the malefics do aspect this place, it indicates the fewness of [his] children, and if he should have children, it indicates the shortness of their remaining [with him] and the briefness of their lives. But if one benefic aspects that place, then you should not at all despair for [his] children, but I he will have some. If a benefic aspects the fifth place and its lord is in a good place asecting midheaven, then this is an indication of the abundance of [his] children and of their goodness.

[II.13] A chapter. Knowledge of whether females or males are more numerous.

If you wish to know if the females are more numerous than the males, then look at that place which I mentioned to you and at its lord. If it is a feminine sign and its lord in a masculine [sign], judge males for him. If the place is masculine and its lord feminine or the opposite of this, then judge males and females for him. If a malefic is in a cardine asecting the Moon, then this native will not cease expelling his children in his life outside of his house.

Look concerning the situation of the matter of pregnancy. Whenever Jupiter transits where Mars was or aspects it from opposition or quartile or trine, then she is pregnant. If the Moon is in a cardine in the equatorial degrees where the night and the day are equal, then it indicates sterility for men and women.
A chapter. Aspect of trines, if one of the planets aspects another from trine.

If Saturn aspects Jupiter from trine while Jupiter is in a good place, then it indicates an abundance of property and land and trees and buildings and mosques; sometimes he will be lord of a group and will agree with his father, and sometimes he will direct the affairs of his city and of landed estates, and he will benefit because of strangers and will be lucky and will be honored in [all] ways. If Saturn aspects Jupiter and Mercury from trine, then he will be secretive, learned in hidden [and] secret things, or he will direct the affairs of kings and of cities, or with this he will be pious and will raise a child other than his own, and he will not be benefited by his own children, because they will die or will be separated from him. If Mars aspects what I mentioned, what I mentioned of good will decrease and misery and evil reputation and misfortune will increase. If Saturn aspects Mars from trine I without the aspect of Jupiter and Mercury, then he will be rich, a ruler of reason, strong, well known in the metropolis – he will be put up in the manner of kings, but he will see the death of his older brothers. If Saturn aspects the Sun from trine in a diurnal nativity, then the matter of [his] livelihood will be good because he will be well known, a possessor of renown, praiseworthy - he will seek leadership and will be lucky for his father. If both of them are in a masculine sign, then it is better; but if the nativity is nocturnal, then he will have a good livelihood, but there will be a decrease from his property and his father’s property. If Saturn aspects the Moon from trine, it indicates respect and great benefit from kings or those like kings, and he will be praiseworthy, especially if the Moon is increasing; if the Moon is decreasing, much of what I mentioned will decrease. If Saturn aspects Venus from trine, it indicates a good livelihood in good repute [and] favor, except that calamity will come upon him on account of his inferiors and he will have no marriage. If Saturn aspects Mercury from trine, it indicates that he will be calm, reasonable, not vacillating in [his] thought, firm in reflexion, learned in calculation and book[s], outstanding in his livelihood.

If Jupiter aspects Mars from trine, he will be a leader, a ruler for action, learned in affairs - he will have benefit and honor from the chiefs. If Jupiter aspects Venus from trine, then he will be handsome …

Mercury from trine, he will be quick-witted, intelligent, perfect, and it indicates that he will be better than his relatives and his relatives will desire honor for him- praiseworthy, he will not cease in the work of great cities and kings; some of these [natives] are learned in the stars of heaven. If Jupiter aspects the Moon from trine, it will increase the praise for the native and he will have rank and status. Look concerning what I told you at the time of the native’s fortune; one of these will sometimes be a leader, a chief for men, while another of them will be a leader in business, and another of them for commerce, and another of them in the leadership of armies, especially if the Moon is increasing. If Jupiter aspects the Sun from trine, it indicates wealth and abundant good fortune and children and a wedding and life in a high rank. If Mars aspects the Sun from trine and the nativity is nocturnal and Mars is the lord of the hour, then he will be elevated in the good because sometimes he will be a powerful king. If Jupiter is in [the other] one of the triplicity or in a cardine, then he will be a leader mighty in nobility, but if with this the Moon is good, then he will be valiant, governing life and death and assassination, and [it indicates] lodgings quick to change, and a suspicious nature quick to distrust he will [even] distrust himself, especially if it is in a masculine sign. If Mars aspects Venus from trine, then he will be wealthy, rich, abounding in steadfastness, good in horse-[riding], mighty in endeavour[s], except that he will love intercourse with women and riding forbidden [mounts]. If Mars aspects Mercury from trine, he will be a supervisor in work, learned in quarrels, power will be plentiful for him, [but] his situation will not increase because of quarrels and books. If Mars aspects the Moon from trine, if it [the Moon] is decreasing or is lord of its triplicity in a nocturnal nativity, it indicates that he will be good in supervising work, quickly successful in what he seeks, but if Jupiter aspects these two, he will be a governor possessing good fortune and leadership, one abounding in power. But in a diurnal nativity when the Moon is increasing it indicates sickness in his body.

