

## **THE ASTROLOGICAL PHYSITIAN.**

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Shewing, How to finde out the cause and Nature of a Disease,  
according to the secret rules of the Art of ASTROLOGY.

Also generall Rules and Instructions, teaching how to discover what  
part of the body is afflicted.

With a perfect description of the Diseases and Infirmities, signified by  
the Planets, in any of the twelve Zodiacall Constellations, together with  
a most exact method, shewing how to finde whether the sick shall live  
or dye, according to Naturall Causes; with an exact way how to finde  
the true Crysis, Judiciall or criticall dayes.

Being of excellent use for all such as study Physick.

By WIL: ANDREWS Student in the Mathematicks and Astrology.

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## TO THE READER.

*Courteous Reader,*

*It is not the maliciousness of the present times, or the detracting tongues of men in this Criticall Age, that shall hinder me from benefiting posterity with my labour; for although this peevish Generation might justly cause me to bury my conceptions in silence and obscurity, yet in regard of the great affection I bear unto all those who are lovers of Art and Learning, I am induced to engage upon this subject: it were needlesse here to shew what great necessity there is for every physitian to be an astrologer, or to practice physic astrologically, in regard of the great influence and dominion the planets and stares have on our bodies, seeing no rationall man can deny or disprove the same, although many have indeavoured what they can to contradict the truth.*

*I confesse many there are of men in these our times, which labour strongly to prove, if it were possible, by their many weak arguments, that the Heavens have no power or influence on inferior things here below; these I answer, Ars non habet inimicum, praeter ignorantem, which indeed is really verified in these sort of men which deny the starres to have influence upon the inferior and elementary things, in regard ignorance causeth this their foolish opinion but I shall leave these, and apply to the judicious and more sober spirited men, for whose sakes I have composed this ensuing worke, that so I might benefit all those who desire to proceed in the study and practice of*

*Physick Astrologically, whose kinde acception hereof shall animate me to acquaint posterity with my future labours.*

*In the ensuing Treatise, I have very briefly shewed how to judge upon any disease or sicknesse whatsoever, and to finde out and discover the Nature, cause and quality thereof, according to the secret rules of Astrology. I have also clearly shewed the Diseases and Infirmities signified by the seven planets, by themselves, and by their severall positions, in any of the twelve signs: I have further for the benefit of all Astrologically Physitians, or any others, who desire to study Physick Astrologically, plainly, and very copiously shewed how to discover what part of the body is afflicted, whether the sick be curable or not, or designed for Life or Death, according to naturall causes; with exact rules how to discover the same; as also, a succinct method to judge, whether any fascination or witchcraft cause the sicknesse and distemper, or whether the disease be naturall or not.*

*I have also shewed how to finde the exact or true Crysis, with the criticall and judiciall days, yet notwithstanding, I have not been so copious upon the discovery of the true crysis, as I doe intend hereafter (God willing) in another worke.*

*If this small piece shall finde your kinde acceptation, it shall encourage me to prosecute my study in this kinde, for your benefit and profit hereafter: In the mean time, if any carping Criticks shall be offended with me for this worke, I shall not much value or regard their malice and envy, being already acquainted therewith, knowing the better how to bear it: I have no more at present to informe you of, but that I am*

Reader, your reall friend more then you expect,

*December 20, Anno Christi, 1655.*

***William Andrews.***

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*In praise of the ensuing Astrological Physitian.*

Though the Author of this Treatise is wholly unknown unto me, yet. I could not but give this little Book of his, and himself thus much Commendations, viz. That he hath judiciously performed the work in hand, with much brevity, and after a handsome and easie method, so that a reasonable understanding, after he can but truly erect a Schem of Heaven by *Hartgills* Tables, may with much certainty discover by his Rules here laid down, the cause and humor offending; his directions are short, plain and significant; he hath deduced the Diseases mankinde is subject unto very rationally and naturally from each Planet, so that what Astrologer soever, if but meanly capable, may now by his industry receive infinite satisfaction. And the Physitians of his Age, how learned soever, need not disdain the perusal or practicall part hereof, in regard of the great benefit, which from hence will accrew unto their Patients, who many times dye, ere the cause of their Disease is made known, for neither the Urine, Pulse, or words of the sick, can so truly informe the Doctor, as a right Position of Heaven.

*William Lilly*, Student in Astrology.

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In the first place for the basis or foundation of our work, we ought carefully to observe that moment of time (if it may be obtained) that the sick party was first oppressed with the disease, sicknesse or infirmity; but if the exact time cannot be obtained of the parties first falling sick, *viz.* the yeare, day, hour and minute, then we ought to observe that very moment when the urine was first brought to the Physitian for his judgement thereon; but if no urine be brought then the very time must be accepted of, when first the Physitian speaks with the sick party, and then recourse being had to an *Ephemerides* or *Astronomicall Tables*, let a figure of heaven be erected, and place the planets therein, especially the place of the Moon must be exactly rectified, because the *Crysis* of diseases and criticall dayes are found out by her motion; having erected a figure of heaven, observe what signe is in the ascendant or first house, what Planet or Planets are therein posited or aspecting the house, then have regard unto the Lord of the ascendent, and consider what signe he is in, and in what house he is posited, what Planet or Planets are in configuration with him, what houses they are Lords of, whether fortunate or unfortunate, which being observed, have recourse to the sixth house, and Lord thereof, and observe what sign descends on the cuspes of that house, and what Planet or Planets are posited therein, and what Planet or Planets are in configuration with the Lord thereof, and what aspect they have unto the ascendant, for from the sixth house and Lord thereof, doe we

require the nature and quality of any disease, or sicknesse, having regard to the place of Moon and Lord of the ascendant, and those Planets placed therein, and the signes wherein they shall be found.

**If the Party be really sick for whom the question is propounded.**

For discovering whether the party be sick or not, we ought to consider, if that the Ascendant and Lord thereof be free from all manner of impediment, *viz.* If that no malevolent Planet be posited in the Ascendant, or in configuration with the Lord thereof, or if any fixed *Starre* of the nature of the Lord of the sixth house, or of the nature of Saturn, or Mars, or of the Lords of the 8<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> houses be in the Ascendant, or with the Lord thereof, and if Jupiter or Venus who be naturally fortunes shall be in the first house, or with the Lord thereof, and they not having any dignities in the sixth or 8<sup>th</sup> houses in the figure, and the Lord of the Ascendant essentially fortified, well posited in a good house of heaven, and not combust of under the Sun beames or retrograde, then the partie is not sick, but is distempered with some accidentall cause, which may suddenly be rectified: But howsoever the party is not naturally sick, but accidentally afflicted with some outward cause, for if the Lord of the Ascendant be free from all impediment, and in no Aspect with the Lords of the sixth or 8<sup>th</sup> houses, it is an assured testimony that nature is strong; But on the contrary; if the Ascendant shall be afflicted, or the Lord thereof out of his essentiall dignities Retrograde, and afflicted by the infortunes, or be in the sixth house, or the Lord of the sixth in the Ascendant, it is a strong argument the party for whom the question is demanded is really sick and diseased, so likewise if any fixed Starres of the nature of the Lord of

the sixth house arise in the Ascendant, or be with the Lord thereof in a bad house of heaven, and they likewise of a malevolent nature intimate the same.

