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The following signs are critical: Aries, Taurus, Cancer, Leo, Libra, Capricorn, Scorpio, Aquarius.
The years occurring in these signs are dangerous. The month will be evident when the sun is in these signs in the transmissions.

9K:6P. The Reason Why the Same Results Do Not Happen at Twelve-Year Intervals. Why Bad Results Happen Although Good Were Expected and Vice-Versa. Why Great Good or Bad Results Happen Even Though the Distribution is Located in Empty Signs.

It is necessary to inspect the past, the current, and the future chronocrators and to determine if they are passing from propitious to impropitious, or from malefic to benefic places. <1 say this> because often a nativity experiences an anxious period subject to the law and is condemned because of the chronocratorship of malefics. Later, however, when benefics take over and when the overall chronocratorship indicates that the nativity is secure, the nativity experiences a restoration of rank and livelihood through some defenses and the basis of the nativity advances to greater fortune. But whenever the nativity is carried to an inferior overall chronocratorship, and the chronocrators are in accord, then various disputes, accusations, trials, losses, and hatreds are prepared in advance until the nativity meets the crisis which is fated to happen. In the same way, if a cause of good occurs in the sequence of chronocrators, then friendships, associations and ties with the great, stewardships, legacies, and gifts are prepared.

As a result, those who were lowly and weak in their period of crisis are treated as noble, sensible, and charming because of the terms of good fortune. On the other hand, those who are entirely courageous and well educated (at least, according to the basis of the nativity from the beginning) are considered and are considered coarse, cowardly, and ineffective, and they are oppressed by their inferiors. These men bear their abasement nobly and yield to the laws of Fate. In the case of ruling nativities, we find that when the chronocrators are making the transition in succession with the others, even though the time of rule has not yet been reached, some men attain noteworthy and profitable rank, others tarry in an opposite, ruinous condition. As a result, for some men bad things become good and a source of safety; for others even apparent good later becomes a cause of evil.

Fate has decreed for each person the immutable working out of events, reinforcing this decree with many opportunities for good or bad consequences. Through the use of these opportunities, two self-begotten gods, Hope and Fortune, the assistants of Fate, control man’s life and make it possible for him to bear Fate’s decrees by using their compulsion and deception. One of the two <Fortune> manifests herself to everyone through the forecasted outcome, proving herself to be good and kind at one time, at another time dark and grim. Fortune raises some high only to cast them down, and degrades others only to raise them to glory. <2Fortune> The other of the two <Hope> is neither dark nor bright; she moves everywhere in disguise and in secret, smiling on everyone like a flatterer, and she displays many attractive prospects which cannot be attained. She controls men by deceiving them: these men, even though they were wronged and were enslaved to their desires, still are attracted to her again, and full of Hope, believe that their wishes will be fulfilled. They believe her—only to get what they do not expect. If Hope ever does offer solid prospects to anyone, she immediately abandons him and goes on to others. She seems to be close to everyone, but she stays with no one.

As a result, those ignorant of the prognostic art—or those not willing to engage in it at all—are led away and enslaved to these previously mentioned gods. They endure all blows and suffer punishment along with their pleasures. Some partially attain what they hoped for, their confidence begins to increase, and they await a permanently favorable outcome—not realizing how precarious and slippery are these accidents of Fortune. Others are disappointed in their expectations not just once, but always; they then surrender body and soul to their passions and live shamed and disgraced—or they simply wait, living as slaves to fickle Fortune and deceitful Hope, and they are entirely unable to achieve anything.

But those who have trained themselves in the prognostic art and in the truth keep their minds free and out of bondage; they despise Fortune, do not persist in Hope, do not fear death, and live undisturbed. They have trained their souls to be confident. They do not rejoice excessively at prosperity nor are they depressed by adversity, but they are satisfied with whatever happens. Since they do not have the habit of longing for the impossible, they bear steadfastly the decrees of Fate. They are alien to all pleasure or flattery and stand firm as soldiers of Fate.

It is impossible to overcome with prayers and sacrifices what has been established from the beginning or to gain for oneself something different, something more to one’s liking. What has been given will come about even if we do not pray; what is not fated will not happen, even if we do pray. Just as actors on the stage change their masks according to the poets’ words and act the characters as they should—sometimes kings, sometimes bandits, sometimes rustics, city people, gods—in the same way we too must act the parts assigned us by Fate and adapt ourselves to the chances of the moment, even if we do not like
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them. Even if someone refuses,

“Having become base, he will suffer this anyway.”

Now if anyone pays attention to the instructions composed by me and to the overall chronocratorships, he will discover everything in proper order. If he reads over some parts, but does not understand the causative forces and the other explanatory passages, a verdict of both praise and blame together will be pronounced on him. But if he does not attend or obey at all, such a man will be called ignorant and willful by all educated and self-disciplined men.

It is necessary to gain foreknowledge in accordance with Nature, because the same things are not given to and do not suit everyone:

“To one man the god has granted the actions of warfare,
To one to be a dancer, to another the lyre and the singing,
And in the breast of another Zeus of the wide brows establishes
Wisdom, a lordly thing, and many take profit beside him…

<*Iliad* 13.730-733, trans. Lattimore>

with which the Compiler agrees. Men do not have all thoughts and deeds in common.

We have presented this material to those who dare to speak in praise of this work and to those who have a star-given, scholarly nature. The basis of this study is sacred and august, as befits an art given to men by God so that they might have a share in <His> immortality through this prognostic art. /211P/ A distinction is made among those who encounter this art: some are true, some insubstantial, some incomprehending. It is like this: several ceramic amphoras receive one crop of expensive wine from one farm. After a time, some of the amphoras give the wine back perfect, filled with flavor and enjoyment for those who entrusted the wine to their keeping. Other amphoras, however, allow the measure of the wine’s volume to diminish./222K/ are not able to contain the new wine, and allow it to foam over—these amphoras did not alter the flavor or cause the savor of the wine crop to disappear, but they do cheat <the vintner> in both respects, for the taste does not last any time nor does it keep its real nature, but immediately changes. (We can see the same thing occur in other plant growths: from one tree the fruit is sweet and ripe when it is gathered; the fruit from another tree is hard and wild; of another the fruit is bitter and rotten or harmful to its consumers.) Just so are the minds of those who encounter this art: one student does his lessons to the end with eagerness and determination and has pleasure in it. The unscientific and ignorant students get only a taste of the introductory portions, spend no time on these studies because of their lack of diligence, study with no legitimate teachers, and bring the charge of ignorance on themselves and reproaches upon the instructors of this art.

Let us leave this talk of plants and crops and return to the human race and examine it. From two producers, i.e. from the same father and mother, come many children, but all do not have the same nature in their conception or in their affinities with each other. They go through life with the unequal fortune due to the basis of their nativity: some live orderly and respectable lives, add credit to their families, become blessed, construct buildings and temples because of their love of beauty, and are beloved by the masses. Such men leave behind offspring and statues, and while they live, they live in glory; when they die, their fame remains eternal. Other men, because of their vicious character, are hated, not only by their parents and relatives, but also by those who are not kin. They discourage many others from having children. Such men are pursued by Nature and by God, and they suffer just punishment and meet a shameful and a violent end—a fate which I think the opponents of this art will suffer.

So as to add a conclusion to our comprehensive treatise, we will append the scientific and powerful distributions. Note that occasionally, even when the transmission occurs in empty places in the given 12-year-cycle, noteworthy things /212P/ happen, and vice-versa, even when benefics alone seem to have the chronocratorship, some cause of evil arises.

/223K/ An example: sun, Mercury in Aquarius, moon in Scorpio, Saturn in Cancer, Jupiter in Libra, Mars in Virgo, Venus in Capricorn, Ascendant in Virgo. From Mars and the Ascendant to Jupiter there are 2 signs, from Jupiter to the moon 2 signs, and from Venus to Mercury and the sun 2 signs. So the years, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 apply to them.

Then from Mars to the moon are 3 signs, from Saturn to Mars 3, from the moon to Venus 3. So the years 3, 6, 9, 12, 15 apply to them.

Then we count 4 from Saturn to Jupiter, 4 from Jupiter to Venus, and 4 from the moon to the sun and Mercury. So the years 4, 8, 12, 16 apply to them.

Then from Mars and the Ascendant to Venus there are 5 signs, from Jupiter to the sun and Mercury 5, and from Saturn to the moon 5. So the years 5, 10, 15, 20 apply to them.
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Then again from Mars and the Ascendant to the sun and Mercury there are 6 signs, and from the sun and Mercury to Saturn 6. So the years 6, 12, 18, 24, 30 apply to them.

Then from Saturn to Venus there are 7 signs, and <from Venus to Saturn 7.> So the years 7, 14, 21, 28, 35 apply to them.

Next from Saturn to the sun and Mercury there are 8 signs, and from the sun and Mercury to Mars and the Ascendant 8. So the years 8, 16, 24, 32, 40 belong to them.

Next from the sun and Mercury to Jupiter there are 9 signs, from Venus to Mars and the Ascendant 9, and from the moon to Saturn 9. So the years 9, 18, 27, 36, 45 apply to them.

Next from the sun and Mercury to the moon there are 10 signs, from Venus to Jupiter 10, and from Jupiter to Saturn 10. So the years 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 apply to them.

Then from Venus to the moon there are 11 signs, from the moon the Mars and the Ascendant 11, and from the Ascendant and Mars to Saturn 11. So the years 11, 22, 33, 44, 55 apply to them.

Then from the sun and Mercury to Venus there are 12 signs, from the moon to Jupiter 12, and from Jupiter to Mars and the Ascendant 12. So the years 12, 24, 36, 48, 60 apply to them. One will find <the year> by continuing the enumeration as far as one wishes.