If the Sun aspects the Moon from trine, look at the power of the planets and their aspect[s], then judge according to that. If Venus aspects the Moon from trine, then he will be handsome …

This is aspect in quartile. If Saturn aspects Jupiter from quartile, it will diminish him in his property, and whatever he thinks about will become a curse upon him, and his works will be interrupted, and he will be a spoiler for his parents - in each of the two quartiles will he spoil and the properties of his parents will be overturned; it is worse than this if the place of these two is exchanged and Saturn is above Jupiter while Jupiter is in left quartile. But if Jupiter is overpowering Saturn, then it is less for evil - his parents will not obtain nobility except in some of the houses, and he will be deficient in property, [having] neither wealth nor poverty. If Saturn is in quartile of Mars while Saturn is in the tenth sign, he will have little medical treatment, he will be weak in his body, unceasing in diseases because of fevers, he will be shaking, and the properties of his parents will be destroyed, and he will see the death of his brothers. But if Mars is higher in the tenth place from Saturn and Saturn is lower than it in the fourth, then it will hasten [his] father to death before [his] mother, and they will not survive long, but they will spoil the properties of [their] parents and will envy [their] parents and will harm their food. If Saturn aspects the Sun [and] if it [the Sun] is in its [Saturn’s] quartile in the tenth sign, then he will spoil his parents’ legacies, and he will be an enemy of his relatives, and the clearness of the open air will become cloudy with work, and diseases will rise up upon him, and he will worry about chains, and he will toil with respect to his livelihood, an unknown in his city. But if Saturn overpowers the Sun in quartile, he will be confused or he will run away or he will hasten to death or his mother will beat him or there will be leprosy in him, which is the worst of diseases, or his belly will cool until this harms him, and he will be cold in his body and his work. If Saturn is in quartile of Venus, it indicates his fall from women, [that he will be] rejected [and] devoid of good, and every evil will come to him. But if Venus is overpowering it [Saturn], then he will be weary [and] difficult, but he will be blessed with a good wife who will be better than he in lineage, one who is …
Jupiter is in quartile of Venus to the right of it [Venus], it indicates that this native will be loving to people and he will profit because of women, [will be] good at calculating for [his] livelihood, approaching near to God (be He exalted!), forceful in [his] oaths. But ...

p.216 if Jupiter is in quartile of Mercury, overpowering it, it indicates that the native will be a scribe, a learned man, a calculator, [and] he will live on a side different from his relatives in a good condition. But if Mercury is in right quartile of Jupiter, then it indicates that this native will not be rich, but he will be great in generosity, but if in some of the houses in which he stays good reaches him, he will not be charitable in his work and will not be thankful to people. If the Moon is in quartile of Jupiter in a diurnal or a nocturnal nativity, it indicates that the native and [his] mother will be good in [their] livelihood, superior in [their] nobility and [their] retinue, loving among their kinsfolk, [and] the native will have fame [and be] well known among the mighty of the people, a rich man, and they will praise him, and better than praise. But if the Moon is in the tenth place from Jupiter, then it indicates that he will be good in great matters, praiseworthy, generous to the chiefs, but there will be a clear fate in him, a diminishment and an idleness from work.

If Mars is in left quartile of the Sun, then it will be harmful in the matter of his father and of himself, [he will] abound in calamity, misfortune in his property will reach him until everything that he possesses disappears, and he will be frightened, perplexed, obsessed with delusions, and his vision will grow dark and his sight will be in error; in a diurnal nativity the misfortune will be worse except that sometimes he will die from this and perish. But if Mars is in the tenth place from the Sun, then it indicates that this [native] will relax at the beginning of his life, but disease will increase at the end of his life, and ruin will descend upon him, and calamity will be continuous. If Mars is in the tenth place from Venus, then it is bad in nativities because it produces misfortune and disaster and diseases because of women; and if it is thus and the sign is tropical, then he will be effeminate [and] he will perform this vicious act, and if marriage is judged for him, then he will marry slave girls and disgraced women or he will be debauched by whores, and if the nativity is of females then she will be a whore, one of the women who have intercourse with men wickedly. But if Venus is in the tenth sign from Mars, then those things reach him which we mentioned before, but he will keep this quiet for shame and will repent in the end. If Mars is overpowering Mercury, he will do things shocking among people, and it will imbue the native with reasons for misery from every place and it will harm ...

p.217 him in quarrels and work and everything that he concerns himself with, and slander will come to him from his relatives and of his secret; the misfortune is worse than this at a diurnal nativity, while at a nocturnal nativity it is less. If Mercury is overpowering Mars, [and] the inciter to war is in left quartile of Mercury, it indicates that this native will be inferior, feeble, illegally seizing the properties of the people - he will not have power over any of their goods without taking it and he will think of a thought because they will argue with him lest he be malicious- and he will be exasperated with his relatives, [and] his own eagerness is: for the future, or he will be spiteful, greedy for properties, and most of his effort will be in the pursuit of wealth. If Mars aspects the Moon from right quartile, then it indicates that his mother will be a widow, and he will decrease in his livelihood and his property, and his mother will perish or one of his brothers will die horribly, and [his] grief [will be] great, and some of them will be afflicted with madness, and they will flee to a house of worship, or it will afflict him with the destruction of [his] vision and [with] dismay, especially if Mars is in a term of Saturn or the Moon in a term of Mercury or a term of Mars as sometimes the power of the terms changes nativities. But if Mars is in left quartile of the Moon and the Moon overpowers it [Mars], then it indicates the small standing of his mother and scarcity in her livelihood, and for the native a spoiling of [his] property and misfortune.

