Opus Astrologicum, &c.
OR
An Astrological Work
Left to Posterity,
By Nich. Culpeper, Gent.

Briefly containing,
2. Elections Astrological, for such as are going to War.
5. Prognostications, and Astrological Secrets, proved by Example.

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The Author

to

The Reader.

Courteous Reader,

Have here collected and publishd the most choice and princip.

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The Author

Astronomical Aphorisms used in the Resolution of Horary Questions; with Elections and Considerations of great use in going to War, taking Journeys, erecting Buildings, making Marriages, &c. and reduced them into such a plain and easy Language and Method, as will suit with a very mean Capacity: not for Gain, Profit, nor Vain-glory, To the Reader.

...for those things I never desired, nor sought after... but out of an earnest desire to benefit my own Country-men, (who do very much want English Tracts of this nature) to advance this kind of Learning, to serve and assist those that are Learners and Students in this so admirable, so excellent an Art and Mystery, and to stir up more active Pens to a publishing...
The Author
this time with this kind of
Learning is (much wished
ed and reproached) by a
company of men that are
both ignorant and malici-
ous, who like the Fox in the
Fable, that discommoded
the Grapes, because he
could not reach them, so
these despite Learning, be-
cause they cannot attain
unto it. But
But the Reproaches of
the Ignorant I shall not
value, nor shall I doubt
but
but that the Ingenious will
make a good Construction of
these my Labours, (which
will very much encourage
me to proceed in my inten-
ded works in this kind) but
if not, I had rather have
the Reproofs of the Wise,
then the Applause of
Fools.

N. C.
Gentlemen, &c.

E. suppose you are not ignorant of the (prai-
worthy) Labours which this Author (of deferv-
Memory) hath (herefore)

TO

The Readers.

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fore) published; therefore it would be a needless Task for us to undertake the Praise of him, (who is so generally known, and whose Parts are so highly approved of, and commended by the most Ingenious of this Age) or the true worth of the Work itself, which a short time and experience will give you to understand.

All we shall trouble you

To the Reader,
you (or ourselves) with herein, is, onely to assure you that this Tract is certainly his, (under whose name it goes) and no abuse fathered upon him: which plainly appears by the testimony of his own hand-writing, in the Original Manuscript: for he had compleatly perfected it, with a full intent to publish it, long before his death: but some urgent occasion frustrating his then-
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then-resolution, it rested
for a time; in which space
death suddenly snatching
him away, he could not
see it printed; But having
committed it to the cu-
sty of a friend, he choice-
ly kept it, and hath now
permitted it to be publish-
ed, to the honour of his
dear friend, though dead,
yet living; and for the
perpetual good of all those
who truly love Arts and
Sciences.

Richard Moone,
Stephen Chasfield.

A CENTURY
OF
Aphorisms,
Appropriated to the resolving
of
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APPROBATION.

Aphorisms.

Under Aries are born men of thick hair, white of
yellowish, curling, long
vivage, crooked nose, ha-
zle eyes, little ears, short
legs, little feet; the first
15 degrees give a more gross body than
the later.

Under Taurus are born men of a
short and thick stature; big, broad men,
high forehead, wide nose, great mouth,
fat short neck, dark ruddy colour, short
arms, thick hands, thick black hair, big

B  but-
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Gemini gives a delicate, fair, well-composed, and well-set body; good colour, bright clear eyes, good sight, and piercing; long arms, long hands and feet, large breast, brown hair, good wit, fluent tongue, and apt discourse; yet a man of no great fidelity.

Cancer gives but a little short stature; yet the latter fifteen degrees give a more full body than the former: you know one Sprat may be something bigger than another: the upper parts of the body are more thick than the lower; disorder in the teeth, little eyes, blackish hair, a lowe whining voice.

Leo arising, gives great head and eyes, quick sight, a large, lufy, strong body; full of metals, courageous, four-hearted; thick, broad shoulders; yellowish or flaxen hair; a big great voice, resolved spirit, aspiring brain, of a generous, free-hearted, and courteous disposition.

Virgo arising at a Nativity, gives a spare body, yet well composed; a mean stature, lovely brown complexion, great eyes, thick black hair, subtili wits, no great fidelity, aiming at self-ends.

Scorpio gives but short stature, yet a big-limbed, full, and well-set body; strong and active; wilful, malicious, false, and deceitful; sad-brown hair, darkellow complexion, a short neck; quick
in motion of body, but of reserved thoughts.

Aquarism:

Cancer gives very slender, weakly, many dry and white complexion and a loathsome face, long nose, thin cheeks, black hair, and eyes. The body is long, thin, and weakly, the face is fair and composed, the hair is white, and the eyes are small and weak.

Aphorism:

Aquarius are born men of a middle stature, well-shaped, clear skins, fair faces, yet more lovely than beautiful, or curious, yet a handsonic-composed body, a white, bright hair, and sometimes yellow. Their bodies are to be vast and massive, and their hands bus-
imy, bony, and bony.

And lastly, Pisces gives a short, ill-composed body, yet a good face, of clear complexion and colour; thick shoulders, brown hair, fat and plump in all parts; an idle body, else no way hurtful.
In general descriptions of the Planets, consider, The Sun presents one of a brown or yellowish colour, and forehead, great hazel eyes, sharp and piercing, quick-sighted; of no great stature, yet stately, and full-boned; the hair along beard; and is quickly bald; a generous creature, high-minded, aiming at no base or mean things.