This number is powerful even when doubled because of the nature of the chart. In many nativities the number which is derived as a factor of the 12-year number seems more scientific and effective. Consequently it is necessary to note /213P/ it <the year of the cycle> first, then divide by 12 /224K/ and investigate the remainder <find the number modulo 12>. If it is found to have a transmission, use it even more. If it is not so found, we will have to factor it or the number less than it. An example: if we are investigating year 20, we subtract 12 and investigate the remainder 8, to see if a transmission is there. If none is found, we investigate the places 4 signs apart and use them just like the 8 (for this transmission will be quite influential), or we could investigate those places 2 signs apart, for the factors 8 are 2 and 4.

If the year 24 is found to have a transmission, I will use it because of the factor 3. The stars which are 13, 25, or 37 signs apart stop at the same sign. If a star is in that sign, it will be transmitting to the <same> sign. If, when the star is there, other stars are in the next sign in order of the signs, it will transmit to them instead. Using the previous nativity as an example: in the 13th and 25th years, Mars transmits to Jupiter and Jupiter to the moon. If no stars are found in the next sign, the stars transmit the year to themselves.

Now each number seems to be most scientifically used when its own natural interrelationships are taken into account. Therefore in distributing the circles we will most appropriately first use 12, because of the 12 signs, then 7 because of the 7 stars. If no transmission of 12 signs is found where it must happen from these...

But I must add this most scientific explanation: it is necessary to make the vital sector run from every star to the degree-position of the encounter and of the ray-casting <of benefics or malefics>, and to determine the causative force of each star relative to any other star. If the Ascendant, the sun, or moon is considered to be the apheta, and any one of these three travels its course through the transitions of the chronocrators, arrives at the rays which are cast by benefics or malefics (or to their degree-positions), and becomes the cause of good or bad, or even brings the end sometimes—if this is so, why can the other stars not effectively act as the apheta or the ray-caster <=anaereta>? Or shall we assign the rulership of the vital sector to these three alone <Ascendant sun moon> and ignore the rest as if they were firmly fixed and planted like <mere> signposts. <No>, every star moving in its own /214P/ course of wind <=direction> will be productive of good or bad.

I am aware of this fact since I have tested it by experience: many times, although I have found no appropriate controller, no houseruling cause, nor seen any influence from another source, great and unexpected occasions of good have arisen. At other times dangerous and fatal circumstances have ensued. I understood these occasions from the vital sector of the stars: when malefics in their degree-motions come to the Ascendant, the sun, or the moon, they bring the end; when they come to MC or the “opportune” places, they bring unemployment and upsetting or dangerous crises. (In their turn, benefics bring rank, preeminence, and profits, if the apheta of the basis of the nativity is found at the sun, the moon, or the Ascendant, and at the houseruler.)

Concerning the other types of affairs and the kinds of livelihoods, it is necessary to pay attention to the aphetic points, aspects, and ray-casting of the other stars. For how could Saturn and Mars not produce illness, sudden critical times, the deaths of fathers and mothers, hostility from the great, ruin of rank,
dangerous anxieties, and anything else that their nature indicates, when they are at the aphetic degree- position, at the Ascendant, the sun, or the moon (providing that the nativity has sufficient years)? How could they <Saturn and Mars> not bring the deaths of wives and other females, hostility from them, trouble, life-crisis, rebukes, and shameful passions, when they are in the places and degrees of Venus? How could they not bring trials and abuse because of documents, money, or religious matters, or the deaths of brothers, relatives, and slaves, when they are in the places of Mercury? How could they not bring rank, stewardships, acquisition, childbirth, success, political ties with the great, when they are in the places of Jupiter?

In the same way, each star will be influential according to the power of itself and of those stars which are in conjunction or which are casting rays. If they are in operative signs or at the angles, they will be more definite and positive in their results, less so if they precede the angles. If a star is found to be retrograde, we will make its vital sector run upwards <in the direction of diurnal rotation>, not in the order of signs. Then, having determined at which point its retrograde period ends, we will examine what star is able to cast rays to that point during that chronocratorship. If it is turned away from the presence of any star or angle, /226K/ it will cast rays from one sign to another which is the length of its retrograde period away, and it will be influential for good or bad.

It is necessary to calculate the motions in degrees using the books of the tables of visible motions, /215P/ because the overall basis and the sequence of chronocrators is controlled by these vital sectors. As a result of not knowing that predictions are made using many methods, and since since they have devoted themselves to applying one method to every case, most men have knowledge which is nonexistent, ineffective, or careless. Those who have accurately operated with many methods and who have used a scientific system which employs methods appropriate to the nativity possess a careful grasp of the effects of causative influences. Just as men from all climes come to various cities, particularly to the royal city <Alexandria>, many men from all directions, but not all approaching by the same road: some arrive from afar on foot, travelling desert places and rough roads and falling into fearsome dangers; others travel the thoroughfares easily and safely; others come through storms at sea and blasts of winds, often picturing death to themselves—all to attain their goals. No form of contest nor prize for their journey, either short or difficult, is placed before them. Rather each one attains profit, rank, or his particular goal (according to the influence of his current chronocrator), or he becomes involved in crises and is ruined—or even loses his life. On some doom comes slowly. Others expect a swift end, but <gain> unexpected good fortune.

Our situation is as complex: we must attend to our studies and come to the art of forecasting as if we were travelling by many roads. For many thousands of events happen to men, events which cannot be grasped through the use of one method or star, but through the use of many. Knowing that twelve Places are indicative for each nativity and that very many configurations can be derived from these Places and from the nature of the stars, we must observe the position of the angles and the interchange of the Places. Often two Places fall together in one sign, or a presumed angle really just precedes the <true> angle. This also occurs with the events indicated by the Ascendant.

/227K/ An example: Gemini in the Ascendant, MC in Aquarius when calculated by degree. This X Place includes the Places relevant to action, to rank, and to children. It also includes the Places of Foreign Lands and of the God, since it is found (when calculated by sign) in the IX Place from the Ascendant, and the transmission operative from places 4 and 5 signs apart acts from it to the Ascendant, while the transmission operative from places 9 and 10 signs apart acts from the Ascendant to it. In the same way the sign in opposition to Aquarius (Leo, which is IC) includes the Places relevant to buildings, estates, and parents, and the Places of the Goddess, brothers, and strangers; the transmission from places 3 /216P/ and 4 signs apart acts from the Ascendant to it, while the transmission from places 10 and 11 signs apart acts from it to the Ascendant. Let the same calculation be made for the other signs, particularly for those of long rising time, because in those signs, MC would be sextile <to the Ascendant>. In short, if we calculate the Places and the distances between stars by degree <not just by sign>, we will not go astray.

An example: Mars, Ascendant in Virgo, moon in Scorpio at IC, MC in Taurus. It is necessary to investigate the 34th year. 34 divided by 12 gives 2, with a remainder of 10. The transmission can go from the moon to Mars, since they are both at angles <10 signs apart>, and from the Ascendant and Mars to Taurus (i.e. to MC). During this period the client worked abroad, was a friend of great men, was in mortal danger because of a woman, and suffered cuts and bleeding. Other transmissions were operative at this time, but they did not reveal the <particular> crisis.

To sum up: often opportunities for bad things arise even when the chronocrator is not under suspicion; on the other hand, great rank and profit follow even if the chronocrator does not seem to promise these things.
10K. Examples of the Preceding Method.

We will use these nativities as examples in order to make our system understandable to our readers: sun, moon, Venus, Mercury, Ascendant in Scorpio, Saturn in Sagittarius, Jupiter in Capricorn, Mars in Leo. In the 20th year the transmission was from Jupiter in Capricorn to Mars in Leo, which are 8 signs apart. Jupiter in the third sign <from the Ascendant> transmitted to Mars /228K/ in the tenth sign, MC. A petition for higher rank was submitted to the king but did not succeed, because the transmission from Jupiter to Mars is grievous. The distribution by 4 signs is also strong, from Mars to the sun, moon, Ascendant, Mercury, and Venus. He was ill in his 20th year: after falling from an animal he was dragged so badly as to almost lose his eyesight. With regard to a female he suffered gossip, assaults, and a penalty, so that each star had its own effect when it received the chronocratorship from the malefic. In his 23rd year Jupiter transmitted from the Kindly Place (the III and the IX Places from the Ascendant indicate God and king) to the luminaries, Venus, the Ascendant, and Mercury, and they provided him with a powerful ally by means of gifts. Nothing can give a man friendship with kings and the great if the chronocrators are against it.

Another example: sun in Taurus, moon, Mercury in Aries, Saturn in Pisces, Jupiter, /217P/ Mars in Aquarius, Venus in Gemini, Ascendant in Virgo. In his 42nd year he was the heir of a female because the transmission by 6 signs was from the moon and Mercury in the <VIII> Place of Death, Aries, to Virgo <the Ascendant>, the house of Mercury, and from a sign of exaltation <of the sun, Aries> to an exaltation <of Mercury, Virgo>. In his 45th year he had a distinguished office of public affairs, because Venus at MC transmitted to Mars, which indicates trouble, and to Jupiter, which indicates high rank. The vital sector was also from the Ascendant to the sun, and so he was recognized by the king at that time. In the same year he freed his concubines because Jupiter, in the VI Place concerned with slaves, received the chronocratorship from Venus. In his 46th year he had troubles and the disruption of <religious> matters, troubles because of females, and the deaths of two concubines, because the transmission was from Venus to Saturn in the Marriage-bringer <VII Place>, and from the sun to Mars and Jupiter. He escaped these disturbances.

