MYSTERIES OF MEDIEVAL ASTROLOGY

A Logical Approach to Precise Predictions

PART I

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§2. Three Types of Predictive Astrology

There are three types of predictive astrology, each serving different purposes and employing various techniques.

§2.1. Natal Astrology

The most well-known type is called *natal astrology*. The name originated from the Latin "*natalis*," i.e., birth date. It focuses on identifying key life events and predicting their dates based on your birth chart. Some mistakenly believe that a natal chart can reveal the most minor details of a day, but that's not the case in practice.

Indeed, significant events in your life are relatively few, maybe one or two per year, and sometimes no notable events occur throughout the year. The appearance of a new boss in your office, a casual romance, or a night out with friends are not critical life events; they are more like random social collisions.

On the other hand, events such as childbirth, moving to a new city, divorce, changing careers, legal disputes, meeting a future spouse, life-threatening situations, severe illnesses, and so on stand out from the ordinary. Natal astrology is capable of "seeing" such events.

As mentioned earlier in §1.1, you must know the person's life context during the forecasted period to make specific predictions about the future. Making accurate predictions for ten years ahead is unlikely because various random factors can alter the future life context.

Let's assume a newborn's horoscope consistently shows the connection of Mars and the Sun with the western horizon and zenith. This configuration equally indicates success in sports, in the criminal world, or in warfare. It would be foolish to predict success in sports at 30 if the person grows up in a criminal environment and becomes a gang leader during school years. These factors are random and are unknown.

Therefore, natal astrology works well in the short term – you can make reasonably accurate predictions for a year or two ahead. And you can only name a few critical events in the coming years.

§2.2. Mundane Astrology

Personal horoscopes may predict a wedding for someone this year. Still, the sudden war, epidemic, or another disaster that may strike before that day will ruin these promises. They overwrite the context of the peaceful life, leaving no space for expected marriage.

As mentioned earlier in §1, major social upheavals cannot simultaneously reflect in every horoscope of every citizen.

Individuals miraculously unite to realize personal events like weddings, moving with family, conflicts, or road accidents with the other party. These events are part of personal "fate" and are visible in each participant's natal chart.

However, simultaneous social disruptions affecting thousands of people at the same time and place are not tracked in the horoscopes of each resident. If it were so, nearly every horoscope of every person on Earth would contain an indication of the COVID outbreak in early

2020. But no astrologer noticed anything like that.

Group dynamics result from the behavior of a whole group of people (e.g., economic prosperity in a region) or the collision of different groups (e.g., war).

There is a branch of astrology that specifically examines the influence of stars on collective processes. This branch is called *mundane astrology*, derived from the Latin word "*mundanus*," meaning civil or worldly.

Mundane charts are entirely insensitive to events in the lives of individual citizens. In contrast, individual natal charts usually do not indicate social processes.

In ancient times, before making personal yearly forecasts, astrologers carefully examined the situation in the current area to understand the social context in which the promises of the natal chart would unfold.

§2.3. Horary Astrology

As you've understood, a natal chart only shows significant events in your life. However, there's an area of astrology focused on predicting the development of everyday situations.

You can predict where you'll find a lost key, how your favorite football team will play the next match, or your boss' decision about the vacation you requested next Friday. You can make forecasts in areas where natal astrology is powerless. For example, your natal chart won't show how your favorite football team will play the next game—the fate of a football team isn't part of your horoscope.

This type of astrology is called *horary*, originating from the Latin word "*hora*"—the current moment in time. The forecasting of specific events occurs not based on a person's birth chart but on the horoscope of the current moment.

The natal chart shows the imprint stars made in your neural network at birth. The horary chart displays your unconscious reactions and those of others in the current circumstances. I explained in §1.2 the possible mechanism of how stars influence a person's behavior at the current moment. They form a unique arrangement, creating a particular "chemical pattern" in the atmosphere and triggering various unconscious reactions of different people.

The same principle should work with horary astrology.

Imagine several people involved in the same situation already having clear unconscious tendencies toward its outcome. For instance, if two people are predetermined to break their relations this Friday, each partner's brain unconsciously decides to separate in advance. An astrologer sees this decision in the chart before the actual separation.

Another example is a girl actively seeking her love. According to her horoscope, she'll meet her future husband in 12.5 weeks. In her city, several men also have indications in their horoscope for a meeting in 12.5 weeks. One of them will become her husband. Some time ago, when the Sun returned to the exact position it was at her birth, stars formed a configuration called *solar return*.