If the Sun is in quartile of the Moon or [they are in] the cardines while the benefics aspect these two, it indicates for the native an abundance of properties and nobility and happiness, but if the malefics aspect they will be in alarm about their livelihood[s] and their live[s]. If the Moon is approaching Jupiter and [Jupiter] aspects it [the Moon] while the malefics [also] aspect it, it indicates approximately what I mentioned for him as it indicates that the native will be noble, but will arrive at trouble, and some for whom he intends evil will envy him; but if Jupiter does not aspect it [the Moon] while the malefics do aspect, the danger will be more suitable that misfortune and misery will reach them.
If Mercury is in quartile of Venus [and] one of them overpowers his companion, then it indicates that the native will be learned in a marvellous [and] beautiful craft, [and] he will be known among people because of taking pains at this, and their sayings about him will ...

p.218 abound, and the mother of women will regret [his existence]. If the Moon is in quartile of Venus and the Moon overpowers Venus, then it indicates that he will be wealthy, and it indicates in the nativities of men [that there will be] censure on account of women. But if the Moon is in left quartile of Venus and Venus is to its [the Moon’s] right, then it will increase his good, and he will be good in [his] condition and livelihood and complexion, he will be handsome [and] clean, and he will be charming in [his] speech, but he will have no constancy in [his] union with women; and it indicates that his mother will be clean [and] well supplied and his wife beautiful, but she will not be virtuous [and] will not love her husband.

If Mercury is in quartile of the Moon in the tenth place, then it indicates that this native will be good in [his] opinion, good in [his] words, a reasonable man, but he will worry about the affairs of his city; if the malefics overpower Mercury in [its] quartile of it [the Moon], then he will be caught in a contract and a book, and will be thrown in prison and chains. But if Mercury is in the tenth from the Moon, then it indicates that this native will be insignificant, cold, [and] shameless, without having any satisfaction in anything or any trust in [his] heart or [his] speech.


If Saturn aspects Jupiter from opposition, there will be no good in his condition or his work, and he will grieve for his children. If Saturn is in the ascendent and Jupiter in the West, then in the beginning of his years he will be miserable but in their end happy. If Saturn aspects Mars from opposition, it indicates for the native misery and misfortune in [his] livelihood and grief and disease and harm and a decrease in his life and a paucity of children and an abundance of enemies and distress and a struggle concerning what is between him and his relatives and a quick death for his father and misery on top of misery. If these two planets are in a wet place, then this native will be miserable in streams and the sea or near this, and diseases from dampness will reach him so that he will be harmed in his body. If it is in a quadruped sign, then injury and biting will reach him from lions or he will be poisoned at the end of his life. If these two are in quartile, it indicates approximately this or whatever of falling may ...

p.219] come to the native until he sees that he is dying, and it is worse for him if the two malefics are injured by the Moon without the aspect of Jupiter. If they are both, together with this, in cardines, then this is an indication of death in separation from his relatives and his country, and some of them will tumble from the good or fall into the hands of the people. But if they are both in what follows the cardines, one of them in opposition to the other, it indicates the end of hope and destruction, especially if it is in a feminine sign. If they both are in cadents, then there will be less for the evil of these two, but according to this the native will fall and [this] will sadden him, but if the Sun aspects it dissipates this injury. If Saturn aspects the Sun from opposition without the aspect of Jupiter, it indicates trouble for his father in [his] livelihood and chronic illness, and the spoiling of his father’s property - if his father dies he will quickly spoil his property- and his death will be a bad death, and the native will fall upon evil, especially if it is in a feminine sign. If Saturn aspects Venus from opposition, he will be excessive in fornication, a disgraced man, and he will not marry; if he does marry, he will marry a disgraced songstress or a stranger or one in whom there is a chronic illness or a servant or one in whom there is sickness, and joy will not reach [him] in the acts of Venus. If Saturn aspects Mercury from opposition, it indicates a stammer of the tongue and few words, or he will be a lisper, especially if Mercury is in a sign which has no voice (they are Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces) and is under the Sun’s rays and with this aspects the Moon. If Mars aspects it, it diminishes from these evils but increases [his] trouble; but he will be perfect in intellect [and] sedate, but no gain will reach him from his intellect and his reason except that he will be learned, stuffed with intelligence, and because of this he will be good in rank because, even if he is younger than they, his older [brothers] will die and he will be their leader, and his father will die before his mother. If Saturn aspects the Moon from opposition, it indicates the spoiling of his mother’s property and pain and hidden illness and grief and irritation. If a benefic does not aspect it, it indicates a blemish in his mother’s body and badness of condition in the matter of
livelihood. If it is in a quadruped sign, it indicates injury from lions. If it is in one of the signs which I resembles a human, this evil will reach him. If the sign is wet, then [the injury] is from water and streams and diseases. If the ...

p.220] benefics do not make it ineffectual, it indicates chronic illness in his body and darkness in [his] two eyes, and some of them will live exiled from their city.

[.....] If Jupiter aspects the Moon from opposition while the Moon is western [and] increasing in number, then he will be celebrated with respect to [his] livelihood, a famous man, and he will be one of those who relies on himself and will not obey another, especially if the Moon is less in degrees than Jupiter. If the Moon is greater in degrees, then it is harmful because [there will be] a decrease in [his] livelihood [and] afflictions and agony will come to him.

If Mars aspects the Sun from opposition in a diurnal nativity, it indicates a horrible death for the native’s father or a decrease in his sight, and the native will fall from a lofty place and afflictions will come to him; in a nocturnal nativity his work will be slight and his property will be dissipated. If Mars aspects Venus from opposition, it indicates that he will be one of those in whom there is no constancy with respect to [his] thinking, and it will harm his father and his marriage. If it is in a tropical sign, it indicates quarreling and misfortune because of women. If Mars aspects Mercury from opposition, then he will have little shame [but will be] a master of lies and books or bewitchment and injury, and his livelihood will be from this, and he will have little property, but his wife will be good, and he will not cease being surety and giving guarantees for it, but he will run away from the discharge of [his] trust, and he will submit it to the judges and to argument, and fear will come to him and dread of [his] superiors, and he will depart for places in a land other than his own, especially if Mercury is in Saturn’s term or in its own term and house. If Mars aspects the Moon from opposition, it is bad because his life [will be] short, and as long as he stays alive [it will be] in misery and calamity, and some of them will die before they marry and some of them will die a terrible death, and he will be discontent and his limbs will be cut off or tied up.