Another example: sun in Taurus, moon, Venus, Ascendant in Aries, Saturn in Capricorn, Jupiter in Virgo, Mars in Scorpio, Mercury in Gemini. In his 51st year he travelled abroad, and going before the king he won a lawsuit /229K/ for a high-priesthood on behalf of a friend. The transmission from the moon, Venus, and the Ascendant was to Mercury in <the III Place of> the Goddess and king. In the same year the death of a child occurred, because Mars in the <VIII> Place of Death transmitted to Saturn in the <X> Place associated with children.

Another example: sun, Mercury in Scorpio, moon, Mars in Sagittarius, Saturn in Capricorn, Jupiter in Aquarius, Venus in Virgo, Ascendant in Taurus. The horoscope of the son of the father (whose horoscope immediately preceded) is given for comparison. Using this distribution he comes to his 22nd year in agreement with his father’s horoscope. Jupiter made the transmission to the sun, i.e. to the father, and the transmission from Mars in the <VIII> Place of Death to Venus was the cause of death.

Another example: sun, Mars, Venus in Leo, moon in Aquarius, Saturn in Aries, Jupiter in Pisces, Mercury in Cancer, Ascendant in Virgo. In his 24th year he profited from legacies and friends. In his 26th year, marriage and help from a women. In his 29th year he had trouble and disturbances because of the death of someone else’s slave and a charge of poisoning, because Saturn made the transmission to the sun, Mars, and Venus in the <XII> Place associated with slaves. He found /218P/ help through his friendship with the great, both males and females. In his 31st year he travelled, and while abroad he managed pleasantly and profitably at the start, but later he seduced a slave and experienced jealousy and quarrels, because the transmission was from the sun, Venus, and Mars (in the <XII> Place associated with slaves) to the moon, and from the Ascendant to Jupiter in the Marriage-bringer <VII Place>. In his 33rd year he was ejected from a ship <?> and condemned to be a slave. Even though convicted, he found kindness because of the transmission from Mercury to Jupiter. The term of imprisonment, however, is made obvious because of the sextile aspect of the moon with Saturn (as we have previously explained), and because the chronocratorship passed from Mars and the sun to the Crisis-producing Place <VIII Place>, i.e. to Saturn, causing the conviction. In his 45th year he was released through the influence of great individuals on the grounds of illness; the transmission <by 9 signs> of the previous chronocrator <at age 33> and of this one <age 45> was a mixture of benefic and malefic. But the malefics were retrograde <Saturn>, under the rays of the sun <Mars>, and becoming dim, and they fell in rather weak Places.

Consequently it will be necessary to examine the transmission of all the stars /230K/ to see if the transmissions of malefics or of benefics predominate, or if they are mixed. Having done this, make the
forecast. We have explained this in our instructions; so as not to seem verbose, we have appended the following condensed horoscopes. The reader can interpret the places and the causative forces by using the explanations which have been or will be given:

Sun, Mercury, Venus in Libra, Saturn in Aquarius, Jupiter, Ascendant in Sagittarius, Mars in Virgo, moon in Leo. In his 47th year he was the heir of a friend, and in the same year he was separated from his wife because of jealousy and abuse.

Another example: sun, Mars in Taurus, moon, Ascendant in Aries, Saturn in Leo, Jupiter in Cancer, Venus in Pisces, Mercury in Gemini. In his fourth year the death of his father occurred.

Another example: sun, Mercury, Saturn in Sagittarius, moon in Pisces, Mars in Leo, Venus in Capricorn, Ascendant, Jupiter in Taurus. In his 45th year twin children were still-born <?>. In the same year he became a high-priest. In his 51st year a distinguished public office. In his 52nd year the death of a child.

Another example: sun, Venus in Taurus, moon in Aries, Saturn in Cancer, Mars in Virgo, Mercury in Gemini, Ascendant in Sagittarius. In his 36th year he had court cases and trouble on behalf of his wife, as well as the hostility of friends.

Another example: sun, Venus in Aquarius, moon, Jupiter in Sagittarius, Saturn in Leo, Mercury in Capricorn, Mars, Ascendant in Libra. In his 35th year he was in danger of prison because of riot and violence: the moon was sextile with Mars, and Mars itself had received the year from the moon and had transmitted it to Saturn. These successive transmissions are grievous and dangerous. But Jupiter was with the moon and received the year from the sun and Venus, who were in the <V> Place associated with friends. Jupiter happened to be in the Place of Travel and caused travel which was voluntary but risky, as well as help from and associations with friends.

Another example: sun, Mars in Taurus, moon in Aries, Saturn in Leo, Jupiter in Taurus, Venus in Libra, Ascendant in Sagittarius. In his 42nd year he experienced troubles, confusion, and scandal because of a woman. In his 44th year the violent death of a slave, a crisis for his father, and an accusation of base descent and of violence. But he got help and gifts from friends. He had troubles related /231K/ to documents; he experienced penalties, assaults, and false accusations. He suffered grief because of his slaves and he had problems with his health. We see that each transmission had its own influence, and likewise each Place.

Another example: sun, Jupiter in Capricorn, moon, Saturn in Leo, Mars in Pisces, Venus, Ascendant in Scorpio, Mercury in Sagittarius. The Crisis-producing Places were found in Pisces and Scorpio, because Venus was in Scorpio and Mars in Pisces. He was a dancer, and in his 20th year he was taken into custody during a mob uprising. He, however, was defended before the governor by the help of his friends. He was released through the pleas of the crowd and became even more famous. The transmission of the year was from Saturn and the moon to Mars and the Crisis-producing Place <by 8 signs>, and from Jupiter and the sun in the III Place concerned with property to Saturn and the moon at MC, in the X Place, a Place associated with occupations. In addition the distribution by 4 signs, i.e. from Saturn and the moon to Venus and the Ascendant, is indicative of the riot, the quarrelsomeness, and the rivalry throughout the affair, as is the distribution by 4 signs, from Mercury to Mars and the Crisis-producing Place (4 signs). All the stars were operative in his 20th year, and so the nativity was in danger of loss of rank, of /220P/ condemnation, and of loss of life. Since, however, Venus was found in the Ascendant and <Mars> in the Crisis-producing Place, while Jupiter was with the sun, the native had a spectacular escape and gained success from this affair. In addition the Lot of Fortune was in Aries and the ruler of the exaltation of the nativity, the sun <in Capricorn>, was at MC relative to the Lot of Fortune, as was Mars relative to Daimon <in Gemini>. Later in his 32nd year he lost his office, his rank, and his livelihood, and lived in disgrace, since the Lot of Fortune happened to be preceding an angle, and Saturn was at MC, not in its own sect, and in opposition to the <11th> Place of Accomplishment in Aquarius, Saturn’s own house. As a result he caused his own downfall, being arrogant and boastful. Mercury, the ruler of Daimon, the Intellectual Place, was in opposition to itself in Gemini <a house of Mercury>.

Another example: sun, moon, in Cancer, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars in Aries, Venus, Mercury, Ascendant in Gemini. In his 20th year both his parents were killed while attending a festival by an attack of bandits, because the transmission was from the Ascendant to the <VIII> Place of Death <Capricorn>. Even more operative was the transmission by 4 signs from Saturn and Mars to the sun and moon, which were in the <11> Place associated with death /232K/ and which indicated the father and mother. The native, however, escaped danger in the uproar, so as to show that the transmission from Jupiter <to the sun and moon> was also powerful at the same time.

The aphetic points of the years are operative when starting from any star, but the following aphetic points are most effective: for day births the sun, for night births the moon, especially when they are at the angles. Next <in effectiveness> is the Ascendant. If the vital sector starting from the Ascendant, the moon, or the sun passes to one of the stars in the nativity, then use it for forecasting. If one of the stars in transit has entered this place, then it will be transmitting the chronocratorship. If the sign where the count stops happens to be empty, then count from the position (at the nativity) of the ruler of the sign, and examine in the same way the place found, whether using the nativity or the transiting stars. Then forecast the results of all the places and stars. <In other words,> if the count goes from star to star, use the stars for forecasting; if from a star to an empty sign, use the rulers of the signs.

An example: if the aphetic point goes from the moon to either Aries or Scorpio, /221P/ but no stars are in either sign, then count off the same number of years from the position of Mars <ruler of Aries and Scorpio> at the nativity; if the count stops at Saturn, the year will be dangerous and troublesome, plus whatever else the transmissions and the places indicate. The same method holds true for the year starting from the sun, the Ascendant, or the Lots: each will forecast an appropriate result according to its transmission and reception.

Now if two stars are active in one year, <both transmissions will be effective>, but especially those from the angles, next those from signs which follow the angles, next those from signs which precede the angles. Benefics transmitting or receiving from angles, exaltations, or operative places become the cause of great good and high rank; when transmitting or receiving from signs which follow the angles, they cause moderate good; when transmitting and receiving from signs which precede the angles, they are weak. When transmitting or receiving from <signs> in opposition, they are damaging and troublesome. In the same way malefics acting at the angles are the worst; in signs which follow the angles they are mediocre and bring crises slowly; in signs which precede the angles they are less bad. When acting in opposition they are indicative of reversals and dangers.

/233K/ Whenever malefics in superior aspect receive the chronocratorship from stars in inferior aspect, they make the bad even worse, even if they are in opposition to benefics and are receiving from them. When trine <with benefics> they make their results more agreeable and mild. The receivers are considered more influential than the transmitters: it is better if a benefic transmits to a benefic than if a malefic transmits to a benefic; it is the worst if a malefic transmits to a malefic. If the vital sector comes to a currently empty sign, but later a star transits this place, that star will be receiving the chronocratorship. A star’s influence will be considered very vigorous, whether benefic or malefic, if it is passing through a phase in that sign; if it is transiting, it is weak. If the vital sector comes to an empty sign, the vital sector of the previous year <chronocratorship> will have the control until another takes effect.