The *solar return* repeated the pattern of her horoscope responsible for family formation. It activated the unconscious desire in the girl to find her future husband this year. The same effect happened with her future husband. Closer to the meeting date, stars will form a new configuration called a *lunar return*, which will repeat the same family pattern of the natal chart.

At this point, the awakened desire of two people to create a family will turn into unconscious action. In some way, incomprehensible to our understanding, the girl's and her future husband's brains will start choosing places for walks where they could meet. How exactly people recognize their partners is unknown to me, but apparently, it's a poorly understood area of brain function.

Almost certainly, on the destined day, they will meet each other.

We may not know the girl's or her future husband's birth chart. Still, based on the horary chart alone, we can make a reasonably accurate prediction that, with an error of a few days, the girl will meet her future husband in 12.5 weeks. We can even describe the place and circumstances of the meeting.

As you can see, with horary astrology, you can predict not only ordinary situations that are out of the scope of natal astrology but also forecast vital events in a person's life just as effectively as with the use of the natal chart.

Sometimes it happens that social dynamics directly connect with a personal situation you predict. In that case, you can observe the development of the group process as well.

Later in this book, we'll delve into a real-life case where a girl needed to know if the government imposed a lockdown in her city due to COVID. We will accurately predict the day when she will lose the ability to move around the city due to the lockdown. And we will see how, on that exact day, the authorities announced the restriction of movement across the whole country.

Notice that we will not use a mundane chart. Still, indirectly, we will see an event concerning the entire city. It will happen because the girl's circumstances are so closely intertwined with the context of a large lockdown.

As you can see, horary astrology sometimes allows predicting mundane processes. Furthermore, unlike other types of astrology, horary astrology is straightforward and provides results within minutes.

A reasonable question arises: If horary astrology is so good, why not use it all the time? Despite the first-glance attraction, horary astrology has three severe limitations:

1. Not every moment stars form a configuration that shows the future development of a specific situation. Several crucial factors must join simultaneously—we'll discuss them later in the section on radicality of the chart.
2. To predict the outcome of the circumstances, the situation must already have a place and be developing at the current moment. You can say where exactly a person will find lost keys only if he's already lost them. You can predict the date of a future wedding only if the girl is already seeking a husband. You can only predict a COVID epidemic if you are in a situation where the beginning of the epidemic is a significant part of the current circumstances.
3. Finally, horary astrology is a field where it is relatively easy to "cancel" a prediction. It is enough to change the context. If you are looking for a lost key, you can stop searching and make a duplicate. Then, the astrologer's prediction about the place and time of finding the key will not come true. However, you cannot change everything. For example, suppose your friend is sick, and the astrologer predicts the development of his illness. In that case, your friend cannot "decide to recover."

Part 2. Horary Astrology

§1. Definitions

We'll start our journey into the world of accurate predictions with the simplest form of astrology—horary.
By the end of this part, you will be able to make your first forecast. Just follow the instructions carefully, and you'll do great.

Horary astrology predicts the future of a particular life situation. The astrologer casts a chart when he accepts the client's question. The horary horoscope includes seven planets, representing *external objects* (people, organizations, illness, money, etc.) in the context of the situation.

Let's get acquainted with the symbols of the seven main planets in the horary chart. I have divided them into three groups to make it easier for you to remember them.

- The first group is the Moon and the Sun: ☽, ☉. These symbols are self-explanatory and easy to remember.
- The second group is the planets Mercury and Venus ☿, ♀. See how the symbols of these planets are similar. The Venus symbol is like a hand mirror.
- There are three planets left—Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn, ♂, ♃, and ♄. You may often find the symbol of Mars in books. I'm sure you are already familiar with it.

So, the only new symbol to remember is the characters of Jupiter and Saturn. With this knowledge, let's move on to our first definition.

Significator
: It is a planet that signifies an object

We often pronounce this as: "The significator of a dog is planet A," or "Planet B signifies a salary in that chart." There are two more essential definitions.

The querent
: It is the person asking the question. Usually, this is the client. But sometimes the astrologer can be a querent and ask himself about his future. In this case, the time to accept the question is when the astrologer is ready to know the stars' honest answer.

The quesited
: It is the subject or subjects in question. You may ask about your brother's health, the lost key, or your prospective career—they all are quesited.