Saturn signifies a man with a black swarthy colour, big and large eye-brows, black and little eyes, thin beard, and sometimes none at all; thick shoulders, and sometimes crooked; heavy lumpish looks, call nature: he goes with his head stooping forward, lean face, thick lips: he delights to be alone, and is always musing: he likes one leg against the other as he goes: he can hide his anger, and his tongue will tell no tales of his heart: willful, envious, malicious, fearful, proud, and slovenly; covetous, aiming wholly at his own ends.

Jupiter represents a man all of stature, of a brown muddy complexion, an oval visage, high forehead, fair gray eyes, light-brown hair, a handsome well-set (trunk-body), large belly, great thighs, great well-proportioned legs, long feet, a father, well-spoken, well-conditioned man.
desiring to benefit all men; not covetous, nor caring for the goods of this world.

Lastly, Mercury gives a creature of a tall stature, black hair, long lean face, high forehead, long straight nose, lean, lank body, long fingers, and lean, long feets, and he goes swinging one arm: a witty subtil man, full of talk, and of no great fidelity, unless Mercury be in a fixed sign.

By comparing the Planet with the sign he is in, the description of the body is found out. Also, by considering the strength of the Planet, his aspect to the Sun and Moon, his being with fixed Stars, either of opposing his own nature, with his being above or under the earth. For Planets, which they are above the earth, give bandalles nature; then they do when they are under the earth.
In an Horary Question, when the Lord of the hour is in the same Planet, or of the same Nature or Triplicity, or in the same Triplicity, with the Question; or the Lord of the Ascendant has a tendency to the Figure, in or between such; it is to be judged of, else not.

In all Questions, have a special eye to the Moon, for she brings the Strengths of all the other Planets with us. It is better the Lord of the Ascendant be unfortunate than the Question to be fortunate.

In all Questions wherein the Fortunes are significators, hope well; but if the Infortunes be significators, fear the contrary, and so order your judgement accordingly, and grant to men the advantage of the good.

When the Moon is void of course in a Question, there is no great hopes of effecting anything to purpose; yet if the Moon be in Taurus, Cancer, Sagittarius, or Pisces, the fear is the less.
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30.

If a Planet retrograde, or in his first station, be Significator, he denotes much discord and contradiction in the business.

32.

A Planet flows in motion, if he be Significator, prolong mighty the thing sought after; especially, if he be in a sign contrary to his nature, or in the house of his enemy.

33.

When the Infortunes signify evil, they bring it to pass with much violence; but if they signify good, they either bring it not to pass at all; or if they do, it comes with much care, delay, and vexation.
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33.
When the Infortunes signify any evil, see whether Jupiter or Venus cast friendly beams thither: if they do, they mitigate the evil; and so much the more, if it be with reception.

34.
When the Fortunes portend any good, if Saturn or Mars cast froward beams thither, without reception, it mightily hinders the good promised.

35.
Consider not too much upon what a Fortune promiseth, unless he be either in essential dignities, or received by another Fortune; for else, he is like a man that would do thee good, but wanes power.

36.
Saturn and Mars, peregrine, are malicious beyond measure: they are not so bad when they are in essential dignities; for then they are like noble enemies that have got their enemy in their hands, and scorn to hurt him.

37.
If Saturn or Mars be in their houses or exaltations, and in angles, and promise any good, they bring it to pass.

38.
In a Question, when Fortunes and Infortunes are equally weak and ill-scated, defer the judgement till the heavens are better scated.

39.
When a Planet promising any good in a Question, is either in combustion with, or
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or opposition to the Sun, he never brin-<br>geth the good to pass.

40.

Sarne and Mars in conjunction, if<br>they promise good, it never comes to<br>pass: but if they promise evil, it comes<br>with more malice than was expected.

41.

The Lord of the Ascendent, and the<br>Moon peregrine, shew the Querent is out<br>of all hopes of obtaining his desire.

42.

View whether the Significator of the<br>thing desired be in a fixed signe: if he<br>be, it will continue: if in a fickle signe,<br>it will quickly end: if in a common signe,<br>it will change out of one thing into anoth-

43.

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43.

If the Lord of the Ascendent, of the<br>Moon, or with the head or tail of the<br>Dragon, it brings damage to the Question propounded. Look in what house<br>they are, and from the signification of that house<br>you may know whence the damage will come.

44.

The first house signifies the life, comple-
pexion, disposition, will, manners, and<br>understanding of the Querent; the be-

45.

The second House signifies riches, gain,<br>traffique, gold, silver, and lots and gain<br>by traffique; all moveable goods with-

46.
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46.

The third house signifies brethren, sisters, kindred, small voyages, short journeys, interpretation of dreams, &c.

47.

The fourth house signifies the father, houses, land, movable goods, orchards, tillage, hidden treasures, minerals, all things under the earth, prisons, obscure places, the grave, and good report after death, and the end of all things taken in hand.

48.

The fifth house signifies children, all younger kindred, joy, pleasure, gifts, bravery, delight, the riches of the father, all profit of the fourth house, playing, gaming, drinking, &c.

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49.