The settings and retrograde periods of the stars will be weak, the risings and stationary points will be vigorous, blending their influences in complex ways. <Forecast> according to the basis of the nativity for the rich, the middle class, the toilers, the poor, and the craftsmen.

Forecasts will be quite definite with respect to actions and critical points when the same stars come into the same configuration they had at the nativity—as the divine Critodemus reminds us. We append his system in the following chart and the accompanying directions: /222P/

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The preceding table is the table of the stars’ mutual return to the same intervals and configurations. For example: sun, Mars, Mercury, Ascendant in Sagittarius, moon in Leo, Saturn in Virgo, Jupiter in

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Scorpio, Venus in Capricorn. The moon controls the second interval since it is two signs from Saturn. The same is true of the sun, Mars, Mercury, and the Ascendant with respect to Venus. Saturn, Jupiter, and Venus control the third interval. Saturn controls the fourth and fifth interval. The moon controls the sixth. The seventh is common to all. Venus controls the eighth. The sun, Mars, Mercury, and the Ascendant the ninth. Jupiter the tenth and eleventh, and Venus the twelfth. The horoscope is in its 31st year.

The operative stars and the critical points are found as follows: when calculating the previously mentioned critical points, begin at /234K/ the third row (=third interval), because the preceding two intervals, the first and the second, are inoperative. (The first is operative to year 12, the second to year 24, the third to year 36, and so on.) It is calculated thus: since the 31st year falls in the eleventh column of the third interval, and since Saturn, Jupiter, and Venus control the third interval at the nativity, investigate the stars /223P/ in transit at the time in question to see if they transmit to another star or to themselves at a distance of 11 signs. Take the preceding nativity: the stars’ positions at the time in question were as follows: sun, Jupiter, Mercury in Gemini, Saturn in Virgo, Mars, Venus in Taurus, moon in Pisces. Now the stars controlling the interval of 11 were Saturn, Jupiter, and Venus, and we find at the time in question that Venus has returned to a position 11 signs from the moon, but that no star has returned to a poisson 11 signs from Jupiter. Immediately I move to the fourth row. I find 32 in the eighth position. None of the ruling stars are critical in the fourth interval. I move to the fifth interval: the moon and Saturn are operative in the fifth interval and are found to be returning to each other five signs apart. I move to the sixth interval: no stars are six signs apart. I move to the row of the seventh interval. [The chronocratorship is found to be passing through the fifth interval.] The seventh interval is found to be empty of any star (as mentioned above); Mars and Venus to Saturn <?>. I move to the row of the eighth interval: Venus rules the eighth interval because of the factor 4. It is returning to no star. Then to the critical point of the ninth interval: the sun, Mars, Mercury, the Ascendant, and Venus rule the ninth interval; 36 is in this row. At a 4-year-interval the sun, Jupiter, and Mercury are found to be returning to Saturn. Next I move to the tenth interval: the sun, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, and the Ascendant rule the tenth; in this row is the number 4; therefore the sun, Mercury, and Jupiter are found to be transmitting to Saturn.

The chronocrators found by using these intervals will be incontrovertibly active and operative when their rulers at the nativity have the same intervals in their transits at the time in question as they had at the nativity.

**12K;8P. Another Method For the Critical Years: Critodemus Begins with the Moon.**

An example: sun in Aquarius, moon in Leo, Saturn in Cancer, Jupiter in Gemini, Mars in Scorpio, Venus in Aries, Mercury in Pisces. /235K/ The 12 years <are derived from> Mars’ distance of 4 signs <from the moon>. The critical year is simple, because 4x4=16. (The squares are simple; the rectangular numbers are composite.) The 18 for Venus is composite: 2x9. The 2 <is from Leo> to Virgo, but no star is in Virgo, so Venus is 9 signs from the moon. /224P/ If there were a star in Virgo, it <Venus> would have returned because of the…

Since 3x6=18, we investigate this figure too. However, no star is in Libra, the third sign <from the moon>, or in Capricorn, the sixth.

Next 20 is composite, because 4x5=20, and 5x4=20. So Mars in Scorpio <the fourth sign> is operative; no star is in Sagittarius, the fifth sign.

3x7=21: no star is in Libra <the third sign>, but the sun is in Aquarius <the seventh>. So <the return> is to the sun.

4x6=24: again Mars is in Scorpio <the fourth sign>, but no star is in Capricorn <the seventh>. 25 is square, a simple number, but no star is in Sagittarius <the fifth sign>.

3x9=27: no star is at the third interval, only Venus in the ninth <Aries>.

28 is composed of 4 (the return to Mars) and 7 (the return to the sun).

4x10=40 and 5x8=40: this is associated with Mars, because of the 4, and with Mercury because of the 8. 4x11= 44: this is associated with Mars and Jupiter. Sometimes several stars return to the same point together, as in the case of 40, because Mars lies in the fourth sign and Mercury in the eighth. If some star had been in the tenth and the fifth signs, they would also have returned together there.

He says that outcomes will be more vigorous and obvious if the number of the year is the same as the number appropriate to the intervals between stars, as follows:
If the number and the interval coincide at the same star, the star will be operative in an operative sign. If the year-number does not coincide with any of the intervals applicable to the star, it will be inoperative in an inoperative sign. If one interval is found to be operative, but another interval does not occur in the subsequent years, the initial interval must be used until another is found. Using the preceding horoscope as an example: 28 is associated with Mars and the sun <4 and 7>. 29 has no interval. 30 has 3, 5, 6, and 10: these signs too are empty. 31 again is not associated with any interval. Therefore Mars and /236K/ the sun, operative in the 28th year, control the succeeding years until the 32nd year, when Mars (because of the 4) and Mercury (because of the 8) have mutual returns. We will append the differences of the critical years according to the chronocratorships of the stars and their mutual returns to each other.

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<td>The first point of the moon; a difficult fever or seizures will occur; troubles of the insides or chest.</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>The second point of Mars; dangerous, troublesome.</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>The fifth point of Saturn, the third of Venus; relaxing.</td>
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<td>The second critical point of Mercury; compounded of cholera, bronchitis, and difficult convalescence.</td>
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<td>The second point of Jupiter, the sixth of Saturn, the first of the sun; very grievous.</td>
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<td>The fourth point of Venus; generally safe; the diseases come from surfeit or exertion.</td>
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<td>The third point of Mars, the seventh of Saturn; difficult and dangerous.</td>
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<td>The eighth point of Saturn, the third of Mercury; difficult because of black bile and most syndromes.</td>
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<td>The fifth point of Venus; compounded.</td>
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<td>The 11th point of Saturn; difficult.</td>
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<td>The fifth point of Mars, the seventh of Venus; dangerous and exposed to treachery.</td>
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<td>The fourth point of Jupiter, the 12th of Saturn, the second of the sun; grievous and dangerous.</td>
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<td>The third point of the moon, the 13th of Saturn; precarious and dangerous.</td>
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<td>The eighth point of Venus, the fifth of Mercury; not grievous.</td>
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<td>The sixth point of Mars, the 14th of Saturn; grievous and dangerous.</td>
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<td>The fifth point of Jupiter, the ninth of Venus, the 15th of Saturn. This critical point is called Stilbon. It is necessary to beware lest some infirmity of the foot occur at this time while Mercury is operative in the nativity, because Mercury brings dangers to the joints, sickness, life-threatening and disgusting syndromes.</td>
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<td>31</td>
<td>The sixth point of Mercury, the 16th of Saturn; very grievous and dangerous.</td>
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<td>32</td>
<td>The seventh point of Mars; sudden dangers through fevers, bleeding, /237K/ and violent</td>
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occurrences.
50 The tenth point of Venus; dangerous.
51 The 17th point of Saturn; it brings diseases, harm, and misfortune.
52 The fourth point of the moon; not good.
53 The 18th point of Saturn, the sixth of Jupiter, the third of the sun; grievous and full of danger.
54 The 11th of Venus; not bad.
55 The eighth point of Mars, the seventh of Mercury; painful and bitter.
56 The 19th point of Saturn; the worst.
57 The 20th point of Saturn, the 12th of Venus; precarious.
58 The 21st point of Saturn, the seventh of Jupiter, the ninth of Mars; the “Man-killer,” grievous and fatal.
59 The 22nd of Saturn…
60 The 23rd of Saturn; grievous
61 The tenth of Mars, the 14th of Venus; difficult and grievous.
62 The 24th point of Saturn, the eighth of Jupiter, the ninth of Mercury; grievous and fatal.
63 The 25th point of Saturn, the 15th of Venus; dangerous.
64 The 11th of Mars; difficult and fatal.
65 The 26th point of Saturn, the sixth of the moon; grievous.
66 The 16th point of Venus, the tenth of Mercury; a mixture.
67 The 27th point of Saturn, the ninth of Jupiter; dangerous.
68 The 28th point of Saturn, the 12th of Mars; difficult and malefic.
69 The 17th point of Venus; a combination.
70 The 29th point of Saturn; dangerous.
71 The eleventh of Mercury…
72 The 30th point of Saturn, the 18th of Venus, the tenth of Jupiter, the fifth of the sun; grievous.
73 The 13th of Mars, the seventh of the moon; difficult.
74 The 31st of Saturn; grievous.
75 The 19th point of Venus; not good.
76 The 32nd point of Saturn, the twelfth of Mercury; difficult.
77 The 14th point of Mars; grievous.
78 The 33rd point of Saturn, the eleventh of Jupiter; average.
79 The 20th point of Venus; not bad.
80 The 34th point of Saturn; grievous.
81 The eighth of the moon, the 13th of Mercury; not especially bad.
82 The 35th point of Saturn, the 21st of Venus, the 15th of Mars; difficult.
83 The 36th point of Saturn, the twelfth of Jupiter, the sixth of the sun; fatal.
84 The 22nd point of Venus; not bad.
85 The 37th point of Saturn; precarious.
86 The 16th point of Mars, the 14th of Mercury; difficult and dire.
87 The 38th point of Saturn; dangerous.
88 The 23rd point of Venus; a combination.
89 The 39th point of Saturn, the ninth of the moon, the 13th of Jupiter; dangerous.
90 The 17th point of Mars; precarious.
91 The 40th point of Saturn, the 24th of Venus, the 15th of Mercury; fatal.