With these simple definitions, we are ready to move on and get acquainted with the fundamental techniques for making an accurate forecast in horary astrology.

§2. The List of Techniques

Before studying each technique separately, we will determine how they are applied and what tasks they solve.

§2.1. Signification techniques

As we have already said, each planet in the horary chart signifies some external object. It could be a thing, person, or circumstance. Therefore, we need to juxtapose external items to the planets to predict. There is a whole class of astrological techniques for this. Let's call them

“signification techniques.” They essentially answer two questions

1. “Which planet signifies that particular object, person, or circumstances?” and
2. “Whom does this planet signify?”

We ask the second question when we know the planet has an essential role in the horoscope. But we do not know its meaning and need to find it. There are several techniques for determining the objects’ significator.

1. Universal Rulership

You’ve probably heard that Mars represents war, while Venus signifies love. Each planet has a list of external objects and processes associated with it. This connection is constant and identical for all people on Earth. It doesn’t depend on the horoscope and is called *universal rulership*. We’ll only occasionally use this correspondence.

2. Accidental Rulership

In a specific horoscope, the universal nature of a planet undergoes significant changes. For instance, the planet of love, Venus, due to its position relative to the horizon, may indicate a mother, a car, or credit. In another horoscope, the same Venus may signify entirely different things. We call this modified correspondence between a planet and external objects *accidental rulership*. We’ll almost always search for correspondence between a known object, person, or circumstance and some planet in the horoscope.

Here is a list of techniques for that:

1. Houses rulership

2. Derived houses rulership
3. Alternative lords
4. Arabian parts disposition

Sometimes, we must do the reverse—we must establish a connection between a known planet and an unknown object or person. There are several techniques called *identification of an unknown planet*.

N.B. on natal astrology:

> Natal astrology is more complex. In a horary chart, you have 2-3 external elements to match with planets within an ultra-specific situation. With seven planets available, it's a simple task. One planet shows only one specific object in context.
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> However, in natal astrology, seven planets describe all possible external events in your life.
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> For example, you might have three marriages, several relocations, encounter the bankruptcy of your younger brother, etc. Yet, you still have only seven planets to work with. It means each planet in the natal chart can play not just one but several roles. For instance, in my horoscope, Venus shows my wife, my money, particular diseases, and people scheming against me.
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> It doesn't mean Venus plays all its roles simultaneously. Each role belongs to a specific period of life. A planet in the natal chart may signify something particular during a particular period.

§2.2. Descriptive Techniques

When we have chosen a planet that signifies an external object, we need to investigate that significator. By considering the planet's condition, we describe that object's current or future state. There is a class of techniques for this.

1. Sign properties

This technique assigns specific properties to the planet through the property of the sign where it stays. There is a limited number of these properties, like coldness, warmness, multiplicity, loudness, and so on. We will study them in detail later in section 5. For example, the planet might signify your neighbor and reside in the loud sign. It may signify the food and be in a cold sign. It may show the job and reside in a double-body sign. So you know in advance that your roommate will be noisy, the breakfast in a hotel will be cold, and you will be working on two projects simultaneously.

2. Position of the planet in a house

We will talk about the so-called *houses* in detail later. For now, it is enough to understand that the house is just a sector of the sky from the eastern to the western horizon. Each house is responsible for a particular sphere of life. You will find the planets in horoscope distributed among these sectors.

A significator may have a relation to one or another house, i.e., have a connection with one or another sphere of your life. For instance, your boss can have a close relationship with your secret enemies and plan your dismissal. Your spouse may spend time with friends on a lake tomorrow. We use the planet's position in the house to get this information from the chart.

The house (the sector of the sky) may be afflicted or strengthened by the presence of a good or bad planet (we'll talk about celestial states of the planets later). In that case, we say that a particular sphere of life is affected for better or for worse by the presence of the specific object. For instance, you may have an excellent job, but it is impacted by a colleague who constantly annoys you.

3. Conjunction with a fixed sign

The prospective meeting with an external object (a job, a person, etc.) may bring unexpected consequences, such as great tears, protection, success, or regret. The conjunction of the planet with the fixed stars may reveal these particular details.

4. Celestial state

In most cases, we will be interested in the quality assessment of the object rather than its specific properties. Quality assessment always answers "**how good**" or "**how bad**" that object is. We may be interested in whether a person is healthy or sick and whether a large or small salary awaits us at a new job.