## **Of the Nature and quality of the disease or sicknesse.**

When we have found that the party is sick, we ought to discover the nature of the humour offending, or quality of the disease, which that we may doe, observe first what sign is in the sixth house, and what sign Ascends in the first house, in what sign the Lords of those houses are in; which being well understood, will acquaint us with the nature of the disease, for if the Lord of the sixth house shall be in fiery signs, they intimate the disease or sicknesse proceeds from Chollerick humours, and that Choller abounds, so likewise if they shall be in watery signs, they declare that the cause of the disease proceeds from moist causes, and that the present distemper ariseth from the abundance of moist and watery humors; and so moreover, if that the Lord of the Ascendant, and the Lord of the sixth house, and the Moon shall be in earthly signes, it intimateth that the disease or sicknesse hath its originall from Melancholly, and that black and addust choller abound, and so likewise when they shall be posited in aiery signs, they shew that the sicknesse or infirmity proceedeth from corruption of bloud, and that the bloud is putrified, for the Lord of the Ascendant, and Lord of the sixth house, and Moon declareth the nature and quality of the disease to be according to the nature of the sign, or triplicity they are in, for as they are the principall significators in a disease, so the sign wherein they are posited doth in part shew the nature of the disease of sicknesse; for as there are 12 signs in the *Zodiacke*, so are

the 4 elements governed or signified by the 12 signs, *viz.* Aries, Leo, Sagittarius rule the fiery triplicity, Gemini, Libra, Aquarius governe the Aiery triplicity. Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn governe the earthly triplicity; Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces rule the watery triplicity; and as in the body of Man there are 4 humours, *viz.* Choller; Bloud; Flegm, and Melancholly, so are they represented and governed by the 12 signs according to their severall triplicities, for Aries, Leo, Sagittarius are sound to be of nature hot and dry, representing choller, Gemini, Libra, Aquarius, hot and moist resembling the bloud, Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn cold and dry resembling Melancholly, Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces cold and moist representing Flegm, now when the principall significators of a disease, or the Lord of the sixth house, or the Moon shall be in either of the earthly, aiery, fiery or watery signs, judge the quality of the humor offending to be according to their nature, and your judgement will be the more sure, if that the sign of the sixth and Lord of the sixth be both of one nature, and posited in a sign of the nature of the sign descending in the sixth house, otherwise we must make an equall commixture, and judge so many humours, offends as are represented by the sign of the sixth house, Lord thereof, and sign, wherein the Lord of the sixth house, and Moon are posited, as if Aries were in the cuspes of the sixth house, and Saturn therein, or the Lord of the sixth house, and the Moon in Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn especially the Lord of the sixth, then we may assuredly resolve, that the disease proceedeth from Choller and Melancholly. Choller, because Aries and Mars Lord thereof, are by nature hot and dry representing the Chollerick humour: Melancholly, because Saturn who is by nature cold and dry,

representing Melancholly is in the sixth house, and that the Lord of the sixth house is in a sign representing the same humour, the like may be observed by any other of the signs and Planets, alwayes remembering the former rules, *viz.* what humour is signified by the sign in the sixth house, and by the Lord thereof, and by the Planet or Planets therein posited, and the sign wherein the Lord thereof is placed, and according to their nature judge, making a right commixture as before is shewed.

**Of the Members in mans body governed by the 12 signs or constellations, and of the diseases signified by them.**

♈ Aries

The first sign of the Zodiacke ruleth in the body of man, the head, face, eyes, nose, eares, and mouth, and signifieth all diseases of a hot and dry nature, incident to those members, as head-aches of all sorts, pushes and pimples in the face, all manner of scarres in the face.

Taurus governeth the neck, throat and winde-pipe, and hath relation unto all diseases of a cold and dry nature, subject unto the throat, the Kings evill, hard kernells or swellings in the neck and throat, stopping of the Winde-pipe, and the like.

Gemini ruleth the Armes, hands, shoulders, and all diseases of a hot and moist nature subject to those members are signified by this sign, it hath relation to the bloud, and diseases thence arising.

Cancer hath dominion over the brest, Stomach, Liver, & Lungs, and signifieth putrefaction in the Stomach, ill digestion, rottennesse, and weaknesse in the Stomach, and Lungs, all manner of Impostumes, Cankers, hurts, or bruises in the Brest or Stomach.

Leo Governeth the Heart, Back, Ribbs and Sides, and signifieth all hot and dry diseases subject to them, as Plurisies, Inflammations, the Heart overheated (this is to be understood when Mars is herein) but

otherwise it naturally signifieth Heart-qualmes, faintings and swooundings, and all infirmities incident to the Heart.

Virgo hath the sole power over the Bowells, and Belly, the small Gutts and Intrailes, and hath relation unto all Diseases coming or arising from winde; it signifieth griping in the Belly and Guts, the Chollick (but that is when Saturn or Mars shall be author of the Disease, and posited in this signe) yet all diseases denerally incident to the Belly, of a cold and dry nature, as also hardnesse of dung in the Guts, or stopping of the course of the Excrements, which we may assuredly judge, if Saturn be author of a Disease, and posited in this sign.

Libra ruleth the Reynes and Loynes, and hath signification of those diseases incident to them, it is of nature hot and moist, representing the Bloud, and Diseases thence arising are attributed to this signe; it also hath relation to those Diseases subject to the Bladder, and naturally signifieth all impediments therein, Mars in this signe shewes heat of the Reynes, the Stone, Strangury and the like infirmities, &c. sometimes a Gonorrhea.

Scorpio hath signification of Diseases in the Privy Members, in regard they are governed by this signe, naturally it signifieth the Groin, it also hath some relation to the Bladder.

Sagittarius ruleth the Thighs and Hipps, and the Sciatica, also other infirmities in those parts are signified by this sign, as also the Gout, *viz.* the running Gout.

Capricorn governeth the Knees, and is of a cold and melancholly nature, all Diseases incident to those places, as the Leprosie, Scurfs and Scabs in and about the Knees, and Hamms, as also all strains or fractures, are attributed to this sign.

Aquarius is hot and moist, representing Diseases of that nature it resembleth the bloud, in regard it is an aiery sign, it ruleth in the body of Man, the Leggs and Ankles, and signifieth all manner of lamenesse, and bruises in the Leggs, and all impediments in those Members.

Pisces is a watry sign, and hath dominion over the Feet, and the Gout and all cold and moist diseases, incident to those members, are signified by this sign, Moon in this sign, and author of the Disease, is an assured testimony of the Gout in the Feet and Toes, and swellings in those parts occasioned by cold and moist causes.

### **What part of the body is afflicted.**

We must herein consider, first, what sign is in the sixth house, and what member and part of Mans Body it governeth; Secondly, in what sign the Lord of the sixth is posited, and what part or member that sign representeth, in which he is placed: likewise we must have regard unto the Lord of the ascendant, and the Moon, and observe what sign they are in; which being well considered, we shall suddenly finde and discover, what part or member of the body is afflicted, but in this we must carefully heed the sign wherein the Lord of the sixth is posited, for usually that member governed or signified by that sign, wherein the Lord of the sixth is placed, is most afflicted and distempered.

If the Lord of the sixth house be in the ten first degrees of a signe, the upper part of that member, signified by that sign, is most afflicted, if he be in the middle of a signe, the middle of that member signified thereby, is most oppressed, if in the latter part or last degrees of a sign, the lower part of that member represented thereby is most afflicted. As for example, the lord of the sixth house, at the time of the first decumbiture of the sick, or at the time of the propounding of the question in Cancer, in the first part thereof, then we may judge the upper part of the Stomach to be afflicted by such diseases as are

incident to the upper part thereof, of the nature of the Lord of the sixth, the like may be observed by any other signe.