The sixth house signifies servants, sickness, all cattle not fit for labour, as dogs, sheep, &c. fowls, wild beasts, hunters, gaolers, prisons, false accusations, &c.

50.

The seventh house signifies marriage, wives, law-suits, contention, quarrels, known enemies, all the men we deal with, common persons, &c.

51.

The eighth house signifies death, sadness, riches never thought of, dowry, estate of them we deal with, and of known enemies, all the benefit of the seventh house.

52.

The ninth house signifies Religion, pilgrimage, long journeys, dreams, faith, sacrifices,
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sacrifice, ceremonies, Clergie-men, Navigations, &c.

53.
The tenth house signifies honour, dignities, preferment, calling, offices, trade, Magistrates, Kings, Princes, Governors, advancement, renown, profession, and the mother; Captains and Conductors in Wars; help, succour.

54.
The eleventh House signifies friends, acquaintance, hope, the things we desire, companions, counsel of friends, all the benefic gotten by the tenth house; good angels, &c.

55.
The twelfth house signifies private and secret enemies, evils, spirits, prisons, captivity, bondage, slavery, torment, treason, villainy, horses, and all beast fit for labour.

In all Questions, look whether the Ascendant or his Lord be in the degree of any Eclipse at hand: for then, though the matter be in never so fair a way, it will receive prejudice when it is least expected, and hardly ever be concluded.

57.
Seldom comes good end of a Question, when the Moon is impeded. Judge accordingly, if neither Fortunes give her good aspect; namely, danger of death in War, ill succels in journeys, ill end of Marriage, and the like, according as the Question is.

58.
If the Lord of the Ascendant be opposite to it, or in Square to it; also, if the Moon be opposite to her own house or exaltation, the Queerent is cast-
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lels, and cares not which end goes forward.

If the Significator of the thing demanded be impeded, consider what Planet impedes him: and from the houses he is in, and Lord of, you may finde the cause and persons hindering the busines.

The nearer the Significator is to an angle, the more good you may expect: lels, if he be in a succeeding house: little or nothing, if he be in a cadent, unless the matter of the Question be such as belongs to that cadent house he is in.

In any matter promised by any aspect, consider diligently whether there be not any frustration: if there be, there will be hinderance by persons signified by the Planet frustrating.

In every Question, consider part of Fortune: if it be well dignified, the Querent gets by things, or men signified by the house it is in: if ill dignified, let him expect los's from such. The like may be said of Jupiter and Venus.

Beware of men and things belonging to that house where the Dragons tail is: seldom time: but the Querent receives los's, damage, slander, or scandal, by men or things signified by that house.

Judge not rashly of the Conjunction of two Planets, before you have considered what signe they are in: for if it be a signe of their own nature, it increaseth their signification; if not, the contrary.
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65.

Also consider the nature of the signe, whether humane, violent, &c., fixed or moveable, &c., and order your judgement accordingly.

66.

Of this, and all significators, whether they be with fixed stars of or against their own natures: for the one mightily increaseth, the other retards their significations.

67.

Figures of Horary Questions are either true or false, according to the intent of the Querent.

68.

Beware of Questions when Mars is in the Ascendant, or when Scorpio ariseth: for it is a signe of falsity.

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69.

A Radical Figure resembles either the nativity, or the revolution of the nativity of the Querent.

70.

In a Question truely Radical, there is a sympathy between the matter propounded, and the position of the heavens at the time of the proposition. This is the most absolute way to judge of the radicalness of a Figure.

71.

Love and Hatred cause error in judgment: the one magnifieth trifles, the other depreffeth great matters. Ye see what impartial men Astrologers ought to be.

72.

When benevolent Planets are Lords of the eighth or twelfth houses, and ill digni-
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dignified, the Querent shall receive
damage from reputed honest men.

73.

A man had need have a special care
of his judgement, when the seventh
house or his Lord are impedit.

74.

The seventh house and his Lord are
Significators for the Artist; and there-
fore when they are afflicted, his judg-
ment is subject to be clouded.

75.

The matter of any Question is obscu-
red, when the Planet signifying the thing
is either under the earth, or under the
sun-beams.

76.

But if the Planet signifying the thing,
be out of combustion, direa, and in the
tenth house, the business lies as clear as
the noon-day.

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77.

Do not judge rashly that the absent
party is dead: it may be he is but drunk.

78.

Do not rashly judge a man is wound-
ed: it may be he was let blood.

79.

Do not judge rashly that a man shall
finde hid treasures: it may be he may
but take something to pledge. The fig-
ures of these Questions are alike; and
by these you may finde out many others
of like nature.

80.

In all Questions, see what dignity the
Lord of the Ascendent had in the pre-
cedent Lunation; and order your judg-
ment accordingly.
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81.

Also the Revolution of the Nativity, if it can be had, will profit much; *viz.* by considering the strength of the Lord of the Ascendant then.

82.

If the Figures of the New and Full Moon precedent and subsequent to your Question be the same, and the Ascendant of your Question the same with them; defer your judgement till another time.

83.

Significations for the Unkles are taken from the sixth house; for the Grandfather, from the seventh.

84.

Note what Planet is Lord of the Figure, and according to his quality and place, you may judge of the thoughts of the Querent.

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85.

In all Questions, regard the next subsequent Lunitation: for matters are subject to vary at every Lunitation.

86.