That is where the technique of the celestial state of the planet comes to help. The dignity or debility of the significator describes the state of the objects it signifies. It answers three simple questions.

- Is this object in a bad or good condition? (in the context of the question)
- Is this object harmful or helpful "per se"?
- And if we are talking about a person—does he feel bad or good?

For example, a client asks, “Is it worth reading this book?” It implies that the book can be dull or exciting. The condition of the significator of a book shows this—it may be dignified or debilitated.

Suppose a client asks the astrologer what position he will receive in a company—high or middle. In that case, we can assess the celestial state of his future work. If the significator is dignified, then the job will be highly managerial.

The logic of judgment is straightforward here. So, the celestial state of the planets shows the state of objects signified by those planets. We will almost always use the celestial state assessment.

Only sometimes will we apply the techniques for identifying the specific properties of the object when it is part of the context. For example, in the question, “How wet will the weather be next Friday?” we are interested in humidity. Humidity is a specific sign property (see above).

5. Accidental strengthening of the planet

This technique answers “how actively a given object can act or resist external influences.”

For example, a company can be aggressive and not play by the rules (that is, harmful to the market). Meanwhile, it can be a powerful player and consist of excellent professionals.

Another example: there is an excellent company manager with extensive experience. But at the moment, he is ill and cannot manage the business. In this case, the planet showing the boss is dignified but accidentally weakened.

Here are the typical questions we can answer exclusively by the accidental strengthening/weakening assessment.

- Will our team win?
- Will the company survive the crisis?
- Is this glass fragile or durable?

We are asking here exclusively about the strength or resistance of the objects against external pressure.

§2.3. Object Interaction Techniques

Well, we know a list of techniques to describe the objects. But what about the interconnection between objects? How do significators interact with each other?

Here is the third class of techniques that comes into play. It shows the interaction between the planets.

1. There are tools for determining people's motives—what they want and what direction they will act.
2. There are techniques for assessing the enduring influence of one planet on another.

1. Receptions

The first technique is *reception*. It answers three simple questions.

- Does a person love, appreciate, or want to save, support/defense something or otherwise?
- Will the object help (because it fits explicitly or intends to support) or harm another object?

- And finally, is an object in someone's power?

For example, in the question, "Will my boss agree to give me this position," we are interested in the boss' motive. And this is what reception describes.

In the question, "Is it safe to eat this food," we are interested in the possible harm food can cause. It may happen because the food is destructive innately; say it is not fresh. In this case, we will assess the celestial state (the quality) of the food's significator. But it could be because this food doesn't fit the querent, say he has an allergy to nuts, even if they are of excellent quality. In this case, we discuss a specific impact and apply the reception technique.

Finally, in the question, "Who has hidden control over my competitors," we are interested in the presence of control by a third party. And this is also the subject of receptions.

2. Close aspect and antiscion

These techniques show the close connection between the two planets. They answer the questions:

- Is there any long-lasting influence from the other planet and something it signifies?
- Is there a connection between the two planets, that is, between the objects they describe?

For example, in the question, "Does my friend's mother interfere with his relationship," we are interested in the mother's constant influence. Astrologically speaking, we are interested in whether the mother's planet affects the friend's planet. Influence is the subject of close aspects and antiscia. It often applies with the *reception technique*—the

mother at least should have a *motive* to support or disrupt the sun's relationship.

In the question, "Is he involved in a dirty business?" or "Is he tied with Harry," we are interested in the presence of a close connection between the two significators. And this is also what close aspects and antiscia describe.

As I mentioned above, the position of the significator in the house can also show the connection between two objects. So please keep it in mind.

§2.4. Event Prediction and Timing Techniques

Finally, the most intriguing part is the techniques for identifying events and the time of their occurrence. It is what *exact aspects* and *timing instruments* are responsible for. They answer two simple questions.

- Will a particular event occur?
- And if it will, then when will it happen?

1. Exact Aspects

This technique is most often used in conjunction with *reception* and *accidental strengthening* techniques. It determines whether a particular event occurred in the past or will happen in the future. Typical questions it answers:

- Will I get this job?
- Did he steal my wallet?
- Will he come before 15:00?

2. Timing Techniques

These techniques answer the question “when.”

- When will I meet him?
- When will my business double in size?
- When did it happen?

§2.5. The Table of Main Techniques in Horary Astrology

So, let’s recap what we’ve learned so far. In the following table, I have listed astrological techniques and their purposes. I also highlighted the focus keywords that characterize each method. When you hear these keywords in a question, you immediately understand what techniques are proper for you to answer.