And here we must also observe, that in discovering the nature and quality of any disease, we must not rely only upon the naturall signification of the sign, for not the signe onely to be considered is enough, but the nature of the Planet, who is Author of the Disease, is principally to be regarded.

## **Of the Diseases Signified by the Seven Planets, and first of the Diseases signified by the Planet Saturn.**

Saturn is a Planet of nature cold and dry, representing Melancholly, all diseases of the like nature are signified by him: all quartane Agues, proceeding of cold Black Jaundies, Palsies, Consumptions, Rhumes, the hand and foot Gout, Apoplexies, and all infirmities which have their originall from Melancholly distempers, are attributed to this Planet, he ruleth in the boldy of Man the Spleen.

Now when he shall be Author of the Disease, or Lord of the sixth house, or posited therein, we may judge the sicknesse to proceed from such causes, as he naturally signifieth; but because I would be plain in discussing of the nature of the Planets, and of those diseases signified by them, I have thought necessary to insert those infirmities, or diseases, signified by them in any of the twelve signes, therefore observe that which followeth.

### **Saturn in Aries.**

When *Saturn* shall be Lord of the sixth house, and posited in *Aries*, *Aries* he usually intimateth, that the Disease ariseth from Melancholly

distempers, and that the sick party is much oppressed in the head, and troubled with Melancholly vapours there, as also that the sick party is very silent and dull, subject to strange imaginations, fears, and terrible dreames, it hath been found by experience, that when Saturn hath been author of the disease, and in this sign, that the sick party hath been much afflicted with heavinesse in the head, slept very little, but exceedingly troubled with stuffings in the head, sometimes he is oppressed with distillations of Rheume from thence, as also with noise and soundings in the head and eares, many times the party is very dull of hearing, and hath great pain in the teeth.

### **Saturn in Taurus.**

When Saturn shall be significator of the Disease, and in Taurus, he intimateth swellings in the throat, hoarsenesse, hard kernells there, and many times he giveth suspition of that disease vulgarly called the Kings Evill, he also signifieth wens and hard swellings in the neck, and extream soare throats.

### **Saturn in Gemini.**

*Saturn* author of the sicknesse and in Gemini, usually declareth all wounds or hurts in the Armes or Shoulders, but in regard this signe

hath relation to the bloud, therefore we may judge, that when Saturn shall be significator of a disease, and posited herein, that the blood is too thick, and that the sick party is subject to diseases of a cold, a dry nature, incident to the blood, and sometimes the sick party is inclining to a Consumption, or the black Jaundies.

### **Saturn in Cancer.**

*Saturn* principall significator of a disease, and in *Cancer*, the sick is commonly afflicted with putrifaction in the Stomach, the digestive faculty is much weakned, and the sick party is much oppressed with Coughs, proceeding from the indisposition of the Lungs, commonly it is observed, that the Lungs are much decayed for want of moisture; from thence ariseth many infirmities, sometimes upon this positure the sick party is oppressed with ulceration in the Lungs, Ptisick<sup>1</sup> or the like, usually melancholly vapours afflict the Stomach and Lungs, when Saturn being significator of a disease is posited in this signe, he also signifieth Cancers; Ulcers, and bruises in the Brest and Stomach, when he shall be found herein.

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1. *Ptisick*: a cough

### **Saturn in Leo.**

*Saturn in Leo*, and chiefe author of the disease, declareth the Heart to be oppressed with melancholly and stinking vapours, the sick party is very fretfull, and compaineth usually of great pain at the Heart, many times it hath been observed, that wen Saturn hath been author of a disease, or principall significator of a sicknesse, or infirmity, and posited in this sign, that the sick party hath taken some inward grieve, and is much afflicted with melancholly distempers at the Heart, occasioned by too much sorrow, sometimes poyson is to be feared to be the cause of the sicknesse, when other testimonies concurre.

### **Saturn in Virgo.**

*Saturn in Virgo*, being Lord of the sixth house, and having most power in a disease, demonstrates that the present sicknesse or distemper, proceedeth from melancholly obstructions in the Bowells and small Guts, commonly and most usually the sick party is griped in the Belly, the Collick is to be feared upon this position, sometimes I have known when the sick party hath been troubled with illiack pasions, and much oppressed with hard dung in the Guts, hath gone very seldom to stool: in such a position as this, let a glister be administred to the sick party.

### **Saturn in Libra.**

*Saturn in Libra*, and the onely significator of a sicknesse, or infirmity, commonly intimateth great pain in the Reines and Bladder: Stoppage of the Urine by cold, yet *Libra* being an aiery sign, the position of Saturn therein may declare some distemper in the blood, and that the sick parties blood is decaying, and is thick and windy: moreover when other testimonies agree, the Strangury is to be feared, as also great paine in the Back and Kidneys, whereby the sick party is much oppressed, or some former bruises.

### **Saturn in Scorpio.**

*Saturn in Scorpio*, and Lord of the sixth house, and author of the disease or infirmity, shews that the sick party is tormented in the privy members, he signifieth botches and scabbs there, as also bruised, the swellings of those members, and ulcers, in those parts, we may fear upon such a position, that the sick party is troubled with the Piles.

### **Saturn in Sagittarius.**

When Saturn shall be significator as aforesaid, and in the sign of Sagittarius, we have eminent cause to judge, that the sick party is troubled with swellings in the Hips, and Thighs, pain in those members by cold, old Aches, old Bruises and the like, and that the infirmity proceedeth of some former grief or impediment, however we may mistrust the Sciatica in the Hipps, as also Fistulaes, and the like soars in those parts.

### **Saturn in Capricorn. Aquarius. Pisces.**

*Saturn in Capricorn*, and author of the disease, signifieth impediment in the Knees, lameness and bruises there; yet some doe affirme that *Saturn*, in any of theses signes, which are his houses, *viz.* Capricorn and Aquarius doth represent the head, and so all other Planets, when they are in their owne houses doth the like, now if Saturn shall be in Aquarius or Pisces, and significator as aforesaid, then we may judge the sick party to be oppressed with the Gout in the Feet and Toes, and much pain in those members, occasioned through cold distempers in those parts, sometimes the Ague, or some other cold disease afflicts the sick party in those members.

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**We now come to treat of Jupiter, and those diseases signified by him.**

*Jupiter* is of nature hot and moist, and representeth the blood, and all diseases that have their originall from hot and moist causes, are attributed to this Planet, he signifieth all diseases, in the Liver and Lungs, Plurisies, Convulsions, inflammations of the Liver, Apoplexies, windinesse in the veines and blood, and all diseases arising from putrefaction there, his signification of diseases in any of the twelve signes is as followeth:

**Jupiter in Aries.**

When *Jupiter* shall be in Aries, and the principall significator of a disease, he declareth that the sicknesse proceedeth of the disaffection of the bloud in the head, many times the sick parties face is swelled, and the head much afflicted, usually the Temples are red, and the sick party sleeps very unquietly, is molested with strange fancies and dreames, usually the cause of the distemper ariseth from the windinesse of the bloud, in the veines of the head, sometimes from an Imposthum.

### **Jupiter in Taurus.**

*Jupiter* in Taurus, and significator as aforesaid, giveth suspicion of the Quinsey<sup>2</sup>, which is a disease usually subject to the throat, however we may judge swellings in that member when we finde *Jupiter* author of the disease, and in this sign, as also that the blood is too thick and dry.