If Venus aspects the Moon from opposition, there will be no good in [his] marriage and no children (even if there were, they would die), and he will be disgraced and beaten because of women.

If Mercury aspects the Moon from opposition, it indicates quarrels and affliction from groups of people and great slander, and he will be a coward in speaking.

p.221] [II.17] A chapter. Aspect of the planets from sextile.

The aspect of sextile: judge it in this about as the aspect of trine except that it is weaker.

[II.18] A chapter. If Saturn is with one of the seven.

If Saturn is with Jupiter, he will abound in landed estates [and will be] the steward for kings and nobles, entrusted with properties other than his own, and he will be noble if Mars does not aspect it. If Saturn is with Mars, it indicates good in [his] character, but there will be no good in regard to his property, and reason will keep him waiting, and he will marry, and his body will be weakened, and [his] bile and black bile will be aroused against him, and his father will die before his mother, and he will spoil his father’s property, and he will turn to his brothers who were born before him because they will die or their disease[s] will be severe, and grief will come [upon him] and dependence, misery and blemish. If Jupiter aspects, it will make easy and dissipate this misery [and he will] bear it. If Saturn is with the Sun, he will spoil his father’s property and his end will come to misery, and worse than this in a nocturnal nativity, [if Saturn] is eastern or western, with regard to his father and his brothers and his own peculiarity. If the Sun is less in degrees, then it is more terrible and worse because a horrible death will come to his father and like this, as I told you, of what the native will suffer, and he will fall from his good fortune, and disease from dampness and weakness will befall him, and he will love building[s] and sometimes will acquire wealth from them so that his living is from them, but still he will be miserable. If it is in the house of the Sun or in the house of Saturn, it indicates that his father will be noble and will not be discomforted, but the native will be hostile to his father, and what is like this as I mentioned. If Saturn is with Venus, he will marry a blemished woman for whom he will not
be suitable, or he will have intercourse with a barren woman or one in whom there is a chronic illness, and he will be blemished and will be despised because of this, and he will have few children, and the one for whom children are judged will have few male [children]; he will have no constancy toward women [and] will have no comfort, but it will chill him; and according to that practice predict in the nativities of women. If Saturn is with Mercury, he will be a lisper, cumbersome with [his] tongue, slight in [his] work, but a calm man, a smart fellow …

II.19 A chapter. If Jupiter is with one of the seven.

If Jupiter is with Mars, it indicates leadership and property and honor in metropolises and cities, and he will be one of the judges for communities, abounding in work. If they are both in the house of one of them, then he will be powerful, steadfast, celebrated in arms, and the like. If Jupiter is with the Sun under its [the Sun’s] rays, it indicates a decrease of everything. If it [Jupiter] is eastern, it indicates good fortune and property and gain and luck to his parents and joy in [his] children. If Jupiter is with Venus, he will be one of those who will be brought up in honor and wealth, he will love the generality of people, [he will be] merciful, good in [his] intention, good in [his] appearance, pleasant in the eyes of chiefs and nobles, desirous of good and of fame; property and leadership will come to him because of women and houses of worship, and [he will be] good in [his] marriage and children. If a malific is between these two, then he will be beloved and received wherever he may be; thus [also] in the nativities of women. If Jupiter is with Venus in a strong place and the Moon and Mars aspect these two, then a disgusting and shameful affair involving one of his relatives will be added. If Jupiter is with Mercury, he will be an expert in law, victorious in words, and perfect in reasoning and intellect, learned, the raiser up for the great among the people, and some of them will be secretaries for the more powerful grandees or kings. If Jupiter is with the Moon, it indicates an increase in property, dignity, and good fortune. If Jupiter is powerful [and] eastern, there will be good for the native from his fathers. If the Moon is less in degrees and Jupiter is not bright, then this will decrease the good fortune of the native.

If Mars is with the Sun, it indicates the swiftness of his father’s death. It is worse and more terrible if it is in a cardine or what follows …

A cardine - it indicates pain for the native and aches, and he will be envious, squandering I his father’s property, and iron or fire will fall on him; he will be mixed up in his opinion[s and] will have no constancy in them. If Mars is with Venus, it indicates quarrelling and disaster and injury because of women. If the sign is tropical, then he will have intercourse with a bad woman, and however it may be quarrelling will come to him because of women, and he will be excessive in sexual intercourse; predict similarly in the nativities of women that they will be disgraced in sexual intercourse. If Mars is with Mercury, then he will be a liar except that he will be reasonable, intelligent, learned, desirous of culture, [and] he will love arguments. If Jupiter aspects it, [he will have] praise for that. If it is Venus, then [it will be] like this and he will be strong in love for his children. If Saturn aspects, then there is no good in it because he comes to hatred and defects. If Mercury and Mars are thus under the [Sun’s] rays in a cardine and they aspect Venus, then he will be misleading in his intention and thought, [and] the leaders of thieves will be opposed to him, [and] he will act perfidiously in pleasure. If Jupiter aspects, the evil will desist from him. If Saturn aspects, then it will punish this [native]. If Mars is with the Moon, then it indicates the shortness of his survival and a terrible death and a chronic illness, and some of his flesh will be cut with iron, and it indicates misery for his mother. If they both are in a cardine, then he will be relaxed in his work [and] refractory, and in addition to this it indicates injury.