An example: sun, Jupiter, Mars in Cancer, moon in Libra, Saturn in Sagittarius, Venus, Mercury in Leo, Ascendant in Gemini. The native died in his 54th year. The cycle was at the 18th critical point of Saturn, the sixth of Jupiter, the third of the sun, i.e. the mutual returns of these stars. The sun and Jupiter were found in the deathbringing month, Sagittarius. In addition the sun, Jupiter, and Mars transmitted the 54th year from the <8th> Place of Death <relative to the Lot of Fortune> to Saturn in Sagittarius. Such a transmission was grievous.

In every nativity it seems right to put the start of the critical points not just at the moon, but at all of the stars from whose <positions and nature> the fatal times and life-threatening troubles can be determined. If the life-giving chronocrators take effect—this is determined by using these methods—the critical point will occur without any doubt. If the basis of the nativity has a continuation <of life>, /282P/
but the critical point falls at that time, a crisis will occur with respect to actions and types of livelihoods: loss of rank, ruin, violence, convictions, shipwreck, trials, imprisonment, exile, anxieties, losses, penalties, sudden dangers, threats, robbery, plus whatever crises arise in man’s life: injuries, diseases, amputations of the extremities, burns, cuts, illnesses, dangerous plots. If the stars which have critical points and which are mutually returning are found to be in opposition, beheld by malefics, and located out of their own sect at the nativity, they indicate that the period will be precarious and troublesome. But if they are in an appropriate configuration, they weaken the onset of the crisis and make the critical point milder in its effects. The transmissions or receptions from signs of equal rising time must be considered active: from Aries to Pisces, from Taurus to Aquarius, from Gemini to Capricorn, from Cancer to Sagittarius, from Leo to Scorpio, and from Virgo to Libra. The same is true in reverse order.

These facts we have tested with sober reasoning and much careworn toil; we have expounded them with great labor for those who have the necessary intelligence. <We hoped> to be able to equal both in achievement and in fame what the sages of old accomplished when they devoted themselves to this art. But as it is, those who bastardize this science with fancy words and complicated schemes find it easy to persuade not only those who are uninitiated into this art but also those who have something to boast of and who have a great reputation. Their success in persuading comes from the fact that their wizardry and effrontery is hard to grasp. Such men do not consider errors to be setbacks and they are successful in their brazenness, since they do not have blushes as the refutation of their ignorance. Instead they strut the stage like tragic or comic characters, walking in the ways of deceit, not of truth.

But the man who has started with rules and theorems does not wish to bring disrepute on the knowledge which he gained with such difficulty, and so he leans on his experience as on a staff, and he answers slowly and hesitantly, and he is not driven from his purpose, because he considers that a mistake is worthy of exile or death, but that a success is the “tolisome heart” of virtue.” This occurs with respect to the ignorant or those who do not precisely calculate the year or the hour. So it would be necessary for those wishing to hear with special confidence about the present or the future to judge carefully these men and to praise any of their deeds, so that the prognosticator, having grasped the precise effects of the angles and of the powerful places using specific numbers and a definite system, may forecast the truth.

For often (as I have said) not only have these deceptive men and their spiritual fathers falsified the times and wronged our science; I have learned this from my spiritual ancestors as well. But they do this since they wished in one moment to hear things which are in accord with their desires and are mixed with honor, and to be involved with impossible things by means of some wicked magic art. After they have learned from the ignorant and done with enthusiasm what they should not have done, they then enjoy praise and honors, and repay their enemies: they revile honored men, the experienced astrologers, on the grounds that they cannot easily make forecasts nor compose treatises in detail. They do not know that the details of each nativity are grasped only with much labor and investigation. Later they fail in their expectations, and they not only repent and bring censure in a precarious and painful way on their own falsehoods, but they also call this science “unreal” and consider its practitioners as enemies. Thus it happens that this science has been dishonored in the eyes of the public by a few men unworthy of it.

The end of Vettius Valens, Book V.
Vettius Valens, Anthologies, Book VI

/240K;230P/ The Anthologies of Vettius Valens of Antioch: Book VI

1P. Preface

Every art and every craft is pleasing in proportion to the activity and the intelligence of its practitioners, or in proportion to their bodies’ fitness or unfitness for the activity in question. As a result, many criticize and mock their neighbors <?> because they do not share the same activities—of course it is impossible and undesirable for everyone to know the same things. Each man believes himself to think and plan better than anyone in that sphere of activity which he has and which he thinks is best. For example, often a man is found to be craftsman-like and systematic in all types of activities, and he is successful even though iliterate. Another man, well educated, is easily deceived like one inexperienced in business and is betrayed by his naiveté and his disorganization. This man in his unhappiness thinks that the possession of an education is useless and considers the ignorant man to be happy.

Such differences are the works of Fate and Fortune, who come quietly, ineffably to men and who, without sense or decency, make some men fortunate, other men wretched. Life, acting with criminal deception, in her course exalts and glorifies men in some respects and leads them to prosperity and preeminence, so that many men become lovers of such things. At other times life pains, wastes, and withers men, and brings them to obscurity, danger, and hatred. Life even turns some to the loathsome arts and sciences, and endows them with hardened and stubborn minds, activities, and fortune. /241K/ All this happens and comes to pass mixed with pleasure, satisfaction, and pain, depending on the changes of situation and the recurrent cycles of the chronocrators.

I have written this because I have prided myself on the knowledge bestowed on me from heaven by the Divinity, knowledge which is now dishonored and rejected, even though it is primordial and governs everything in life, /231P/ and even though without it there neither is nor will be anything. Now even its name seems to be hated, although men before our times prayed for it and blessed themselves by it. I am grieved by this, and I envy the old kings and rulers who devoted themselves to such matters. I am envious because I was not fortunate enough to live in those times which saw such a climate of free and ungrudging speech and inquiry. Their devotion to this science was so enthusiastic and so steadfast that they left the earthly sphere and walked the heavens, associating with the heavenly souls and the divine, holy Minds. Of this Nechepso is a witness when he says:

I seemed to walk the midnight aether,
and a voice from heaven echoed around me,
at which the dark robe covered my flesh,
bringing the gloom of night… and so on. Who would not consider this knowledge to be superior to any other and to be blessed, since by means of it one can know the sun’s ordered paths which foretell the changing seasons when it enters the tropics in the advances and retardations of its motion; one can know the risings and settings, the days and nights, the seasons’ cold or heat, and the weather? It is also possible to know the varying paths of the moon, its inclinations and departures, its waxing and waning, its heights and its depths, the direction of its winds, its contacts and separations, its eclipses, its near eclipses, and all the rest. From all this it seems possible to understand everything on earth, in the seas, in heaven, as well as the beginning and end of all events. Likewise for the five other stars, with their motions, their uneven paths, and their varied phases. Although they are called “variable” and “wanderers” <planetai>, they have a fixed nature and return to the same places in regular cycles and periods.

/242K/ But as it is now, the inquiry into and the rectification of astrological matters has been hindered—or withered—by fear. Man’s intentions, rejected and unsupported by rationality, do not remain constant, but jumping from here to there, always return to the original state of oblivion. Even though a man has good intentions and loves wisdom, still he easily becomes hesitant and chooses ignorance rather than the hazards of virtue.

Nevertheless, in all men the drive <towards learning> is strong, even though repressed and pained, and it remains constant. In my case, /232P/ colorful horse races and the sharp crack of the whip have not carried me away, nor have the rhythmical movements of dancers, the vain charm of flutes, of the Muses, of melodious song, of those things which attract an audience by tricks and jesting delighted me. No, I have not even shared in those harmful, though profitable, actions, those actions of mingled pleasure and pain <="love">, nor have I consorted with those polluted and wretched <prostitutes>. Instead, when I had once discovered this divine and revered knowledge of heavenly bodies, I wished to purify my life too from all evil, from all taint, and to keep my soul immortal. From that time I felt I was associating with divine beings, and I kept my intellect sober, in order to seek truth clearly.
Now I have compiled many amazing things, things which can lead my readers back to the Ancients and their lore. I have repeated these doctrines because the Ancients expounded many methods which are difficult and abstruse. I considered it necessary in this treatise to explain the mystic and secret methods concerning propitious times and the future. In so doing, I hope our science will appear understandable, be supported by the facts, and drive away hostility. It will convert its enemies and show itself to be holy and revered. I do not care if I seem to be speaking repeatedly of the same matters. For I discovered some things and simply appended them to my earlier writings, due to the sudden rush of enthusiasm caused by my discoveries—the compiler was in ecstasy, particularly about these matters, and he felt that he was meeting God face to face. Other matters <I wrote out> in an orderly manner. Consequently, if any envy has intervened to damage our treatise, the substance will be found written out elsewhere in the book.

/243K/ 1K;2P. Propitious and Impropritious Times According to the Degree-Intervals and Contacts of the Chronocrators.

In the previous books the distribution of the chronocrators which had been roughly calculated by signs alone has been explained. Now we must speak of the intervals and contacts calculated in degrees, a method which I treated only obscurely before. Experience has led me to clarify these matters.