### **Jupiter in Gemini.**

*Jupiter* in *Gemini*, intimateth, that the disease ariseth from the overflowing of the blood, and that there is too much: opening of a veine or sweating, is an excellent remedy for such as are afflicted with this infirmity.

### **Jupiter in Cancer.**

*Jupiter* in Cancer, and principall significator of a disease, shews the blood to be thin and waterish, the party inclining to a Dropsie, the blood is filled with flegm, and many times the scurvy and watry

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2. *quinsey*: Pus-filled swelling in the soft palate around the tonsils, usually as a complication of tonsillitis.

humors in the blood, causeth the distemper; we may judge also, that the sick party hath no great appetite to his victuals, and that his Stomach is offended.

### **Jupiter in Leo.**

*Jupiter* in Leo, intimateth, that the disease proceedeth of putrified humors, that the blood is over-heated, the sick party inclining to a Feaver, which may be confidently affirmed, if other testimonies concur: yet neverthelesse the disease hath its originall from putrefaction at the Heart, bleeding and sweating is much to be commended in this infirmity, for sometimes the disease is pestilentiall.

### **Jupiter in Virgo.**

*Jupiter* in Virgo sheweth the blood to be oppressed, and much infected with melancholy, and that by reason of the coldnesse and drynesse in the Liver and Lungs, the sick party is much afflicted: many times the Flux<sup>3</sup> is to be feared upon this posture: however we may judge the

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3. *Flux*: An excessive flow or discharge of any of the bodies secretions or excretions. Haemorrhage, diarrhoea.

blood to be thick, and too grosse, and the party inclining to a Consumption, in women he signifies fits of the mother.

### **Jupiter in Libra.**

*Jupiter* in Libra hath great signification of the blood, in regard it is an airy signe representing the same, we usually observe upon this position the sick party hath great need of bleeding, for the blood aboundeth exceedingly, from whence sometimes ariseth corrupt humors, and diseases of putrifaction, many times aduption<sup>4</sup> of blood, if Venus be with Jupiter in this sign.

### **Jupiter in Scorpio.**

*Jupiter* in Scorpio hath almost the same signification, as in Cancer, only we finde that the sick party is more oppressed with salt humors in the blood, we also usually discern some grief in the privy members, in regard this sign hath some relation to them, *viz.* the Strangury.

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4. *adustion*: the state of being in which the serum of the blood was thought to be dissipated by too great heat in the constitution.

## **Jupiter in Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces.**

*Jupiter in Sagittarius* usually denoteth chollerick humours in the blood, and that it is over-heated by some extravagant exercise, from thence arise Feavers proceeding of Choler; so likewise, when he is in *Capricorn* he declareth the blood to be afflicted with Melancholly, and in *Aquarius* he intimateth that from the abundance of the blood, ariseth the sicknesse or infirmity, and also in *Pisces* he denoteth the blood to be waterish, and thin, and the Dropsie may be feared when Jupiter is in *Pisces*, and significator of a Disease, for the blood is much oppressed with flegm, and watry humors upon such a posture.

We now in order come to speak of Mars, and the diseases signified by him, but in regard that those diseases attributed to Mars, differ not much from those signified by Sun, in regard they are both of one Nature, therefore for brevity sake, we will handle them both together.

## **Of the Diseases or Infirmities signified by Mars and Sun.**

Mars and Sun. First, Mars is of nature hot and dry, and so likewise Sun, they both represent the Cholerick humor in Man, yet the diseases of Mars, somewhat differ from the diseases signified by Sun: for Mars representeth these diseases, and they are wholly attributed to him, because of his violent nature, *viz.* All Impostumations, Burning Feavers, the Plague, yellow Janudies, all infirmities in the Privy Members, the Bloody Flux, all pestilentiall sores, as Fistula's<sup>5</sup>, Carbuncles, St. Antonies fire<sup>6</sup>, Calentures, &c. he ruleth the Gall, because it is the receptacle of Choller in mans body.

Now the Diseases signified by Sun are Swoundings and heart Passions, red Choller, Cramps, all diseases in generall incident to the heart, he signifieth the right eye of a Man, the left of a Woman, the Brain is in some part attributed to him, as also the mouth.

The significations of these two Planets, and the diseases signified by them, in any of the 12 signes, are as followeth: *viz.*

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5. *Fistula*: a sinous ulcer within.

6. *St. Antonies fire*: any of several skin conditions characterized by inflammation, fever, a feeling of intense heat, and development of gangrene; common examples are ergotism and crysipeias.

### **Mars or Sun in Aries.**

When Mars shall be author of a Disease, or principall significator of a sicknesse, and in Aries, we may judge that the sick party is much tormented in the head, troubled with extream pain there occasioned, through a hot and dry distemper of the Brain, many times the sick party is almost or wholly distracted by reason of Cholerick humors in the Brain, usually the sick party sleepeth very little, or not much, in regard of the distemper, sometimes the party is subject to hot Rheumes in the Eyes, and Imposthumes in the Head: but if Sun be author, as aforesaid, then we may assuredly affirme, that the sick party is perplexed also in the Eyes, subject to Catarrhs, and other infirmities there, however judge the Head and Brain much distempered, and the sick party almost frantick by reason of the vehemency of the Cholerick distempers there.

### **Mars or Sun in Taurus.**

*Mars* Lord of the sixth house, and the onely significator of a disease, and posited in Taurus, intimateth extream pain in the neck, pushes or scabs there: also harshnesse and roughnesse in the Throat and Wind pipe, and sorenesse and extreame paine therein, the Kings evill may be mistrusted to be breeding when we finde Mars herein.

If Sun shall be significator of a disease, and placed in this sign we may judge as aforesaid, and likewise conjecture that the heart is much afflicted with Melancholly vapours.

### **Mars or Sun in Gemini.**

*Mars* in Gemini and significator as I have said before, declareth that the sicknesse or disease commeth of heat and addustion of bloud, that the sick party is troubled with the itch or breaking out of humours in the body, bleeding is excellent for the sick, and Medicines that coole the bloud: For many times the sick party is surfeited by extraordinary heat of the bloud, from thence arise Pestilentiall Feavers and diseases of putrifaction, by reason of the disaffection of the bloud.

### **Mars and Sun in Cancer.**

When *Mars* shall be principall significator of a disease, and in *Cancer*, shews that the sick party is very thirsty, and much afflicted by heat in the Stomach, and Cholerick humors there; usually the sick party is much oppressed with paine in the Breast and Stomach, the Lungs are dry and want excrements, *viz.* Flegm and Spittle, the sick party is troubled with a hot and dry Cough, many infirmities are in the Stomach and Lungs, occasioned through Choller and flegm: the like may be

judged when *Sol* is author of a disease, and posited in this signe; if the question be for a woman, then we may mistrust she hath received some hurt in the breast, from thence many times ariseth Cancers, Fistula's or some other rotten putrified soars or impostumes.

### **Mars and Sun in Leo.**

*Mars* or the *Sun* in *Leo*, and either of them author of the disease, or infirmity, intimateth that the heart is over-heated, and that the sick party is chollerick, angry and peevish, occasioned by the vehemency of the hot and dry distemper of the heart; usually upon this position the cause of the sicknesse proceedeth from Choller, and that the sick party is much subject to sudden swooundings, and heart passions, inclining to a violent Feaver, or stone in the Kidneyes.