You will remember this table with time, but for now, keep it handy—you will return to it frequently.

TASK	THE KEYWORDS IN QUESTION	THE TECHNIQUE
To choose a planet	1. Which planet **signifies** a given object? 2. Whom does this planet **signify**?	Signification techniques
To describe an object	1. Is it **good** or **bad**? 2. Is it **helpful** or **harmful** by nature? 3. Does he **feel good** or **bad**?	Celestial state assessment

TASK	THE KEYWORDS IN QUESTION	THE TECHNIQUE
To describe an object	Does it have a **specific property**?	1. Conjunction with the fixed stars 2. Sign's properties 3. Position in a house
To describe an object	Is it **strong** or **weak**?	Accidental strength
To understand motives or subordination	1. Does he **love** or **hate**? 2. Is it in someone's **power**? Is there **control** of one object over another?	Reception
To describe the effect	Does it **support** or **harm** that particular object?	1. Reception 2. Position in the house
To identify influence or connections	1. Is there long lasting **influence**? 2. Is there close **connection**?	1. Close aspects 2. Antiscia 3. Position in a house
To predict specific events	Will event **happen**?	Exact aspects
To predict the date of event	**When** will event happen?	Timing techniques

§2.6. Homework assignment

So now it's time for your first homework. I will give you five questions, and your task is to choose appropriate astrological techniques to answer.

Here is an example of how it might look. Suppose you got the question, "Why is my business not growing?" In such a formulation, it is entirely unclear where to start. Let's restate it to include familiar focus words from the previous slide.

"Why is my business not growing?" is equivalent to "What influences my business, preventing it from growing?" The idea is the same, but now we have a clue for specific techniques. We have a focus keyword —"**influence**." Influence is a subject of reception, antiscia and close aspects.

So we need to choose these techniques. The second focus word is "**what**". We need to find the correspondence between the planet and some physical objects it signifies. And this is a subject of signification techniques.

The correct answer would look like this. We will examine the receptions and close aspects and apply signification techniques.

Now, please find appropriate techniques to answer each of the questions below.

1. I am going to England for three days. Do I need to take warm clothes with me?
2. If I buy this used car, will driving be safe?
3. When will I sell my house?
4. What feelings does he have for me?
5. Who leaks information to competitors?

The accuracy of an astrological forecast is 90% dependent on the correctness of the chosen tools. Therefore, read these questions carefully and take some time to think. As soon as you finish this task, read the solution below.

Solution

Question 1

"I am going to England for three days. Do I need to take warm clothes with me?" In this formulation, it is entirely unclear where to start. Let's reformulate the question to include familiar focus words. What interests the querent? Clothing (its condition), weather, or England? Of course, he is interested in the weather.

What exactly does he want to know about the weather? He desires to see if it is warm or cold. Great, the property of *heat* or *cold* is something familiar. So we can formulate this question as "Will it be *cold* in England?" The keyword here is "cold"—it's a specific property of the sign. So, we will apply the sign properties technique to the weather's significator.

Question 2

The next question is, "If I buy this used car, is it safe to drive?" Again, we must clarify this formulation to understand how to approach the query. But what does the client want to know? He desires to know if driving the car will harm him or not. "Harm" is a familiar keyword. Let's reformat the question: "Will driving that car harm me?"

The significator of the car in the horary chart may harm in two ways:

- It may be harmful by itself. Let's say the car is in poor condition, or

- The planet of the car can be fine, but it may harm the querent specifically. The car is fine, but it doesn't suit the querent driving habits. For example, this car has a unique gearbox that the querent is unfamiliar with.

In the first case, we will involve the technique of celestial state assessment; in the second, the tool of reception and the position of a planet in a house.

Astrologically speaking, we find the planet, which signifies the car. Then we assess that planet's essential dignity and see if it harms the querent by reception or position.

Question 3

The next question is, "When will I sell my house?" Everything is quite simple here. We hear the word "when," so we apply timing techniques.

Question 4

The same short approach is in the next question, "What feelings does he have for me?" Feelings and desires are the fields of human motives, and reception is responsible for them.

Question 5

But the last question is challenging. "Who leaks information to competitors?"

If you have no idea how to restate the question, go through the list of keywords to find something that fits the context. And look, there are the words "close connection with someone" and "control over someone" in our list.