The matter in question will soon be performed, when the Lord of the Lunitation is Cardinal.

87.

Determine nothing before thou know the intent of the Querent. For if he know not what to ask, how canst thou tell what to answer?

88.

Judge not upon light motions of the Querent. A Question fit to be judged, ought to be premeditated by the Querent.
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89.

*Mars* spoils matters by too much haughtiness: *Saturn*, by slowness.

90.

A Planet within sixteen minutes of the Sun, is in *Capricorn*, and exceeding strong.

91.

Observe whether the Ascendant, or his significator, be in the place of any Eclipse at hand: if it be, though the matter for the present be in never so fair a way, it will receive prejudice when least expected, and hardly ever be concluded.

92.

Very seldom there comes any good of the Question, when the Moon is impeded.

93.

When Significators are in houses of their own nature, they bring the matter to pass with much ease.

94.

When the Lord of the eighth is unfortunate in the eighth, the *Querent* hath debts he will never get in.

95.

An Infortunate in the seventh house, sheweth disagreement betwixt man and wife, except that Planet were significator at the birth.

96.

An Infortunate, unfortunate beholding the significator, brings inevitable mischief to the Question, according to natural causes.

97.

There is no so great affliction to the Moon, as her combustion.
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98.

The superior Planets Oriental, and the inferior Occidental, perform a business with most speed.

99.

If the significator commit his strength to a Fortune that is angular, the matter is soon performed.

100.

These Aphorisms, if rightly understood, discover the key of the mystery of resolving all manner of questions.

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ELEPHONS

ESTHIOLOGIA

For How to Befriend to

WAR.

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[Proemium]

He heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shews forth his handy-work.

The heavens hold forth the glory of God in a threefold manner:

1. Creation,
   By their
   Preservation,
   Operation.

2. Creation, by Mighty Power,
   Preservation, by Infinite Wisdom.
   Operation, in manifold Virtues, by exceeding Harmony.

The heavens declare the glory of God.
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their Creation, being produced to a being from nothing: which is so great a work, both too high for Intelligences and Angels. So the heavens themselves, simply considered, declare and manifest the glory of God by their Creation.

Concerning the second, their Preservation, they depend immediately upon God: for every creature, both spiritual and temporal, barely considered in itself, tends to Adam a not being. And the more excellent Providence it requires for its conservation; as a Horse needs a less Providence than an Angel, because an Angel hath more excellencies than a Horse. Now the heavens declare the glory of God mightily in this respect, because it requires a wonderful hand of providence, to conserve them in that harmony they are in.

Concerning the third, the heavens wonderfully declare the glory of God, by their visible operations; whence come so many variations and changes of times; Spring, Summer, Harvest, Winter, Cold, Heat, Rain, Earth, War, Plenty, Diseases, Pestilence among Men, Beasts, Fowls and Fishes: all these, and many more, so tedious to relate, come from the influence of the heavens, and wonderfully set forth the glory of God in creating such creatures with such wonderful influences.

All second causes are in the virtue of the first cause, and the first cause suspends their operations when he pleases, bringing an effect immediately of himself.

Concerning these second causes, and the concourse and operation of the heavens, divers learned men have written, That the effects do not fall out necessarily, but contingently: Prod. in centiloquio. Judicia quæ tibi tradas, sunt inter necessarium & possibility.

And so the Sun signifies cleerness, and Saturn cloudiness; because Sol is exalted, and Saturn cast down in Arctes.

Also Jupiter is exalted, and Mars is cast down in Cancer; Jupiter signifies justice, Mars deceit.

So Venus signifies singing and mirth, Mercury Philosophy, and other Arts and Sciences.

And so the Planets have their several
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operations in the Signes, and also by their
Conjunctions and Aspects, from which,
happy Elections may be made for diverse busi-
ness, part of which is our present scope.

Elections for such as go to
War.

1.

Such as go to War, ought above all
things to have a care, that they may
come safe home.

2.

Therefore let the Sun, Venus, Jupiter,
or the Dragons head, be in the Ascen-
dent, otherwise they may come short
home.

3.

If Saturn be in the Ascendent, he will
come home again a coward, and will be
Elections

surprised with fear, and not fight.

4.

If Mars be there, he will either die, or be dangerously wounded.

5.

If both Saturn and Mars be there, be confident he will never return.

6.

If the Lord of the Ascendant be in his fall, he will never return.

7.

If no Planet be in the Ascendant, look in the eighth and tenth Houses: if an evil Planet be in the eighth, he will die; if in the tenth, he will be taken prisoner.

8.

In Questions of Wars, if the Lord of the

for War.

the Ascendant, or other good Planets be in the Eastern Angle, the Querent will obtain what he desires.

9.

If evil Planets be in the Ascendant, or the Lord of the Ascendant be in his fall, the Querent will be vanquished.

10.

The tenth, eleventh, twelfth, Ascendant, second and third Houses, are appropriated to the assailant; but the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, to the defendant; and so are the Planets found in them.

11.

An ill Planet in M.C. signifies ill to the Querent, but in J.C. to the Defendant.


**Elections**

12. If the Ascendent be a fixed Signe, the War will hold long; if a moveable Signe, but a little while; if a mean Signe, indifferent.

13. If the Lord of the Ascendent, and the Lord of the seventh House be in square or opposition, when the Question is demanded, no peace is to be hoped for, or expected.