### **Mars and Sun in Virgo.**

*Mars* or the *Sun*, author or chief significator of the sicknesse, doth denote when they shall be posited in *Virgo*, that the originall of the disease ariseth of chollerick humors in the Belly, & Bowells, most commonly the sick party is oppressed with the Chollick, which is an infirmity in the Gut called Colon, the sick party is extraordinarily bound in the Body, goeth very seldome to stoole, much tormented in the

Bowells by reason of chollerick obstructions there, many times Bloody Flux is to be feared when *Mars* or the *Sun* are signifiers of the disease, and posited in this sign, the wormes also in Children.

### **Mars and Sun in Libra.**

*Mars* or the *Sun* in *Libra*, either of them being Lord of the sixth house, declareth that the sick parties blood is much infected with Choller, the blood is hot and dry, and much distempered, such things as cool the blood are necessary to be administred to the sick party; however *Mars* or the *Sun*, prinicpall signifiers of a disease, and posited in this sign, acquaints us, that the sick party is oppressed with a great heat in the Reines and Kidneyes, the Stone may be feared upon this position, as also Gravell in the Urine, the sick party many times hath been found to be much tormented in the Bladder, the Urine very hot, and sometimes the passage thereof stopped, sometimes madnesse.

### **Mars and Sun in Scorpio.**

*Mars* of the *Sun* in *Scorpio*, and signifier as I have said before, intimateth great pain in the secret and privy members, extraordinary heat in those parts, this position gives great suspicion of a clap of some unclean woman, and that the disease came that way, if it be a woman

that propounds the question, then we may judge that she hath used too much the sports of *Venus*, and she hath too great flux of the Whites and Reds, however we may conjecture of great distempers in those parts which are governed by *Scorpio*, *viz.* the secret members, and that the sick party is tormented with some scurvy disease there, perhaps an Ulcer.

### **Mars and Sun in Sagittarius.**

When the *Sun* or *Mars* shall be either of them in *Sagittarius* and Lord of the sixth house, or significators of a disease, judge the sick to be afflicted in the Hips, and Thighs, through pestilent and chollerick humors in those parts, *Fistula's* or terrible sores there, or a *Sciatica*.

### **Mars and Sun in Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces.**

Now *Mars* or the *Sun* in *Capricorn*, *Aquaries* and *Pisces*, and author of the infirmity as aforesaid, declareth the distemper to arise from chollerick humors, descending into the Knees, Legs and Feet, many times they signifie scabs and sores in those members, when there are other testimonies of the same, they signifie also lamenesse in those parts, many times the joint gout.

## **Of the Diseases signified by Venus and the Moon.**

Venus and Moon.

*Venus* and *Luna* are both of one nature, *viz.* cold and moist, and so are the diseases attributed to them, the diseases and infirmities signified by Venus are these, *viz.* Suffocations, all defections in the Matrix, weaknesse in the act of generation, debility and weaknesse in the Stomach, Gonorrhoea, the French Pox, she ruleth the Sperm or Seed in Man or Woman.

*Luna* signifieth the Falling sicknesse, Palsies, Menstrues in Women, Aposthumes, looseness in the Belly, cold and raw humors in any part of the body, Dropsies, Gouts, Surfets, rotten Coughs, Apoplexies, Rhumes in the Eyes, she ruleth the left Eye of men, and the right Eye of Women.

Now in regard Venus and Moon are both of one nature, we will therefore treat of them both together, as we did of Sun and Mars the diseases signified by Venus or the Moon in any of the twelve signs, are as followeth, *viz.*

## **Venus and Moon in Aries.**

*Venus* or the *Moon* in *Aries*, and significators of the disease or infirmity, declareth that the sick party is molested with cold humors in the head, troubled with too much rhume there, the brain is too cold and moist, the sick parties Senses are very dull, abundance of excrements flow from the Brain, usually the sicknesse proceedeth of cold, and the sick is very desirous of sleep, his head is stuffed with rhume, and the sick party very heavy, Lethargies, *Coma Carus*,<sup>7</sup> and other diseases of the head that proceed of cold and moisture, may be feared by the Physitian.

#### **Venus and Moon in Taurus.**

*Venus* or the *Moon* in *Taurus*, and significator, either of them as aforesaid, intimateth raw humors in the Neck, swellings there, by reason of abundance of moisture flowing from the head; there usually upon this posture, some cold rhume in the neck, or cold swellings there, whereby the sick party is distempered.

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7. *Coma Carus*: a very deep coma

### **Venus and Moon in Gemini.**

*Venus* or *Luna* author of the Disease, and in *Gemini*, denoteth that the bloud is oppressed with watery humors, the Dropsie may be feared upon this posture, and other diseases of that nature, the veins are full of waterish blood, and it is very necessary to correct the cold and moist distemper of the blood, for from thence doth the sicknesse arise: the sick party is very faint and weake usually, and subject to swellings in the arms, and divers other places in the body.

### **Venus and Moon in Cancer.**

*Venus* or *Luna* in *Cancer*, and principall significators of the disease, declare that the sicknesse proceedeth of cold and raw matter in the Stomach, the sick party hath little appetite to victualls, but is molested with rhume, and cold and watry humors in the Stomach, flegm aboundeth much there, and the sick is much perplexed with straining to vomit, and all the distemper in the Stomach, ariseth from too much moisture there.

### **Venus and Moon in Leo.**

*Venus* and *Luna* significator, either of them as aforesaid, and in *Leo*, acquaints us that the originall of the disease proceedeth of cold and moist vapours at the heart, but seldome any great distemper happens upon this position, in regard the heart is more afflicted by the posture of Saturn or Mars in this sign, then by any other Planet.

### **Venus and Moon in Virgo.**

When *Venus* or *Luna* is in *Virgo*, and either of them significator of a disease, we may judge that the sick party is much troubled with raw humors in the Bowells and Guts, from whence cometh a loosenesse or Flux of the Belly, many times it hath been found that the sick party hath been oppressed, and tormented with wormes, and much afflicted by often going to stoole, occasioned by cold and slimy humors in the Belly and Guts.

### **Venus and Moon in Libra.**

*Venus* or *Luna* in *Libra*, and either of them author of the disease or sicknesse, tells us that the sick party is surfeted by over much drinking

and eating, it sometimes happeneth, that the sick party is much troubled with the Gonorrhoea, or running of the Reines, the Diabetes or pissing disease, any disease arising by inordinate Lust, is signified by this position, for Venus naturally governeth and signifieth such diseases, and being significator of a disease, and in this sign, imports weakness in the Reynes, yet we may judge the blood also to be too thin, and filled with flegm and water, in regard it is an airy signe.

### **Venus and Moon in Scorpio.**

*Venus* or the *Moon* in *Scorpio*, and either of them significator of a sicknesse or disease, intimateth that the originall of the distemper or infirmity, cometh of too much use of venereous actions, usually the sick party is troubled much in the privy members, for the which he may thank his owne folly, if a woman demands the question for her selfe, or if it be propounded for a Female party, then judge that she hath been too familiar with Men: however we may conjecture upon this position, that the sicknesse is occasioned by too much Lust, and by the common and too frequent use of those members represented by this signe, many times the Stones are swelled.

### **Venus and Moon in Sagittarius.**

*Moon* or *Venus* significator of a disease in *Sagittary*, declareth the Gout or swellings in the Thighs, the Hipps, Gout, or Sciatica may be feared, botches and sores in the Hips and Thighs, cold and moist humors being the cause thereof.