If the Sun is with Venus, western in nocturnal nativities and eastern in diurnal nativities, then he will be praiseworthy [and] welcome. If Mercury is with the Sun, eastern or western, then he will be
gentle, a scribe, [and] he will have status for his culture and reasoning, and he will be a chief and will benefit others.

If Venus is with Mercury, he will be lazy in [his] jobs, desirous of joy and pleasure, abounding in women, adorned with culture and words, loquacious in poetry because he will compose pleasing [and] beautiful words, but he will be disconcerted because of intercourse with women so that his pleasure and his desire will be in slave girls. If both are in the ascendent, then it is better and more secure for their strength, or profit and nobility will come to him from women if Jupiter aspects it. If Venus is with the Moon, he will be great in [his] appearance, good in [his] children, joyful, fortunate, but he will have no …

p.224] constancy in [his] marriage [and will be] desirous with respect to women other than his own, and the wives of some of them will do similarly in having intercourse with other than them. If Mercury is with the Moon, then he will be praiseworthy in [his] reason and understanding, perfect except that he will be a liar [and] will not be constant with respect to an affair. If a benefic aspects these two, this evil will diminish and it indicates for his mother good except that she will be disgraced by men. If the Moon is greater in degrees than Mercury, then it will be good because, if the Moon’s degrees abound, it accomplishes the strength of the planets which it is leaving because the Moon is nearer the earth than the planets [are].


Look with this at the places of the planets and their portions, and know this as says the honored [and] praiseworthy by three natures, Hermes, the King of Egypt.


If the Moon is in the ascendent or midheaven good in its light, then, if the malefics aspect it it decreases his [the native’s] good and livelihood, but if the benefics aspect it they increase his good. If the Moon is in its house or its term or its exaltation by night, in the cardines or what follow the cardines, then it will be good because he will be well known, abounding in friends and acquaintances, [and] staying a long time, he with his mother. If a malefic is with it or aspects it, it will cut off [his] hope, and if he is master of something he will not take pleasure in it. If a benefic aspects it without a malefic, then he will be powerful, a chief [and] a commander. If a benefic and a malefic aspect it, then he will be miserable [but] will attain some nobility and status, or his brothers will die a terrible death. If the Moon is in the West, which is the sign of marriage, it indicates sudden death for his mother, and for the native a decline in his livelihood and character from his position and grief for his children and his women. If the Moon is in the cardine of the earth and malefics aspect it, then it indicates an intense disease in a hidden place, and argument[s] and grief for [his] children, and women will be roused up against him. If a benefic aspects it, it indicates that he will benefit from an evil job.


If the Sun is in the ascendent or midheaven in its own house or a male sign, then it will be good. If the benefics aspect it from the tenth place, he will be praiseworthy, a leader over groups in nobility; and it indicates similarly if it is in midheaven except that he will have few brothers. If the Sun is in the house of marriage, it indicates hidden misery for his parents and his brothers. If Mercury is with it, then he will abound in property, especially if Mercury is western. If the Sun is in other than its place and the malefics aspect (especially if it is Mars from opposition or quartile), then it indicates terror because of fire or a terrible death or evil rising up in him or a [bad] name or yelling or murder arises, and some of them will be food for lions; if the Moon is injured, then it will be worse, but if the benefics aspect they will diminish the misery. If the Sun is in the cardine under the earth, it indicates a fall and a decrease in the property of his fathers, but if the lord of its house or its exaltation overpowers it, it will ameliorate this evil.

If, when the nativity is diurnal, Saturn is in the ascendent in its own house or in one of its places, then he will have no harm because he will be a lord of landed estates and buildings and he will lead in this. Consider the measure of the condition of the nativity, and predict about him according to this except that he will be weak in body, conspicuous in diseases, and he will not attain complete nobility, but he will be mediocre; he will not profit in the matter of marriage, and he will leave his parents. If Saturn is in the house of its enemies, then it will be more injurious because his reputation will become bad and his children will be few; in a nocturnal nativity it will be worse because he will have difficulty in affairs, [will be] tormented by diseases, ugly in [actual] appearance and [in] rumor, secretive, injurious in nature and [to] most of the things which are near [him, and children] will not be born to them nor will they love their relatives. If Saturn is in the ascendent while Jupiter is in the sign of marriage, these two indicate the death of the brothers who were before him and the native will fall in the hand[s] of his enemies. If Saturn is in the ascendent while Mars opposes it in the West, then it indicates abundant evil and a bad death for the native and [his] parents. But if Saturn is in the ...

p.226] ascendent while Venus is in the West, it indicates the death of his women. If Saturn is in the ascendent while Mercury is in the West, it indicates for his parents sudden death. If Saturn is in midheaven, it mars his livelihood for the native for thirty years and his good fortune, especially [in] nocturnal nativities when the sign is fixed because this evil will be fixed, but if it is in a sign possessing two bodies he will emerge from this but [his] good fortune will be slight. If Saturn is in midheaven with Mars, it indicates a bad end for the native unless one of the benefics is in the western sign. If Saturn is in the cardine under the earth, it indicates the death of [his] children and brothers or their paucity, and he will be heavy in [his] body, diseased, and injury will come to him from the sea or [from] water or from the coldness of his limbs, and his death will be a terrible death, but also he will see what he loves in his enemies. If Mercury is with Saturn, then it will be worse in the matter of his children and his slaves and his servants, and his good fortune and his property will be spoiled.