14. If the Lord of the Ascendent and seventh House be in trine or sextile, a peace may be concluded by treaty, if they treat by such men as are of the condition of that Planet, which is Lord of the figure at the time of the Question.

15. for War.

15. If the Lord of the Ascendent be in the fourth House not impeded, or give good aspect to the Lord of the fourth, the Querent will obtain victory, honor, and profit.

16. If there be no aspect, nor collection, nor translation of light, &c. between the Lord of the Ascendant, and the Lord of the seventh, there will be no war at all.

17. If there be a good aspect, and the Planets good, there will be a firm and lasting peace established, by the free consent of both parties.

18. If you would know whether the defendants have victuals or treasure, view the eighth
Elections

The eighth House, and the Planets in it: for that is the second from the seventh; and signifies their substance and the Lord thereof will shew either their poverty or abundance.

19.

If Saturn, Mars or the Dragons tail be there, they want; if Jupiter, Venus, part of fortune or the Dragons head be there, they have abundance; & the more that House is strengthened the better they are provided.

20.

The like you may judge of the Assailants, by the second House, which is the House of their substance.

The Sun doth no good in the Ascendent, in the hour of basteail, nor yet joined to the Lord of the Ascendent.

21.

If the Lord of the seventh House be in the fourth, or the Lord of the fourth House in the seventh, it is good for the defendant, provided they are not impeded.

22.

for War.

dited; for this one testimony is sufficient both in wars and law-lites.

23.

Judge the like by the Ascendent and tenth for the Assailant.

24.

It is not good to fight when the Lord of the Ascendent is in the eighth House.

25.

The Sun doth no good in the Ascendent in the hour of basteail, nor yet joined to the Lord of the Ascendent.

26.

The assailant alwayes loseth the basteail, if the Lord of the Ascendent be an infortune, or retrograde, or combust.

But if the Lord of the seventh be so, the defendant will be beaten, and he that begins
Elections, &c.

... will have the victory. 27.

Let no king go to battle, when the Lord of the Ascendant applies to the seventh House.

28.

There is no taking of a city, when the City sign is the Ascendant at the revolution of the year of the world.

29.

When the Moon, Saturn, and Mars, are joined together in the same degree, Kings will be depopled, and there will be much effusion of blood, and war, in the places signified by that signe they are joined in.

FINIS.

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Coeli eumant Dei gloriam.
Observations.

1. E that goes about any business to a King or Prince, when the Moon is in Aquarius, he may be received: but the King will not regard him, nor his Suit.

2. If the Moon be in Pisces, the King will not let him see his face.

3. If any demand any thing of another (which may in Reason be granted)
Considerations

when Capricorn is in the Mid-heavens, and Jupiter in it, and the Moon applying to him; or if separating from him, she apply to the Lord of the Ascendent; or if the Lord of the Ascendent apply to Jupiter, he will quickly obtain his desire.

4.

Venus causeth rain and moisture; Mercury, short journeys and changes.

5.

Venus in the first degree of Cancer at the Conjunction of the Luminaries, or any other great Conjunction, causeth great Rains.

6.

In all Elections, fortishe the Lord of the Ascendent and the Lord of the house of the thing desired.

Concerning Journeys.

7.

Saturn doth most mischief in long journeys, Mars in short.

8.

Fixed Signes forbid journeys, movable Signes urge them, the later end of Libra excepted.

9.

The Moon increasing in light, in good Aspect to the Sun, helps forward Journeys.

10.

When an Infortune receives a Fortune by good Aspect, it works no mischief.

11.

In Journeys, the greatest impediment a Planet can have, is to be peregrine.
**Considerations.**

12. Cancer regards the Sea most; and Pisces, Rivers.

13. Every thing which is suddenly made, and suddenly destroyed, and suddenly re-made, the cause is in Mars.

14. Every thing that is suddenly made, and suddenly destroyed, and remains long in destruction, is caused by Saturn and Mars.

15. When you go a journey by land, 'tis bad to have Mars in the ninth or third, because he signifies thieves: but 'tis worse to have him in the second.


16. When you would go into the Country, let the Lord of the second house be in a fortunate place, and not in the fourth house, nor in the Ascendant.

17. At the very time when you enter a journey, take heed there be no ill Planet in the seventh house: for that signifies evil will besal thee, in the place to which thou goest.

18. Yet if he be well dignified, and in good aspect to the Lord of the Ascendant, the mischief will not be much.

19. If the Lord of the ninth house be in the Ascendant, the journey will be made with honour and profit.

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20.

If the Lord of the Ascendant give power to the Lord of the ninth, the Journey will be good and profitable.

21.

In short Journeys, view the Lord of the third, because he is Lord of short Journeys.

22.

In all Journeys, view the Moon, because she is general Significatrix of Journeys.

23.

And have a special care to the Lord of the hour: for if he be impeded when you take a Journey, he will do as much mischief as the Lord of the Ascendant if he be impeded.

24.

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24.

The Significator of Messengers and Ambassadors is the Lord of the fifth house.

25.

The hours of Saturn and Mars are ill to take a journey in; the hours of Jupiter, Venus, and the Luminaries, is good.

26.

In Journeys, the impediments of Saturn are very many; and may be known by the nature of the Signe he is in.