For any nativity it is necessary to determine precisely the stellar chronocrator to the degree, using the treatise, The Perpetual Tables. It is necessary to take the distance in degrees from each star /233P/ to its point of contact (a position expressed in degrees) with another star (as near or as far as one wishes) according to the applicable chronocrator and the sequence of signs. Add the number of degrees and allocate them it using the hours, days, months, and years of the star’s period.\(^{22}\) Then forecast the effects of the stars from their natural activity and from the predictive effects of their transmissions to each other at the chronocratorship/time-period which the nativity has reached. If the total number is less than the length of time <reached by the nativity>, examine the magnitude of the difference and forecast that the results will happen after that amount of time. If the total is greater than the time, subtract one factor, then count the remainder from the degree-position of the apheta. See if the rays of the stars incline to that point either at the nativity or in transit. Great and remarkable forecasts are often made when this is done. If a rough distribution <i.e. not by degree> shows nothing, and if the time is different after the factor or the remaining time is determined <?>, then reinterpret the number as a lesser period (i.e. months or days), correlate the factors with the stars’ periodic cycles, and count until the time in question.

In addition, these varied aphetic points and contacts between benefics and malefics indicate varied, multifaceted, and easily changed results. For it is possible to see many men who experience many things at one time, since aphetic points or operative places crowd together and mingle at the chronocratorships in question. A few men do not even have an alternation of good and bad, but stay in the same condition. Others are exalted and attain an unsurpassable fortune (according to /244K/ their basis from the beginning). Although they are even blessed by the public, they come to death or danger. Others are in difficult circumstances, are failures in their livelihood, have no good prospects, and are grieving in vain. Their fortunes however reverse themselves into the same condition, or even gain a greater magnitude. This happens because sometimes a transmission occurs at an eclipse and indicates a great threat, but the threat is diminished by a chronocrator in the arrangement, i.e. by a different transmission of a benefic. In the same way the transmission of a benefic is hindered by some afflicting cause.

The degree-numbers, which are used as factors, remain the same from the beginning and are counted in the cycles as far as the chronocratorship in question extends. As for the propitious, yearly aphetic points, the distributions are found using the suitable number for the same places and stars, /234P/ and they show the general tenor of the forecast. But if another <transmission> is entangled with it at the change of chronocrators, affairs become altered and occasions for good and bad arise. Therefore it is necessary to pay sober attention to the numbers: examine the angles and the signs preceding or following the angles to see if the signs are suited to the presence of the stars. Note the risings, the setting, the sects, and (to be brief) whatever we have explained in the preceding books. (We are not speaking to the ignorant or the uninitiated.) It is also necessary to examine the transits at given times, because they have a great effect for

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\(^{22}\) “The distance and contact in degrees: suppose the moon is in Virgo 21° 30', Saturn in Libra 4°. The distance is 12 1/2°. This amount multiplied times the moon’s period (25) equals 312 1/2. We consider this figure to be days, months, hours, or years. I say that after 312 1/2 days, the moon transmits to Saturn, and I will make the resulting forecast from the nature of the transmission from the moon to Saturn.” - a note in Marc. gr. 334, ff. 172-173 (432.26-30P)
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overturning or rectifying affairs, particularly when they are passing through operative places or are beholding the ruler of the chronocratorship while in conjunction, in aspect, or in opposition.

It is necessary to take into account not only the degree-position at which the contact occurs, but the 3° on each side of the contact (as we made clear previously), because it will be obvious from these degrees whether the stars’ effects will occur early or late—just as with eclipses, one can see the period of totality and the period of separation <to be within this distance>. It is also necessary to see if the transmitter beholds the receiver in an appropriate and operative way. The brief extent of the contact shows what will happen, but it will last only until another contact comes to share in the operation and to weaken that first contact’s effects.

/245K/ He allots to each star the time appended here:
The sun assigns 19 months per sign, 19 days per degree.
The monthly cycle is owned by the moon, and the moon by nature assigns 2 years 1 month per sign, 25 days per degree.
Saturn assigns 2 years 6 months per sign, 30 days per degree.
Jupiter assigns 1 year per sign, 12 days per degree.
Mars assigns 15 months per sign, 15 days per degree.
Venus assigns 8 months per sign, 8 days per degree.
Mercury assigns 20 months per sign, 20 days per degree.

In this way the zodiac is subdivided by the periods and cycles of each star.

Whenever <an astrologer> makes a vital sector/transmission from one star to another, let him be sure to note the right numbers and which star is transmitting to which, because the numbers are not the same nor are the effects of the transmitters and the receivers the same. For example, if one finds a transmission from Jupiter to Mars, then one from Mars to Jupiter, the numbers for the chronocrators will not be the same because of their /235P/ differing periods nor will the forecast be the same. (It is better for Mars to transmit to Jupiter than for Jupiter to transmit to Mars.) Whenever vital sectors are charted from every star to every other star, it is necessary to determine and forecast results depending on whether the transmissions of benefics or of malefics predominate.

“But,” someone will say, “the chronocrators for twins will be the same, since the same stars are located at the same degree-positions!” I answer that in such nativities, the shift of just the Ascendant alone alters the angles and the fortune and condition of the native, and it occasionally brings his end. Because of these shifts, it is necessary to take into account the distributions with respect to the position of the angles and the stars’ aspects with each other, if they are not at the angles with respect to the horizon. In addition, if a star at its current degree-position should have another star in superior (or in any) aspect at a distance equivalent to that between angles, i.e. if the first star were in the Ascendant, the other would be at MC according to the distance between the signs, (or we could use the distance between any two angles)—in such a case the aspect will be especially vigorous.

In its effect this system <of chronocrators>/246K/ might be compared to the game of white and black pieces—for life is a game, a pilgrimage, and a festival. Competitive men devise wicked traps for each other, move their pieces along the many straight rows, and put their pieces down in various places when summoning each other to a skirmish. As long as the place happens to be unguarded, the counter moves unchecked according to the will of the player: it flees, stays, pursues, attacks, wins, and loses in turn. If it is surrounded by the opposing pieces as if in a net and finds the straight rows to be blocked, it is intercepted and captured. In this way, of the two players, one finds momentary pleasure and enjoyment for himself, the other momentary mockery and pain—momentary because the one who had been in despair suddenly comes back into the game by means of some stratagem and gives back the burden of despair to the other player, who had just now laid it on him.

The stars’ effects should be viewed in the same way: as long as a benefic controls the chronocratorship and no malefic comes into contact, this active, healthy, easy, and successful benefic gives the one who is living through this period the reputation of being fortunate, bold, and intelligent, even if he is a boor. Even if he is unworthy of the happiness bestowed on him by the current situation, he prides himself and rejoices /236P/ at what he has. He does not attend to the changes of situation, and he causes bitter grief for many men. But when a malefic dominates the chronocratorship, it is impertinent, diseased, impossible to overcome, and full of setbacks, so that the one who is living through this period is said to be helpless and cowardly in the face of evils, in fact wicked, even if he is in truth a worthy man. Such a man, although driven to despair because of the evil of the times, still resists the fickleness of Fortune by the force of his reason, and shows himself to be noble and resourceful. If afflicted benefics control the chronocratorships, both good and bad happen: damage with profit, ill-repute with high rank, ruin, dangerous accusations,
fears, easily-cured diseases. As a result, those who are living through this state of mixed pleasure and pain do not come to their ends with either unalloyed bad or unalloyed good.

It is necessary to compare the influences of the transmissions to see which type /247K/ is more vigorous: if the malefic, then the native will fail in his expectations for good, will feed on vain hopes, and will experience bitter grief; if the benefic, the native will overcome delay, distress, reversals, and expenses, or he will escape from injuries, suffering, and mortal crises combined with fears and dangers. Of necessity he will endure punishment and will consider that very thing an excellent gain </?>. The general tenor of the transmissions must be viewed with respect to the basis of the nativity and the distribution of the overall chronocrators—as was explained previously. It is necessary to determine if the nativity is distinguished, average, exalted, ruined, subject to the law, etc. The stars in the cycles of the chronocrators can assume the causative power which the nativity’s foundation has previously indicated.

The long intervals have a slower causative effect; the closer intervals have a more rapid effect. Some stars, traversing the chronocratorship/in their movement at the chronocratorship have similar effects: they are generally operative for a short time in the chronocratorship of a benefic [or a malefic], and they indicate success, trust, profit, blessedness, benefactions, and <honors, but when the interval is greater, or even different> and a malefic receives the chronocratorship instead, the situation changes to one of ruin, disgrace, misfortune, and sudden danger due to accusations and hatred. Occasionally, when /237P/ another chronocrator takes effect, particularly when a benefic receives the transmission, a restoration of fortune and rank occurs.

It is also necessary to make a determination about the “encounters” with the degree in the Ascendant, because it is from these encounters that the critical, the diseased, the injurious, and the dangerous chronocrators are discovered, and on the other hand, the healthy, the delightful, the lovely, and the desired times—all according to the presence of benefics or malefics. Through these, the soul becomes undisturbed and strong, feels itself able to do what is best, stretches itself out to the maximum, shows itself a benefactor, and is honored and blessed. The body <health> is soothed as well.

I suspect that those men whom we mistakenly called good and bad have gained their appellations from these <encounters>. /248K/ (The scientists <say> they keep their original makeup.) Whenever <the soul> is afflicted, it is ensnared and blinded. It is marked off as much-hated, wicked, and evil, and even crazy and mad, so that it contrives something dangerous for itself. If it is so burdened then it cannot bear to live its whole lifetime to the end, being distraught in its misery, and it separates itself from the body. It then travels with its compelling demon, carried wherever that demon wishes.