If Jupiter is in the ascendent, he will possess a good marriage and children and brothers and reputation, especially in a diurnal nativity; in a nocturnal nativity there will be less of this. If Jupiter is in a feminine sign, then his mother will be better than his father, but if it is in a masculine sign then his father will be better than his mother; if it is in a sign possessing two bodies, then the native will raise up his parents. If Jupiter is in the ascendent while Saturn is in the West, then he will destroy his brothers who were born before him and will harm his father, and he will see what he loves in his enemies together with praise and commendation, and he will be in the houses of worship and the houses of kings entrusted with a throng of people. If Mars from this [ascendent] is in the tenth, which is midheaven, or in what follows it, it diminishes that which I mentioned or spoils it at its end. If Jupiter is in the ascendent while Mars is in the West, then the native will be better than his enemies and superior to them, but if Venus witnesses Jupiter then it will be better, and if the Moon is with this then it will be higher and better. If Jupiter is in midheaven, then he will be far out in his fame, noble, having good fortune and children, especially in a diurnal nativity. If Mars is with this in a good place and its own portion, ...

p.227] then he will be one of the chiefs and lords of armies, well known [and] praiseworthy. If Venus aspects, it will increase his good fortune because of women, and he will be praiseworthy [and] famous. If Mercury aspects from a good place, it will increase [his] learning and reason and intelligence. If Jupiter is in the cardine of the West, it indicates that in [his] old age his condition and his status will be better, and his end will be good; it is better than this if Jupiter is in his house or his exaltation, but he will be troubled and miserable in his youth and he will see the death of his women and his brothers, especially if a malefic aspects it or is with it, but he will have work and medical treatment in the houses of kings and of chiefs, and he will be a lord of property and goods from what he attains of power, and his reputation will grow, and, if he dies, he will leave behind a good name and a pleasing reputation. If the West is a tropical sign, then he will rise up and escape from his neighborhood and rob kings and
If Mars is in the ascendent when the nativity is diurnal it indicates misery and pain and a decrease in his good, and he will be malicious in character, have few children, be filled up forcibly, [and] he will love debauchery and do this in other than charity and the like; it indicates ...

p.228] similarly in the nativities of women, and it is worse than this if Saturn aspects, but better than it if Jupiter aspects because it strengthens him [the native] and he will be welcome. But if Mars is in the ascendent while [one] luminary is in the West and the other in the cardine under the earth, and Jupiter is cadent, then his parents will die suddenly a terrible death, and the native will be taken, but will not remain long in prison, and chronic illness will be in him, and this will be as if he had no upbringing and good. If in nocturnal nativities Mars is in the ascendent and a feminine sign while Jupiter aspects, then it indicates intelligence and prosperity in [his] works and courage and daring, and besides this he will not escape from any of the misery. If Mars is in the house of property, it indicates the ruination of his property, but if a benefic aspects, then it will spoil some and leave some behind. If Mars is in midheaven in diurnal nativities or in what follows midheaven, then it indicates a fall and a terrible flight from his land. If this sign is tropical or possesses two bodies, then he will return to his city, especially if a benefic aspects it, but if a malefic aspects, he will spoil his father’s property, especially if the Sun aspects. The calamity is less in nocturnal births, especially if Jupiter aspects because Jupiter diminishes the indolence and evil and increases the reason [and] intelligence. If Mars is with the Moon in midheaven or under the earth, he will destroy property and goods, but if a malefic aspects, the native will repair what he had destroyed.

If Mars is in opposition to the ascendent, then it is bad because he [the native] will die or run away from his city or fall in misery, and it is worse than this if it is in other than its portion and not in its place as misfortune and fire and disobedience will come to him from an evil act. Know which this is of the kinds of signs in which Mars is. If Jupiter aspects, it will make it easy for him, and misfortune will come to some of them until they look at death, [but] then they will escape. If Mars is in the West and aspects the Sun or the Moon, it indicates his separation from his parents and his deflection from a livelihood. If Mars is in the West while the Moon is increasing [and] aspecting it, then it will be bad because sometimes death and a terrible harm will come to him, and this will come to some of them in individuals or things, and with this misery he will be taken in blood. If Jupiter does not present itself, it will increase that which I mentioned very much, but in nocturnal nativities less.


If Venus is in the ascendent or in what follows the ascendent, eastern [and] rejoiceing in its light, he will be praiseworthy, handsome, a master of women, well known among kings and lords of men, well known in metropolises and cities, and some of them will have intercourse with the women of the rich, but they will not profit or excel by means of this, and some of them will occupy houses of worship [and will be] pure (we have seen something like this), great, one whom praise will lift up and his head will be crowned, and he will be good in [his] character [and] will love wealth, especially if the Moon aspects. If with this Mars and Mercury aspect, he will be delighted with joy, openly rich in this. If with this Saturn aspects, he will have intercourse with a mature woman who is not praiseworthy and is not
famous for goodness. Predict like this in nativities of women. If Venus is in the ascendent which is a sign possessing two bodies, then the native will be named with [the names of] two fathers or two mothers or with two names. If, while Mercury [is] in the ascendent or midheaven or the cardine under the earth, Venus is eastern, then it indicates nobility and honor and praise in groups of people, and this will be because of insight and knowledge. If the sign is feminine, then it is better, and if it is tropical, then it is good. If Venus is in the ascendent or midheaven or aspects the Moon, then it indicates his marriage to one of his relatives. If Venus and Mercury are in the ascendent while Mars is in the West, then it indicates the ruination of his father’s property and the expenditure of what was acquired because of nobles and the quest for knowledge and approaching houses of worship because he will seek glory and high rank, but will fall in quarrel[s] because of an evil affair or on account of a woman, and he will be seized because of blood or poison, a shameless fellow, and emptiness and fear will reach him from this, but this evil will fade away by his donating property - afterwards he will be in charge of death. If Jupiter aspects, it will diminish the evil, but if Jupiter does not aspect, misery will reach him and flight and a fall from his property; in the nativities of women they will have intercourse with the nobles and some of them will get remuneration and profit. If Venus is in the ascendent while Saturn is in the West, it indicates that his wife will give him poison to drink so that he will die by means of it. If Venus is in the ascendent while Saturn is in the tenth, he will be satisfied, …