### **Venus and Moon in Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces.**

*Venus* or the *Moon* significator as aforesaid, and in either of these signs, *viz. Capricorn, Aquaries, or Pisces*, importeth and signifies the Gout in the Knees and Feet: swellings in the Leggs through cold aguish humors, there the Gout or Dropsicall humors may be feared to be the cause of the sicknesse of infirmity, when Venus or Moon are significators, and in either of these signes.

## **Of the Diseases signified by the Planet Mercury.**

Although in Order *Mercury* ought to have been treated of before the *Moon*, yet in regard Venus and Moon were both of one nature, we held it convenient to treat of both their significations together, in any of the twelve signes, therefore we now come to speak of *Mercury*, and of the diseases signified by him.

*Mercury* is a Planet of nature cold and dry, representing Melancholly; yet he is of a variable nature, for his influence is usually according to the Nature of the Planet, with the which he is conjoynd; the diseases signified by him are these, *viz.* all such as proceed of cold and wind, Vertigoes, Lethargies, giddinesss in the Head, madnesse or lightnesse, or any other disease adherent to the Brain, all stammering or imperfection in the Tongue, defects in the Memory, hoarsnesse or dry Coughs, Ptisick, all evils in the Intellectuall parts, &c. he hath principall relation to the Brain, Tongue, Lungs and Memory.

The diseases or infirmities signified by *Mercury*, in any of the twelve signes are as followeth, *viz.*

### **Mercury in Aries.**

When *Mercury* shall be the principall author of a Disease or Sicknesse, and in *Aries*, he sheweth that the sick party is much troubled with winde in the Head, and Brain, yet the memory is pretty good, the sick party is almost giddy, and complaineth of lightnesse in the head, talketh sometimes idly, and if Mercury be with Mars in this sign the party is almost distracted: if with Saturn, he stammereth much in speaking, such things as dispell winde and comfort the Animall spirits, and open obstructions, are necessary to be administred in this infirmity.

### **Mercury in Taurus.**

*Mercury* in *Taurus*, and significator as aforesaid, acquaints us with hard Kernells in the neck, stifnesse there, as also hoarsnesse in the Throat, and roughnesse in the Windepipe, stoppings and wheesing there.

### **Mercury in Gemini.**

*Mercury* in *Gemini*, and significator of the disease, shews windinesse in the veines and bloud.

### **Mercury in Cancer.**

*Mercury in Cancer*, and principall significator as aforesaid, intimates the Stomach to be oppressed with cold and winde, the sick party troubled with sowre belchings, and gripings there, continuall pain by winde.

### **Mercury in Leo.**

*Mercury in Leo*, and author of the disease, declareth the heart to be oppressed with Melancholly, as also the sick party to be tormented with prickings and shootings in the back, and at the heart.

### **Mercury in Virgo.**

*Mercury in Virgo*, and significator as aforesaid, expresseth the Bowells to be tormented with winde, the sick party much oppressed in the Belly, great pain therein, the Winde Chollick usually afflicts the sick party upon this position.

### **Mercury in Libra.**

*Mercury in Libra*, and author of the Disease, tells us that the blood is windy, great pain in the Reynes by cold, the Urine stopped by reason of the pain in the Reynes and Bladder, the Urine usually is very windy and frothy.

### **Mercury in Scorpio.**

*Mercury in Scorpio*, hath no great signification, only declareth pain in the privy members by cold, as also windinesse in those parts.

### **Mercury in Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces.**

*Mercury in Sagittary, Capricorn, Aquaries, or Pisces*, denotes windy and cold swellings in those members signified by those signes.

Thus have I as plainly as possible may be, given you the seven Planets, in any of the twelve signes, being Lord or ruler of the sixt house, or principall significator of the Disease or sicknesse; I might now proceed to speak of the signification of the Aspects of the Planets one with another, especially of the *Moon*, for we must diligently observe what Planet she is in configuration with, and what Planet the Lord of the ascendant, and Lord of the sixt house are in configuration with, in what signe, the nature and quality of the signe, and nature of the Aspect, and accordingly we are to judge; but in regard I have been so plain in my former rules, I thinke it not expedient to treat of the Aspects, by reason we may easily judge of the signification of the configurations of the Planets, one with the other, in any of the twelve signes, by the foregoing rules, ever remembring the nature of the Planet, in configuration with the Lord of the ascendant, Lord of the sixt house, or the *Moon*, and according to his nature judge, making a right commixture as I have formerly said. I will now speak somewhat concerning the ascendant and Lord thereof.

First therefore, we must observe what signe ascends, and the Nature of the Lord of the ascendant, and signe wherein he is, are to be considered, for it signifieth much in this manner of judgement, the ascendant represents the Head and Face, it declareth the sick parties complexion, it further intimateth whether the Brain is disturbed or not, or whether the Disease lyeth more in the Minde then in the Body, *viz.* it shewes whether the parties Sences be troubled or oppressed more

then any part of the Body, the signification of any of the seven Planets in the ascendant, is as followeth, *viz.*

When *Saturn* shall be in the ascendant afflicted, and chiefe significator of the disease, and he not Lord of the ascendant, then we may judge that the sick party is much afflicted in the head with Melancholly vapours, is silent, speaks very little, complaineth of great noyse and stuffings in the Head, and Ears, usually if Saturn be in the ascendant, the sick parties Head and Brain is much distempered.

*Jupiter* Lord of the sixt house, or principall significator of the disease, and in the ascendant or first house, declareth that the Head and Face is much oppressed by hot and moist humors flowing thither, occasioned by too much blood, the sick party hath a very high colour, and many times the veines in the Temples are swelled, and likewise in the Face also, this distemper afflicts the sick party most, when the winde is South.

*Mars* significator as aforesaid, and he not Lord of the ascendant, and posited accidentally therein, doth shew that the sick party is perplexed in the head by Chollerick humors, is also much troubled in the Brain almost frentick, and molested with extream pain in the head, sleepeth very unquietly; nor is the sick much subject to sleep, when *Mars* is in the ascendant, by reason of the hot and dry distemper of the Brain.

*Sol* significator or author of the disease, and in the ascendant, usually signifieth the same that Mars doth, onely sometimes the sick party is

troubled with terrible sore eyes, and inflammations therein, or Cartaracts, a disease which usually taketh away the sight.

*Venus* and the *Moon* in the ascendant, and either of them significator as aforesaid, tells us that the sick party is stuffed in the head by cold, troubled with rhume in the head and eyes, occasioned by the cold and moistnesse of the brain, from thence ariseth Apoplexies, the Falling Sicknesse, Palsies, Lethargies, *Coma Carus*, and other diseases incident to the Head and Brain, proceeding of cold and moist humors.

*Mercury* in the first house, and author of sicknesse, as I have said before intimateth, that the sick parties head is much distempered by wind and cold, and the braine is also much afflicted by the same, the sick party is also very giddy and light headed subject to vertigoes and the like diseases; also *Cauda draconis*<sup>8</sup> in the ascendant signifieth much distemper in the head.

By what hath been delivered, the Physitian may now suddenly and most easily find the nature and quality of a disease or sicknesse by the heavens, which is the onely way, and most assured for discovering of the quality of the humor offending in any disease, as *Gallen*, *Hippocrates*, and the first founders of the Art of Physick<sup>9</sup> affirme.

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8. *Cauda draconis*: "Tail of the Dragon," which is the South Node

9. *Physick*: Medicine, or the practice of Medicine

Now what hath been said concerning the position of the significator of the disease in the ascendant, the like may also be observed by the position of the Lord of the sixth house, or author of the disease, in any of the other houses; for as the first house or ascendant doth signifie the Head and Face, so doe the other houses signifie these severall parts or members in mans body, *viz.*

The second house signifieth Neck and Throat.