27.

For example: if in a Sea-journey, at the setting forth, Saturn ascend in Pisces, the ship will suffer ship-wrack.

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Considerations

28.

Take no journey by sea, when a fiery signe ariseth: for then a warry signe is in the eighth house.

29.

If you go to a prince or king, let the Sun be fortunate, and let Aries or Leo ascend.

30.

In all journeys, let not the Lord of the Ascendent nor hour be impedited, nor in combustion, nor Square, nor Opposition to the Sun; neither let the Moon be in the Ascendent.

31.

When the Sun is in his own house or exaltation in the day, or the Moon in her's in the night, and one of them Lord of the hour, it is good to take a journey.

32.

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32.

If at such a time the Sun or Moon behold the tenth house, it is so much the better.

33.

If the Sun or Moon give power to the Lord of the Ascendent, it is good.

34.

By a Nativity you may judge which part of the world is best for any to live in: if you have not the Nativity, you may judge it by a Question.

35.

If the Fortunes be joyned with the Lord of the Ascendent, between the M.C. and the Ascendent, it is best for him to live calward.
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36.
This is also so much the better, if the Question be demanded in the forenoon.

37.
But if the Fortunes be between the seventh and fourth house, the Western part is best for him, and most profitable for him to live in. And if the Question be demanded between sun-set and midnight, it is more prevalent.

38.
The other parts of the heaven may easily be gathered from these.

39.
These all will be far more significant, if the Lord of the hour be a Fortune, and the Lord of the Ascendant joined with a Fortune.

concerning Journeys.

40.
If a Question be demanded, to know the return of a man, behold whether the Lord of the Ascendent, or the Moon, be in the tenth, or in the Ascendent; for then he will return.

41.
If the Lord of the Ascendent be retrograde, he will quickly return: if direct, it makes his return the slower.

42.
Moveable Signes hasten his return; fixed, delay it; mean Signes make him travel from one place to another.

43.
If the Lord of the Ascendent give his strength to the Lord of the ninth or third houses, or to any Planet in those houses, his return will be slow enough.
Considerations

44.

If the Lord of the Ascendent be in the tenth, in a moveable Signe, he will not stay a day before he come home, but certain hours only.

45.

By considering the Signe the Significator is in, whether fickle, fixed, or mean, and his difference from the Culp of the Angle, or from the body or Aspect of the Significator of the Querent; and guiding your judgement by Reason, according to the thing quested, you may judge how many hours, days, weeks, months, or yeers, it will be before he return.

46.

The Moon also hath great strength in such Questions.

47.

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47.

Notwithstanding, if she be in the second, sixth, eighth, or twelfth houses, regard her not.

48.

Also, if the Ascendent be Leo or Aquarius, Gemini or Sagittary, the Moon is of little force: not so in other Signes; the reason is, because these Signes have no Aspect to Cancer the house of the Moon.

49.

Also, give the Lord of the fifth house to the Messenger or Ambassador; and the Lord of the Ascendent to the Querent; and give judgement of his return by the former Rules.

50.

If the Question be about any thing sent to receive money, see what appli-
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application the Lord of the fifth hath with the Lord of the second, and judge accordingly.

51.

If the Lord of the fifth house be separated from the Lord of another house, you may see what hath been done already, by the signification of that house; and whether it be good or bad, by the signification of the Planet he is separated from.

52.

And also, you may know whether the business be effected wholly, or in part, by the strength of the Significators.

53.

Also, you may note what Planet either impedes or strengthens the Significators; and so you may know the cause of it.

54.

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54.

If the Question be about Honour, take the Lord of the tenth house, and work accordingly.

55.

Another way to judge of returns, is this: See if the Moon be Lady of the hour of the Question: if so, and she be strong, she is Significatrix of the return: if she give beams to the Lord of the fifth house, he will return when she comes to his place, or perfect Aspect.

56.

But if the aspect the Ascendant, he will return when she comes to the degree ascending at the Question.

57.

But let judgement herein be ruled by Reason; namely, if there be a pos-

sibility-
Considerations, &c.

By these Rules may any Astrologer, that is not troubled with the Simples, easily make Elections for the beginnings of any of these businesses.

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ELECTIONS

Buildings, For Hidden treasure, & Marriage.

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Elections for the Beginnings or Foundations of Buildings.

1. Man ought to have a regard in all edifices, that they may stand and continue long.

2. In the Foundations of Cities, in the first place regard the fixed stars, then joyn benevolent Planets with them.

3. In the foundation of houses, first regard
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guard the Planets, and their natures; and in the second place, the nature of the Signes.

4.

If the Moon be in Scorpio or Pisces, having latitude Meridional descending, begin no building: if you do, it will quickly fall down.

5.

The most fortunate time of all, to begin buildings, is when the Moon is in Aquarius; or else let Aquarius ascend, and the Moon behold it, and the Fortunes also, by good aspect, to wit, the degree ascending.

6.

Also, Leo and Taurus are good, but not so good as Aquarius.

For Buildings.

7.

Let not the Lord of the Ascendent be combust, nor retrograde, nor in his fall, nor detriment, nor in ill aspect to any Planet.

8.

If it be possible, let both the Luminaries behold the Ascendent.

9.

At such a time, Saturn will do most good, or at least, least mischief in the twelfth house, and Mars in the sixth.