p.230] wealthy, he will believe in God and will be a mightier noble than his fathers were, and he will travel to many cities and countries, but he will return to his city and will fall into contracts because of women, and children will be born to him unless a malefic aspects (these children were explained in the chapter which I mentioned to you); predict similarly in the nativities of women. If Venus is in the ascendent which [is] a feminine sign, then it indicates that his mother is of nobler lineage than his father and she will live long. If Venus is in midheaven or under the earth or in the sign of good fortune, rejoicing, he will be praiseworthy [and] welcome, but if a malefic aspects it [Venus], it diminishes its [Venus’] power. In nativities of women if Venus is in midheaven which [is] a masculine sign, then she will be a harlot, especially if Mars or Mercury aspects because she will be a Lesbian [and] will perform the act of men; it is worse if the Moon aspects it [Venus] from a masculine sign. In nativities of men if Venus is in midheaven which [is] a feminine sign, he will not be satisfied and the character of a woman will be in him, [he will be] weak; if Saturn aspects, it will enfeeble him and make it difficult for him in the acts of Venus. If Venus is in the West, it indicates that he will have a good end except that he will have no good in marriage, especially if there is none between these two[?] without the aspect of Jupiter. But if Venus is in this place in nativities of women, then [it indicates] what is better than this because she will be one of those who do not perform the act of Venus in an unnatural way. But if the Moon is with it [Venus] in the West in nativities of men, then he will be effeminate and will marry a whore whom many men have had intercourse with. If Venus is [in the cardine] under the earth which [is] a masculine sign while the nativity [is] diurnal, it indicates disgrace because of women, and if Saturn or Mars aspects he will see the death of his women; if the sign is tropical, then it will not happen once but many times.


If Mercury is in the ascendent, he will be bent over in everything and for everyone, and he will have many children, be reasonable, well known to everyone, desirous of instruction and words. If Mercury is in midheaven or in what follows the cardine of midheaven or in …

p.231] what follows the ascendent and [in] a tropical sign, he will be well known, praiseworthy among tribes and praiseworthy people. If the sign possesses two bodies, then he will be a trainer, a teacher or the leader of others’ children. If it is in a feminine sign, he will attain nobility because of women. However you find Mercury in midheaven or the ascendent, then he will be wealthy or a scribe or possess [his] livelihood from calculation. If Venus is with it [Mercury], then he will be intuitive or an artisan for words, and he will be praised among most men. If Mercury is [in midheaven] while Jupiter is with it, then he will speak in revelation and be mighty and overpower many men and be a chief in the houses of worship or the houses of kings or in metropolises or in cities, especially if it is in a tropical sign. But if it is beneath the Sun’s rays, he will be silent for secrets, will not be about to reveal anything.
of what is tricky within himself. If Mercury is in the West, then there is no good in his brothers or his children, and quarrels and slander will be stirred up against him, especially if it is a sign possessing two bodies or tropical or Mars aspects it; it indicates similarly also if it is under the earth. If Mercury is under the earth, rejoicing in its light, with the benefics or the malefics, he will be good in [his] intention[s], intelligent, a disclaimer and a secretive [fellow], but if the malefics aspect, with this he will be a magician or a thief, vicious, filled with falsehoods.


If Saturn is in the house of Jupiter, it indicates a good condition and honor, and he will raise the children of others, and he will be a steward, and he will love his wife and will be one of those who love nobles together with a goodness of livelihood; it indicates similarly if it is in Jupiter’s term. If Saturn is in Mars’ house, he will be difficult in his own and in other’s work. If Saturn is in Venus’ house, then there is no good in the matter of marriage because he will marry a young girl or an old woman or a whore, or grief and misery will come to him because of women, and some of them will come to fornication in order to acquire its fee. If Saturn is in Mercury’s house, he will be secretive and will love silence except that he will be reasonable, learned in the secrets of books, and injury will come to him for this reason, and his tongue will not be distinct or clear.


If Jupiter is in Saturn’s house, he will be wealthy and for this no praise or honor for him will be known, and his secret affair[s] will not be looked into, but he will live in easy circumstances [and] will not be according to the extent of his condition, and with this he will be charming in forgiveness and will not stretch out his neck to power and praise, and will not consider it, but tribulations will come to him in time. If Jupiter is in Mars’ house, he will be one of the chiefs, a leader or a calculator for the stars, but if it is in a cardine aspecting the Moon and the Sun while these two are in cardines, then he will attain praise, but if both of the luminaries are in a masculine sign, then he will be a chief of the armies on land and on the sea, put in charge of death and life. If Jupiter is in Venus’ house, he will be an overseer in the houses of kings and their works and his livelihood will be from nobles, and we have seen some of them abounding in secret intercourse with a noble woman so that because of her he attains wealth and goods, and she is his backer; some of them control the properties of women and their works. I If Jupiter is in Mercury’s house, he will be one of those who stand up in probity in cities or [he will be] a calculator for everything, [and] he will stand healthy in [his] reasoning, and he will be praised for this, and [men] will resort to him.