The third, Arms, Hands, and Shoulders.

The fourth, Breast, Stomach and Lungs.

The fifth, Liver, heart, Sides and Back.

The sixth, the Belly and Bowells.

The seventh, the Haunches, and Navill to the Buttocks.

The eighth, the Bladder and privy parts.

The ninth, the Hipps and Thighs.

The tenth, the Knees and Hamms.

The eleventh, the Leggs and Ancles.

The twelfth, the Feet.

Having now plainly shewed how to discover the nature of any disease, and judge upon any distemper, the quality and cause thereof in a naturall way, we hold it in the next place convenient to declare how to

finde out the short and long continuance of any sicknesse or disease,  
for the which observe the succeeding method.

### **Whether the sickness will be short or of long continuance.**

If we desire to know how long the sicknesse will continue, we must consider and carefully observe what signe is in the sixt house, and what Planet is author of the disease, or principall significator, for those diseases or infirmities signified by Saturn, are long and permanent by reason of his slownesse; diseases signified by Mars or Sun, are very short, although terrible, Jupiter also signifieth short diseases, and Venus a mean betwixt both, Mercury, such as are unconstant, and Moon signifieth sudden change, and alteration of the disease, either for better or worse; moreover the signe, as I have said before, which is in the sixt house, and in which the significator is posited, are also to be regarded, for some signes are moveable, some fixed, and some are common, the moveable are, Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn, fixed signes are these, *viz.* Taurus, Scorpio, Leo, Aquarius. Common signes are, Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces. Now if we finde a moveable sign in the sixth house, and the Lord thereof, and the *Moon* or principall significator of the disease in a moveable signe, then we may judge the sicknesse to be short, if they shall be in fixed signes, judge long and tedious sicknesse, but if they be in common signes, judge a mediocrity, and that the disease will neither be too short or long, but that you may be better instructed in this, observe these Aphorismes.

1. Lord of the sixth, in the sixth, signifieth a durable and tedious sicknesse.
2. Lord of the sixth house in square or opposition to the ascendant, or applying to the Lord thereof, argueth the same, and that the disease is not in its full force and power.
3. The Lord of the sixth retrograde signifieth a relapse.
4. The Lord of the sixth house removing out of one sign into another, and also the latter degrees of any sign, upon the cusps of the sixth house, denoteth sudden change, and alteration of the disease.
5. The Lord of the ascendant in the sixth house, or the Lord of the sixth in the ascendant, intimateth a great sicknesse, and of long continuance, if they be in fixed signes.
6. And Lastly, if the principall significators of the disease, be in moveable signes, judge a <sup>10</sup> sudden change of the disease, if they be in fixed signes or common, judg<sup>11</sup> as aforesaid.

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10. This extra 'a' is a typographical error which has been preserved from the original text.

11. This should be "judge." Misspelling is preserved as is.

### **If the sick party shall recover from his sickness or not.**

In resolving this question, we are to consider the strength of the Lord of the ascendant, and what favourable aspect is cast unto him, and we are to see if there be any benevolent Planet in the ascendant, for if Jupiter or Venus who are naturally Fortunes, shall be in the ascendant, or with the Lord thereof in a good house of Heaven, and they not Lords of the sixth, eighth, or twelfth houses, then we may judge nature is strong, so likewise if the Lord of the ascendant be free from misfortune, essentially strong & more powerfull, then the Lord of the 6 house, it is a good signe, for Nature seems then to be more strong, and better fortified then the Disease, and also able to worke out the offending humor: moreover if the Lord of the ascendant be free from any aspect of the Lord of the eight house, or Planet posited in the eight, and also free from combustion, and not under the Sun-beames, it is a strong argument of recovery, likewise if there be no translation of light between the Lord of the eighth, and Lord of the ascendant, and if the *Moon* be free from any Aspect of the Lord of the eight House, or Planet posited therein, then it signifieth good to the sick party, and giveth hopes of recovery.

The Lord of the tenth house in a friendly aspect with the Lord of the ascendant, argueth that the sick party shall be cured by Medicine, the like significaiton hath Jupiter or Venus, being in the ascendant, or with the Lord thereof: now it is to be noted, that the 7 house represents the

Physitian, the tenth house his Medicine, if therefore the seventh house be afflicted, the Physitian shall not cure the sick party, if the tenth house be also afflicted, the Physick which has been, or is administred to the sick, is not proper for the disease, and worketh no good effect.

## Testimonies of Death.

The most assured argument of the death of the sick party, is when the Lord of the eighth house is in the ascendant, or with the Lord thereof, for if the Lord of the eighth house<sup>12</sup> shall be in the ascendant, we may justly feare the death of the sick, so likewise if any Planet in the eighth house afflict the ascendant, or Lord thereof, death may be feared; also if any Planet translate the light or influence of the Lord of the eighth, or Planet in the eighth, to the Lord of the ascendant, then it is an ill Omen, and of dangerous consequence to the sick party.

The Lord of the sixth house in the eighth, and afflicting the Lord of the ascendant, or translating the vertue and influence of the Lord of the eighth, or principall significator of death, to the Lord of the ascendant, then we may mistrust and feare that the disease will kill the sick party, and that death is at hand; likewise if the *Moon* shall be afflicted by the Lord of the eighth house, or significator of death, or translate the vertue of the Lord of the eighth, to the Lord of the ascendant, then the disease is mortall.

When the Lord of the ascendant is in conjunction with the Lord of the eighth, or in square or opposition of him or any Planet posited in that

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12. This should be “house”. The misspelling is preserved from the original text.

hosue, without the benevolent trine or sextile of Jupiter or Venus intervening declareth death.

The Lord of the ascendant combust in the 8, imports the death of the sick, and if also the Lord of the ascendant, shall be in the 4 house, in conjunction with the Lord of the 8, we may confidently affirm, that the sick party will dye, in regard the significator of life is then afflicted by the Lord of the 8 Subterranean.

When the Lord of the ascendant also shall be Cadent, and the Lord of the sixt angular, then we may judge a terrible strong sicknesse.

The most assured rules to be observed in pronouncing death of the sick, are these, viz. Lord of the ascendant in the 8, afflicted, or Lord of the 8 in the ascendant, or the Moon in the 8, applying to the Lord of the ascendant by square or opposition, or any other Planet in the 8, in the like configuration with the Lord of the ascendant, the ascendant also afflicted by the presence of any fixed Star, of a violent influence of the nature of the Lord of the 8 house, these positions & configurations, or any of them, are I say assured testimonies of the death of the sick party, for whom the question is demanded.