10.

Beware that the Signe ascending at the revolution of the year, be not in the seventh house, when you lay the foundation: for then enemies enough will infest and molest the house.
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11.

The Lord of the Ascendant is strongest when he is in his Auge: for when he is opposite to his Auge, he is infortunate, because he is Retrograde.

12.

If an ill Planet be peregrine in the tenth house, the building will stand as long as a Cat is tied to a Pudding: and yet you had better have Saturn there then Mars.

13.

That City will be most infortunate, whose foundation is laid when Mars is in M.C. for many of its Citizens and Princes or Rulers will die by the sword.

14.

When the foundation is laid, let not the Moon be in Conjunction with Saturn, nor

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not yet will the Dragon call; nor yet, let Saturn be in the Ascendent, nor yet in the fourth; nor he be infortunate; for then the building will go on slowly and be finished at Dooms-day in the afternoon; or if ever it be finished and made habitable, the inhabitants will be possessed with incessant fears, and vain illusions, and fooleries, and thieves, and tribulations: and a thousand to one, if the building at last do not fall down upon a sudden.

15.

If Mars be so feared, or so aspected, as we speak of Saturn in the former Aphorism, the house will be burnt down.

16.

If there be any phantastical apparitions in a house, and thou wouldst fain remove them, let not the Moon be in the Ascendant in any of these signs, nor any of them ascending; viz., Cancer, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius: and let her separate from evil Planets, and apply to good ones.
Hidden Treasures.

3.

In Questions about such business, if the Lord of the fourth house be fortunate in the Ascendant, or Lord of the Ascendant, or ☉ in the fourth house, the treasure may be found.

4.

If in the Question Saturn, Mars, or the Dragon tail, be in the Ascendant, the Questent will take labour in vain in searching for it, and in the act will be troubled with foolish phantasies and illusions.

5.

If good Planets be in angles, let the game go which way it will, there is a possibility of finding it, if good course be taken.

6.

If you would know whether there be any
Elections concerning any treasure or no, consider the Angles of the heaven, especially the Ascendent, then the fourth, then the tenth: for the seventh is of little or no value, in such businesses as these.

7.

If within the first degrees (to wit, five degrees from the Cusp) of these Angles, there be any good Planet, 'tis a good argument there is treasure hid.

8.

If the Signe possessing the Cusp of the fourth house be a fiery Signe, it lies in the east part; if airy, the west; if watry, the north; if earthly, the south part of the house.

9.

Fiery Signes signify it to be near chimneys; airy, on the top of the house, about the cieling or rafters; watry Signes, near water; earthly Signes, in the earth, or cellars.

Hidden Treasure.

10.

For the Planets, the Sun signifies open places; the Moon, near gates or doors; Saturn, stinking moist places, cellars, and where they lay dust and coles.

11.

Jupiter signifies halls of entertainment; Venus, bed-chambers; Mercury, walls.

12.

You must also consider other testimonies, viz. the nature of the Signes, and of the Planets, Whether Oriental, or Occidental; whether Septentrional, or Meridional; and in what part of the Heavens they be.

13.

If the Lord of the Ascendent be in his house or exaltation, the treasure is great; if in his detriment or fall, 'tis worth little.
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14.
If the Lord of the Ascendent be Oriental, 'tis newly laid there: if Occidental, it hath been there a long time.

15.
If the Lord of the Ascendent be fortunate, it may be had all; if unfortunate, you must be content with part, and glad you can get that too.

16.
Fiery and Airy Signs show things of greater value than Earthly and Watry Signs do.

ELECTIONS FOR Marriage.

The Ascendent stands for the man, the seventh house for the woman.

1.

In which of these two parts, good Planets be, it will be best for them.

2.

3.

In both, beware of the end of Libra, and the beginning of Scorpio; for that is the combult way, and portends no good in such matters, nor in few other matters.
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4.

Let not the Moon be in combustion with the Sun; for that signifies death: nor in the combust way; for that signifies an ill end.

5.

'Tis ill in the time of Marriage, if the Moon apply to Saturn or Mars, be the Aspect never so good: for there will be neither Peace nor Love between them.

6.

If you would marry to have many children, let the Moon be in Cancer, Scorpio, or Pisces, nor impeded: and if she be in the West, 'tis so much the better.

7.

In all Marriages, let the Moon increase.

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creafe in light and number; let her have no ill Aspect to the Sun, nor any Aspect at all to Saturn or Mars.

8.

Venus is the general Significatrix of Marriage; therefore 'tis best for the Moon to apply to her.

9.

These Aphorisms are Fundamentals in Astrologie: he that hath any brain, may finde a thousand more from them.

10.

He that cannot make Elections for any of these businesses, from these Aphorisms, is unworthy the very name of an Artific.
PROGNOSTICATIONS,
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Prognosticks.

1. When you hear any News, or else in Questions about News, behold the Ascendant and his Lord, and the Lord of the hour.

2. If the Dragons tail, Saturn, or Mars be there, or the Lord of the Ascendant with them, there is not a word of it true.

3. If Jupiter, Venus, or the Sun be there, not impeded, 'tis true enough.

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4.

If no Planet be in the Ascendent, view the fifth house: if any Planet be there, judge by the former Rules.

5.