2K:3P. Why the Ancient Impressed Their Particular Colors on the Five Planets and the Sun and the Moon.

We must assay the quality of the stars. We might use painters’ colors as a comparison: each color has a certain chromatic or translucent quality, and with this quality the color delights the beholders and is useful for many things. If an incompatible color is mixed with it, it becomes muddied and changed, no longer having its previous nature nor preserving the hue of the color which was mixed in. It cheats the eye of either color, since it has taken on a false, coerced color, one dark and repulsive. On the other hand, the artist occasionally makes a harmonious mixture of colors and creates a lucky and beautiful blending. (Still, the artist depicts man by means of many colors, showing him to be a shadow of reality and truth.)

In just such a way, the stars sometimes preserve their original nature when they are alone, but when one star mixes with another, /238P/ the individual qualities of their nature are changed. The stars put a halter on men and lead them with pain, degradation, and various combinations of these <forces> to the business of life, in which men are trained in many ways, win the crown of endurance, and become what they were not before.

Wherefore the Ancients were correct in comparing the stars to colors: /249K/

Saturn’s color is black, since it is the symbol of time. The god is slow, and therefore the Babylonians called it Phainon <Illuminator>, since everything is illuminated in time.

Jupiter’s color is brilliant; it is the cause of life and the giver of good.

Mars’ color is orange, because the god is fiery, cutting, and consuming. The Egyptians called it Artes <The Hook>, since it is the diminisher of goods and life.

The sun’s color is translucent because of the purity and transparency of its light.

Venus’ color is changeable in hue, since it rules the desires and extends its control over many things, good and bad. It seems to rule by itself many appropriate and inappropriate occurrences in life. Since it has been allotted the circle which is below the sun (whose zone is in the middle, dividing the stars), it receives the emanations of the stars above it and of those below it, and brings about various desires and actions.
They make Mercury’s color pale yellowish-green, like bile. It rules intelligence, discourse, and bitterness, and as a result those born under Mercury are like it in nature and color. The moon’s color is like that of the air. Its course is inconstant and varied, as are the deeds and intentions of those governed by the moon.

In order not to seem to tell all this twice, the nature of the stars is discussed in Book I.

3K;4P. Why Malefics Seem to be More Active than Benefics.

Malefics seem stronger than benefics. Just as a drop of black or brown, falling into a container of brightly colored paint, dims the color’s beauty, and the large quantity of brilliant color cannot hide the dark stain, however small—so it is with malefics, stars which can attack men and rob them of the things in which they seem to be fortunate: family, livelihood, health, rank, beauty, and whatever is rare. Malefics take away /239P/ possessions, /250K/ involve men in crises, injuries, diseases, and they stain nativities.

Good men, who think that everyone has the same beliefs as they so, who live naively, trusting and helpful, easily succumb, even if they are not <worthy of such an evil fate>. Still, they are celebrated for their nobility. On the other hand, bad men, who think that everyone is like them, who do not trust even their own people or those whom they should trust, and who are unreasonably greedy, are deprived of their own property, and thus give pleasure to the public. For <Fortune> preserves some men, even though they are unwilling, until the time when it wishes to turn them upside down, pushing some to the heights, and some to their doom. In such cases, many men pray in vain for their lives, yield themselves to trouble, and are grief-stricken at their circumstances. They criticize the tardy arrival of death, and they contrive something against themselves or manage a violent end. Men are by nature mockers of others and critics of faults; they rejoice greatly at the troubles and the trials of neighbors, but later repent of their deeds and show themselves as the defenders of others’ faults...

Just as with the preconceptions with which anyone makes decisions—they have an appearance of the truth not only to those who believe them but also to many others who are forced by their misconceptions to act in such a way, even if they have differing opinions. It is the same with those who compile astronomical tables: some facile men are considered as able to lead others to the truth; these are men to whom the ignorant are attracted. But the scientists and the precisionists are rejected and condemned either from jealousy or from the crookedness of <their readers’> approach to science. Therefore, it is necessary to test their precision and to stick to the scientific viewpoint, even if approximations are sometimes necessary. Note that even Apollinarius, who calculated the visible motions using the old observations and publications of many returns and spheres, and who met with criticism from many readers, confesses that his calculations were one or two degrees in error. The source of the miscalculation is easily understood—as I myself using the results which have already occurred, have tried /251K/ to establish the precise degree of a star by noting its natural effects as the /240P/ Ancient says. As our exposition proceeds, the facts themselves, brought before your very eyes, will clarify what I have said. When the degree is found, then it is possible to make definite forecasts about the future. Determining the precise degree is difficult, but not impossible.

4K;5P. Transits.

The transits of the stars are considered vigorous when the masters of the chronocratorships transit the Places, or are in opposition or square with them. For instance, when each of those stars which hold the rule and leadership makes a transit in its allotted hour, it acts vigorously to save or to destroy: no man, however great he happens to be in family, livelihood, or rank, can block either its threats or its benefits for anyone. The person will yield to the laws of the occasion until the star abdicates its rule. When the star completes its chronocratorship, it transmits the governance to another and resumes its ineffectiveness for either good or bad. The methods of determining the effects of transmissions, the combinations of interrelated aspects, and the effect of conjunctions have been explained by us previously. These methods must be used, since each star acts in accord with its own nature and the applicable chronocratorship to show the type of result to be expected.

5K;6P. The 10-Year, 9-Month Distribution of Propitious and Improptitious Times.

I have discovered, tested, and put to use the following distribution, which had been discarded casually, even blindly, because the explanation of it had been puzzling. I append it now so that lovers of beauty may make their nature divine, travelling through many paths to one power of forecasting. They may expect to meet in one place after travelling many straight, as well as many rough, roads.

/252K/ Let our method be this: for day births make the sun the apheta (for night births, the moon), if
it is well situated, since (as we have written in *The Controlling Points*) /241P/ for day and night births the luminary which is well situated must be considered the apheta. If both luminaries are badly situated, the star found to be following the Ascendant will be the first to distribute the chronocratorship, the star just following it will be the second, and so on with the rest.

For instance, let the sun be the apheta for the distribution of 10 years, 9 months: it will take 10 years, 9 months, and after it the next star in the zodiacal circle at the nativity will take 10 years, 9 months. Assign the yearly chronocrats as long as there are years <of the nativity> to receive them. It is also necessary to incorporate the hourly, daily, and monthly periods of each star in the yearly period, and to include in the forecast the overall master of the chronocratorship, as well as the master of the months, days, and hours. It is necessary to determine the cycles, how long they are and who is receiving the cycle and the week from whom. <I say> this because the chronocratorship, even if it comes back to the same stars, will not be in the same part of the week or of the cycle. One cycle joined to a different cycle in the sequence of chronocrats will alter the effects of the stars, and a given star at one time may be a cause of good, at another time a cause of bad, all according to the activity and the appropriate or inappropriate position of the transmitter and the receiver.

It is necessary to inspect and examine the current and the future chronocrats and to forecast good if they move towards <transmit to> benefits—even if a malefic has control for a very short time, because the force of the malefic is dissipated in advance by the benefic action of the receiving star, a star which may provide various impuluses: friendship, affinity, associations, success, rank, profits, and the achievement of one’s goals. Sometimes a star stains men with mystic, secret, or perilous activities, but later brings about good fortune, with the result that these men enjoy or tolerate what they had previously loathed, and they repent of having wasted in vain so much useless time. In the same way when the chronocratorship of benefits moves to malefics, the malefics turn <the good impulse> to hatred, disgrace, treachery, penalties, danger, /253K/ and to sudden, unexpected crises and ruin. Because of this, many men regret not having any defences against their enemies. They have preserved good faith and fellow-feeling /242P/ but in vain. Not being able to keep what they wish, they are pained at others’ good fortune and are oppressed unwillingly.

Let the following nativity be an example to illustrate our approach concisely: moon in Pisces 18°, Venus in Aries, Jupiter in Libra, Saturn, Ascendant in Sagittarius, Mars in the beginning of Aquarius, sun in Aquarius, Mercury in Pisces. The stars were arranged thus, in order in increasing longitude. We are investigating 52 years plus the time to Payni /23 15 of the 53rd year <=52 years, 4 months, 3 days>. Now in this type of distribution the days and the cycles are calculated using 360-day periods, but the years of a nativity are calculated using 365 1/4 periods. Therefore I multiply the whole years, 52, by 5 1/4 for a total of 273. Then from Mechir 12 <the birth date> to Payni 15 there are 124 days. The grand total is 397 days. I subtract one circle <one year> and the remaining days total 37. Since the birth was at night, the moon was considered the apheta of the overall chronocrats. It was at IC, in a feminine sign in a triangle of a sect member <Pisces Cancer Scorpio - the triangle of Venus>, and appropriately situated. So the moon took 10 years 9 months of the given number of years first, then Venus in Aries 10 years 9 months, then Saturn in Sagittarius 10 years 9 months. So far there have been 4 cycles, or 43 years.

Next follows Mars. Its cycle of 10 years 9 months would make 53 years 9 months total, which is more than the given number of years under investigation. So I resorted to calculating by months, and gave to Mars itself, as the ruler of the cycle, 15 months, adding this to the previous total for the fourth cycle, 43 years. Now the running total is 44 years 3 months. Next, <I give> to the sun 1 year 7 months, to Mercury 20 months, to the moon 25 years 2 months, to Venus 8 months, and to Jupiter 12 months. So far, the total is is 51 years 3 months. Next Saturn has 30 months to complete Mars’ cycle, for a grand total of 53 years 9 months.