Now if we desire to be resolved, how long it will be ere the death of the sick party, if we finde testimony of death, as aforesaid, then we must observe how many degrees are between the Lord of the 8, and Lord of the ascendant, or between the Planet posited in the 8, applying to the Lord of the ascendant, or what number of degrees are before the Lord of the ascendant, or the *Moon*, are in perfect conjunction, square, or

opposition of the principall significator of death, or Lord of the 8 house; if the Planet who is significator of death as aforesaid, be in the ascendant, observe then how many degrees he wants of the cusps of the house, & likewise further have regard to the Lord of the ascendant, if he be going to combustion, or under the Sun beames, and note how many degrees are between the Sun and him, before they come to their perfect conjunction, for if they be in movable signes, then so many degrees, as they are distant one from the other, denoteth so many dayes, it will be before the sick party dye; if the significator of death shall be in a common sign, and the lord of the ascendant also in a common sign, afflicted by the lord of the 8. by any aspect, then it denoteth so many weeks as are degrees between their conjunction or aspect; so likewise in fixed signes they denote months, as for example, admit the lord of the 8. house to be hastning to conjunction of the Lord of the ascendant, or the Lord of the ascendant applying to him by any aspect, and they in fixed signes, and at the time of the propounding of the question for the sick party, distant from each other, 1, 2, 3, or 4 degrees or more, then we may judge the death of the sick, ere so many months from the time of the question, but if the aspect be in movable signes, judge so many dayes as they are distant in degrees from their true aspects, in common signes so many weeks, making a right observation from every significator, for not upon one bare testimony doe we pronounce death, but when we finde those assured rules afore delivered, do manifest the same.

Having now plainly shewed how to judge upon any disease happening according to natural causes, we hold not amisse to discover the right

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way in finding out, whether the disease be naturall or not, *viz.* If the sick party be sick or distempered by such diseases as are incident to mankinde, or is bewitched: when the question shall be so demanded for the sick, observe that which followeth.

### **If the sick party be bewitched or not.**

When it shall be demanded whether one be bewitched or not, then have regard to the Lord of the 12 house, and observe whether he be in any malevolent aspect of the Lord of the ascendant, or posited in the ascendant, for if the Lord of the 12, afflict the ascendant or Lord thereof, either by his corporall presence, or by square or opposition aspects, or if they be afflicted or oppressed by any malevolent Planet in the 12, then the sicknesse or disease is more then naturall: likewise the Lord of the ascendant in the 12, argues the same; but in delivering judgement upon this quere, observe these Aphorismes.

1. If the ascendant shall be oppressed by the Lord of the 12, or the Lord thereof, afflicted in the 12, then it is to be feared, the sick party is bewitched.
2. The Moon in the 12, or any other Planet therein in opposition to the lord of the ascendant, argueth that an evill spirit hath power over the sick party.
3. Lord of the ascendant combust in the 12, intimateth the same.
4. Lord of the ascendant in the sixth, in opposition, to the Lord of the 12 house, gives suspition of witchcraft.

5. Lord of the ascendant also, Lord of the 12, & unfortunate, declareth that the sick party is under an ill tongue, so likewise the sign of the ascendant, and sign of the 12 both one, intimateth the same.
6. The Lord of the 8 in the 12, or applying to the Lord thereof, and then immediately joyning to the Lord of the ascendant, translating thereby the influence of the 12 house, and Lord thereof, to the ascendant, signifieth the death of the sick party by witchcraft.
7. The Lord of the 6 house, in the 8, 12, or 6. signifieth a secret and occult disease, more then naturall.

These Aphorismes, or any of them signifieth and declareth the most approved and assured way in judging of witchcraft.

Now in judging or discovering what party it is that bewitcheth the sick, or hath enchanted him, then describe the Planet that is Lord of the 12 house, and you shall have the complexion, stature, and condition of the Witch, ever considering in what house of Heaven he is posited, & out of what house he afflicts the ascendant, or Lord thereof, and what house he is Lord of besides the 12, so shal you have with due consideration, the cause of the Witches enchanting the sick party.

Lord of the 3, Lord also of the 12, or posited therein, or afflicting the ascendant, or Lord thereof, or Lord of the 12 in the 3 house, afflicting the ascendant, or Lord thereof, shews the Witch to be a near neighbour to the sick party, &c. and so if we consider in what house the lord of the 12 is in, and out of what house he afflicts the Lord of the ascendant, we shall have also the cause of inchantment, &c.

## **Of the true Crysis or Criticall and Judiciall dayes.**

The true Crysis is found out by the motion of the *Moon*, viz. By her square and opposite place to the sign, degree and minute in which she was placed at the parties first falling sick, therefore for finding the exact Crysis, or Critical dayes, observe these ensuing rules.

1. At the time of the parties first falling sick, let the place of the *Moon* be exactly rectified: note in what sign, degree, and minute of the Zodicack she is then placed.
2. Observe when she cometh to the square thereof, for that is the first Crysis.
3. When the *Moon* comes to her true opposition, viz. To the opposite place in the which she was at the parties first falling sick, then is the 2d. Crysis.
4. When she comes to the next Square, it is the 3d Crysis.
5. When the *Moon* hath run round the Heavens, and comes to the very same sign, degree and minute, in the which she was placed at the time of the parties first falling sick, it is the fourth Crysis.

Now the Judiciall dayes are the middle between the two Crysis, there may be discerned also an alteration of the disease, of sudden change

thereof, when the Moon comes to be distant from her true place, at the time of the parties first falling sick 45 degrees, so likewise when she is distant 90 degrees, and also when she is distant 135 degrees: and as the Crisis is the sudden change of the disease, or alteration for better or worse, *viz.* Tending either to health, or a further sicknesse, so the dayes criticall, and decretory, shew a more certaine and sure judgement, whereby the Physitian may fully discern which way the disease will tend, or whereby the Crisis may be exactly judged, for the decretory or crytical dayes, declares a more sure judgement of the infirmity afflicting, *viz.* Whether it will be more powerfull, or in a lesse measure at those times, when the exact Crisis is, for when the Crisis is, there is a sharp contention betwixt nature and the disease, and if at the time of this Crisis, nature is more prevalent then the disease, it is then a good signe; but on the conrary, if the sicknesse prevaile, then the crisis is dangerous, but I shall leave the prosecution of these things until some other opportunity be offered: onely by the way, observe these Aphorismes.

1. Then seeing that it is most certaine that the *Moon* by her motion sheweth the true crisis, and that also the judicial or criticall dayes are found out by her motion in the Zodiack, then we must be sure to have regard how she is disposed, whether fortunate or unfortunate, and how she is aspected by the benevolent Planets, or the malevolent or malignant Planets: and further observe, at the time of the true crisis, whether she be in configuration with the Lord of the 6 house, or Lord of the 8, for if she shall be at the time of the crisis in any malevolent aspect of the Lord of the 6, it

is an ill sign, so likewise if she shall be afflicted by the Lord of the 8, it gives great cause to judge the death of the sick party upon that crisis.

2. If she be then going to the square or opposition of the Lord of the 6, the disease and sicknesse encreaseth, if she be fortunately aspected at the time of the crisis, by Jupiter or Venus, and they not Lords of the 6, 8, or 12 houses, it is a good crisis.
3. The Moon transiting the cusps of the 12, 8, or 6, at the time of the crisis, death or prolongation of the disease is to be feared.
4. In Judiciall dayes, the Moon fortunate and well aspected, declares a good Crisis to be expected: but if she be unfortunate, she declares the contrary.

Some doe thinke that the seventh and fourteenth dayes are criticall, and that these dayes after the first falling sick of the party, are the first and second crisis, which is a very absurd opinion, in regard that the criticall and decretory dayes proceed not from inferiour causes, as some men thinke, for the learned doe observe, that the *Moon* hath great influence and dominion upon our inferiour bodies; whereby the humors are stirred up by her motion, so that thereby the true crisis of the disease is declared: and in regard the *Moon* sometimes moves very swiftly, and againe at other times very slowly, being many times unconstant in her motion, therefore she maketh the true crisis, not every seventh day, as many conceive: but of these matters I shall have

occasion in another treatise hereafter to speak more copiously thereof, therefore at present let the former rules suffice.

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