If Mars is in Saturn’s house, he will be pleasant, courageous, agile in what he improves, but he will squander his father’s property and kill his younger brothers. If Mars is in Jupiter’s house or its term, he will be friendly to kings, beloved among them; if Jupiter is aspecting Mars which is in its house, then he will be one of the nobles and commanders of armies, a leader of soldiers and forces, and he will be ruling in cities, one who has ascended in nobility. If Mars is in Venus’ house or its term, then he will be a master of fornication, he will love the women of others, and he will harm his relatives, and he will rejoice in an evil sexual intercourse, and most of them [will be men] who murder their wives with their own hand and consider how the death of their women may occur. If Mars is in Mercury’s house or term, then he will be reasonable, desirous of marriage, clear in [his] thinking, intelligent, but he will collect property illegally and will be poor and an ascetic in his work.


If Venus is in Saturn’s house or its term, he will be sterile or will have intercourse with his brothers’ wives or women; if he is a slave, he will be set free and will have intercourse with his mistress. If Venus is in Jupiter’s house or its term, he will have power and property from [his] wife or the work of [his] wife, and some of them will be stewards for women and will amass wealth on this account, and he
A chapter. Arrival of Mercury in another’s house.

If Mercury is in Saturn’s house or its term, he will be dumb or lisping or deaf, silent, [and] he will inform no one of what is in himself, [he will be] contemplative, inquiring about all the affairs of men so that he will be enthusiastic about this, and some of them will know the secrets of the book which [belong] to the people of religions, and some of them will be learned in the stars, and some of them will drive away birds [be augurs]. If Mercury is in Jupiter’s house or term, he will possess dignity, [be] an orator, or control the affairs of kings or nobles, or instruct the people in words and arguments and judgments, and he will always be about the business of metropolises or kings. If Mercury is in Mars’ term or its house, then he will be a fool, insignificant, a liar with no shame, and he will not believe in God or in good work[s] and he will love adultery, and some of them will act with perfidy, and some of them will keep company with magicians or confer with them or investigate their affair[s] in regard to measures, and they will refuse to receive religion, and the people will treat them as enemies who have no fidelity and no good reputation. If Mercury is in Venus’ house or its term, he will be welcome, pleasant, rejoicing, [and] he ...

A chapter on the arrival of the planets, one of them in the house of another.

If Saturn is in the Moon’s house, then he will destroy his mother’s property and rob it in her lifetime, and his mother will be sick, and her limbs will complain of the cold and the black bile and the harsh pain until she shall make a vow for herself to a house of worship. If Saturn stays in the Sun’s house, his father will be praiseworthy [and] will increase in his livelihood, but besides this his father will complain of dampness or will die a terrible death.

If Mars is in the Moon’s house, he will be sharp in his reasoning, a seeker for work and property except that his work and his livelihood will weaken and he will be chronically ill or will die a terrible death, and he will have a short life or little property, [but] will abound in disease; it is worse for one who is born in the daytime. If Mars is in the Sun’s house, I he will spoil his father’s property and rob it, and he will be one of those who do difficult and unpleasant work in fire or iron, and his livelihood will be from this. If Mars and Saturn are both in a house of the Sun or the Moon, they indicate the shortness of [his] life or the terribleness of [his] death.

If the Moon is in Saturn’s house or its term, he will be in difficulties or thwarted from work, dull in work and body, disgraced. If the Moon is in Mars’ house or its term, then he will be daring, steadfast, a usurper of the property of others, and he will have no regard for truth and justice, but most of them will be masters of arms and murder, chieftains. But look at the planets’ portions and the benefics’ aspect because the benefits dissolve evil. If the Sun is in Mars’ house or its term, he will be afflicted with a difficult disease, but he will be good in [his] livelihood, strong in [his] work, [but] insignificant and in difficulties in it.

If the Sun and the Moon are in Jupiter’s house or its term and they are thus together, then he will be honest in [his] properties, but will have intercourse with his brothers’ women, and some of them will
have intercourse with their mothers; it indicates similarly in nativities of women because she will have intercourse with her mother’s husband or her sisters’ or one closer to her.

If the Moon is in Venus’ house or its term, then he will be handsome of face, pleasing, handsome in [his] eyes, agreeable, enjoyable for everyone, especially if the sign is one of a human figure as then he will be a debaucher, wealthy in this, and scandal will reach him on this account, and together with this he will be good in [his] condition and livelihood. If the Sun is in Venus’ house or its terms, then he will be a soothsayer, truthful in [his] visions, a man of discernment, learned in things, a calculator for the stars, but he will be moist in [his] body, abounding in anger.

If the Moon is in Mercury’s house or its term, he will be reasonable, a scribe, [and] profits will come to him from [his] works except that he will love [both] females and males and will have few children. If the Sun is in Mercury’s house or its term, he will be steadfast, insignificant, silent for a secret, a confidant except that he will be afflicted with disease and wetness. This which I have told you of the houses and the terms, if the house and the term agree, then it is more secure and more correct in judgments, if God [so] wishes.

The second book ends. Glory to God, the lord of the two worlds.

*** End of Book Two