If there no Planet there neither, view the Lord of the hour; see whether he be Direct or Retrograde, in what house he is, and to what Planet he is aspected. Your own Reason, and the former Rules, will help you to judge of the matter.

6.

The part of reports is taken from the distance from Mercury to the Moon, counting so much by the Ascendent: you may judge by that: for if that be in a fixed Signe, or a Signe of right ascensions, it is likely to be true; otherwise false.

7.

If the Ascendent be a moveable Signe, especially Aries, be sure there is never a word of it true.

8.

If the Fortunes be in angles, 'tis probable to be true: if the Infortunes be there, 'tis falle, unless it belong to the Infortunes.

9.

As for example: if it belong to Wars, or strife, and Mars be in an angle, they are true.

10.

If Jupiter be there, 'tis falle, because Jupiter loves Peace; War is contrary to his nature.
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11.

Likewise if Saturn be angular, and the report be concerning death, captivity, or sickness, 'tis true, because they are of his nature.

12.

If a Letter come to thee, and thou wouldst know his intent that sent it; the man that sent it is signified by the Planet the Moon separated from; the messenger, by the Lord of the fifth house; thy self, by the Lord of the Ascendant; and Mercury is the general signifier of writing Letters.

13.

At the time when you search for his treasures, let the Lord of the Ascendant be in the tenth or eleventh houses, or else give his strength to the Lord of them; let the Moon apply to a Planet above the earth; let Jupiter be Lord of the hour; let

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let him not be retrograde, nor combative, nor impeded; nor let Saturn nor Mars be in angles.

14.

If a Question be demanded, when any shall get out of prison, or captivity, behold the Ascendant and his Lord.

15.

If the Lord of the Ascendant be angular, especially in the fourth house, it will be long ere he be delivered.

16.

The like if the Moon be angular, worse in the twelfth, or joined or aspected to the Lord of the twelfth.

17.

The like if the Lord of the Ascendant be joined to the Lord of the twelfth; for then is Saturn or Mars be Lord of the
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the twelfth, he will die in prison.

If you would know his intents that laid him in prison, behold the Lord of the seventh house, and judge accordingly.

Moveable Signes hasten delivery; so doth the Lord of the third house, in aspect to the Lord of the Ascendent, or the Moon or Lord of the Ascendent in the third house.

When a man comes to demand a question, it is possible to know what his thoughts are, before he reveals them.

Behold where the Lord of the Ascendent is; provided he be not combustion, nor retrograde, nor in his detriment: for

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for then you must heed the Moon, and the Lord of the hour.

Consider them: if they, or which is strongest of them, be in the first house, the Querent comes about himself; if in the second, about his estate or goods.

If in the first part of the third, about little journeys; in the second, about his brethren.

In the first part of the fourth, his father, mother, or ancestors; the second part, his house, farm, or ship: if it be a wary Signe, the third part, of the end of some business.

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25.

In the first part of the fifth, children or scholars; the second, joy or play; the third, clothes or ornaments; the fourth, reports, letters, books, or messengers.

26.

In the first part of the sixth, of sickness; the second, of servants; the third, of small cattle.

27.

In the first part of the seventh, of his wife or sweetheart; the second, of his society; the third, of theft, or goods lost.

28.

In the first part of the eighth, of death or fear; in the second part, dividing inheritance; in the third, of debts.

29.

In the first part of the ninth, of Religion, or Laws; the second, of journeys; the third, of dreams.

30.

In the tenth, of Kings, Princes or Potentates; of honour, office, or dignity.

31.

In the first part of the eleventh, of Merchants, or Merchandizing; the second, riches; the third, of friends.

32.

The first part of the twelfth, enemies; the second, captivity; the third, beasts.

33.

If the Lord of the Ascendent be impeded, or not in a Signe of his own sex, take
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take the Moon: if the Moon be in no better case, take the Lord of the hour.

34.

There are two Significators special, of Questions: First, the Planet which the Lord of the Ascendent is separated from. Secondly, the Planet the Moon is separated from.

35.

The general Significator is the Planet which hath most dignities in the Ascendent, or in the Conjunction or Opposition of the Sun and Moon, if it were neer at hand, or in the Conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter, if that were also newly past.

I shall insert one Example for this, and so conclude.

A certain man came to an Artist about a Question, without revealing one particular, but onely the general, what he came about.

First,
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First, he viewed the Lady of the Ascendent, from whom she was separated; and that was from the Sun, who is Lord of the eleventh house; and is in the fourth: by that, he knew the Question was about something which he loved; which was signified by the fourth house; viz. either his father, or his mother. But because the Moon is separated from the Lord of the seventh, which is the house of women, he knew it was his mother he came to inquire about. And because the Moon is in the house of Journeys, he knew it was about some Journey his mother was about to take; which is aggravated by her being disposed by Mercury in the third house.

And because Venus is opposite to Jupiter in the seventh house, he said she was going to the King.

But because both of them are Retrograde, and in Opposition, and Venus in the fall of Jupiter, he said the King would frown upon her at the first; as also because the Moon is received by Mercury Lord of the twelfth house.

Yet because Jupiter is a Fortune, in his exaltation, in an Angle, free from the beams of Saturn and Mars, he said he would hear her, at last; also, because the Moon disposeth Jupiter, and is in an humane Signe.

This was all true.

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