But since this figure as well exceeds the given number of years, I count off the days as follows: including the period of Jupiter the total was 51 years 3 months. I took the remaining days of the 52nd year (270) and of the 53rd year (360) and of the 54th year (37). The total is 667, with Saturn receiving from Mars. /254K/ From this total Saturn gives itself, in the first subsequent cycle, /243P/ 129 days. Then it transfers the second cycle of a like 129 days to Mars, and that star assigns itself its own days. The sun takes the third cycle next from Saturn and assigns itself 129 days, then Mercury the fourth, and the moon the fifth, both assigning themselves 129 days. Twenty-two days remain for the sixth cycle, which belongs to Venus. Venus assigns itself 8 days, then 12 days to Jupiter. The remaining 2 days until the day in question belong to Saturn.

/23 “=June” - marginal note.
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The overall chronocrator of the years was Mars receiving from the moon. The chronocrator of the months was Saturn receiving from Mars. The chronocrator of the days was Venus receiving the cycle from Saturn. Consequently in the native’s 53rd year the grievous death of his wife occurred. Dangerous diseases and fines came on him. In the days under discussion, the native was condemned in a suit on behalf of his wife against a woman about legacies, about old matters, and he was oppressed by the great and was in nearly mortal danger. He had grief for his own family and for others’, so great as to turn to despair. He was entangled in other precarious actions subject to penalties. For Saturn still held the chronocratorship, not in its own sect, being in the Ascendant, and having the moon (the apheta) and Mercury in inferior aspect <square to the left>. As a result many forgeries accompanied him, as well as lies, deceptions, many expenses, and dangerous diseases.

**6K. The Subdistributions of the Preceding System.**

The third stage subdivision is done as follows:

I. Saturn rules 2 years 6 months. It will transmit
   a. to itself 6 months, 29 days, 6 1/4 hours.
   b. to Jupiter 2 months, 23 days, 17 1/3 hours.
   c. to Mars 3 months, 14 days, 15 2/3 hours.
   d. to the sun 4 months, 12 days, 13 5/12 hours.
   e. to Venus 1 month, 25 days, 19 1/2 hours.
   f. to Mercury 4 months, 19 days, 12 2/3 hours.
   g. to the moon 5 months, 24 days, 10 hours.

In this way the 2 years 6 months of Saturn are completed.

II. Jupiter has 1 year. Jupiter will transmit
   a. to itself 1 month, 3 days, 11 3/4 hours.
   b. to Mars 1 month, 11 days, 20 2/3 hours.
   c. to the sun 1 month, 23 days, 20 1/2 hours.
   d. to Venus 22 days, 7 5/6 hours.
   e. to Mercury 1 month, 25 days, 19 1/2 hours.
   f. to the moon 2 months, 9 days, 18 1/3 hours.
   g. to Saturn 2 months, 23 days, 17 1/4 hours.

III. Mars has 1 year 3 months. It transmits
   a. to itself 1 month, 22 days, 7 2/3 hours.  
   b. to the sun 2 months, 6 days, 6 2/3 hours.
   c. to Venus 27 days, 21 5/6 hours.
   d. to Mercury 2 months, 9 days, 18 1/3 hours.
   e. to the moon 2 months, 27 days, 5 hours.
   f. to Saturn 3 months, 14 days, 15 2/3 hours.
   g. to Jupiter 1 month, 11 days, 20 2/3 hours.

IV. The sun has 1 year 7 months. It transmits
   a. to itself 2 months, 23 days, 22 3/4 hours.
   b. to Venus 1 month, 5 days, 8 1/3 hours.
   c. to Mercury 2 months, 28 days, 8 11/12 hours.
   d. to the moon 3 months, 20 days, 11 1/4 hours.
   e. to Saturn 4 months, 12 days, 13 1/4 hours.
   f. to Jupiter 1 month, 23 days, 8 1/2 hour.
   g. to Mars 2 months, 6 days, 6 2/3 hours.

V. Venus rules 8 months. From these it transmits
   a. to itself 14 days, 21 1/5 hours.
   b. to Mercury 1 month, 7 days, 4 1/4 hours.
   c. to the moon 1 month, 16 days, 12 1/4 hours.
   d. to Saturn 1 month, 25 days, 19 1/2 hours.
   e. to Jupiter 22 days, 7 2/3 hours.
   f. to Mars 27 days, 21 3/4 hours.
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g. to the sun 1 month, 5 days, 8 1/3 hours.

VI. Mercury has 1 year 8 months, from which it transmits
   a. to itself 3 months, 3 days, 9 1/2 hours.
   b. to the moon 3 months, 26 days, 6 3/4 hours.
   c. to Saturn 4 months, 19 days, 12 3/4 hours.
   d. to Jupiter 1 month, 25 days, 19 1/2 hours.
   e. to Mars 2 months, 9 days, 18 5/12 hours.
   f. to the sun 2 months, 28 days, 8 11/12 hours.
   g. to Venus 1 month, 7 days, 5 hours.

VI. Mercury has 1 year 8 months, from which it transmits
   a. to itself 3 months, 3 days, 9 1/2 hours.
   b. to the moon 3 months, 26 days, 6 3/4 hours.
   c. to Saturn 4 months, 19 days, 12 3/4 hours.
   d. to Jupiter 1 month, 25 days, 19 1/2 hours.
   e. to Mars 2 months, 9 days, 18 5/12 hours.
   f. to the sun 2 months, 28 days, 8 11/12 hours.
   g. to Venus 1 month, 7 days, 5 hours.

VII. The moon rules 2 years, 1 month, of which it assigns
   a. to itself 4 months, 25 days, 8 1/4 hours.
   b. to Saturn 5 months, 24 days, 10 hours.
   c. to Jupiter 2 months, 9 days, 18 5/12 hours.
   d. to Mars 2 months, 27 days, 5 hours.
   e. to the sun 3 months, 20 days, 11 1/6 hours.
   f. to Venus 1 month, 16 days, 12 1/4 hours.
   g. to Mercury 3 months, 26 days, 6 3/4 hours.

7. To Discover Which Star Controls the Current Days When Using the Preceding System.
   In addition, if we wish to know which star controls the current days, we will calculate as follows:
   multiply the years which have passed since birth by 365 1/4. Get the number of days from the birth date to
   the date in question, and add it to the previous result. Divide by 129, and note how many cycles
   there have been. From the answer we cast out the weekly cycles, and the
   remainder of this division (which will be less than seven!) will show which star controls the days.

   For example, take the preceding horoscope: multiply the full years, 52, by 365 1/4. The result is
   18,993. There are 123 days from Mechir 12 to the day in question, Payni 15. When this figure is
   included, the total becomes 19,116. I divide this by 129, and get 149 with 24 days of the next 129-day
   cycle as a remainder. Next I divide this (i.e. the 149) by 7 (the week-number), and get 21 with 2 cycles
   remaining. Now since—as was stated above—the moon was found to be the apheta, I gave the first cycle of
   the week to the moon. Venus, the star immediately following the moon, has the second cycle, 24 days,
   of which it gives to itself 8 days, then to Jupiter 12 days. The remaining 4 belong to Saturn, the days when
   the native was condemned.

   Alternatively, the attempt could be made to equate the weekly cycles to 49-day periods and to count
   these from the apheta, giving one to each star. The star at which the count stops will rule the 49-day
   period and the first cycle of the weeks. Then transmit the cycles to the other stars in order. Take the
   preceding horoscope as an example: since there were found to be 149 weekly cycles, I subtract three 49-day
   periods from that. I now have methods for a ready determination of the matters in question thanks to my constant practice
   and the underlying theorems of my flexible system. Still, the methods for making final decisions and for
   critically evaluating <horoscopes> needed more time—and time has become short for me. Man’s life is
   but a blink of time, even if he seems to be enjoying a long lifespan, so just like a father who, weighed

That a Few <Astrologers> Misuse the Aphetic Point in the Preceding System.

Most <astrologers> distribute the chronocrators for each nativity using the seven-zone system
beginning with Saturn; they put Jupiter, Mars, the sun, Venus, Mercury, and the moon following in that
order. In the rotation of the chronocrators, they examine the master of the week and of the days using the
same system. Such a procedure does not satisfy me, because those who use it find the same
chronocrators for most nativities. I prefer (as has been stated) to put the aphetic point at the sun and
moon, or at the star found to be following the Ascendant, then to allot to the other stars in order, just as
they happen to be situated by sign and by degree at the nativity.

8. The Length of Life Found by Using the Full-Moon and the Horoscopic Gnomon.

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and the underlying theorems of my flexible system. Still, the methods for making final decisions and for
critically evaluating <horoscopes> needed more time—and time has become short for me. Man’s life is
but a blink of time, even if he seems to be enjoying a long lifespan, so just like a father who, weighed
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down by illness at the end of his life, leaves his last brief commandments to his children before the silence of death creeps on him, I have carefully reviewed the collected chapters of my theoretical treatise, and I have noted the important topics. In so doing, I have presented the beginnings of an approach <to this science> to the lovers of beauty.

Now if the mind were long-lived or immortal, any decision would be free of doubt and would be simple—”But the gods know all.” Now since the length of life is the most essential topic, it has been treated in many different ways in the preceding books. I came into contact with a man who was boasting of some method, and I discovered (after much trial and error) a complicated method of regular calculations, a system which I myself had previously known to some extent and which now I will explain to everyone because of my zeal, after pruning off all excess verbiage. <We know that> every method when combined with another and tested gives us an exact scientific viewpoint.

Let our method be this: we will use the Light-bringing moon and the Ascendant. These two, mingling their influences according to the hourly motions which lead to their positions at any given moment and their visible appearance, make the aphetata point and indicate the beginning and the end. They have a mystic power over conception and delivery. Neither Mars nor Saturn will be considered as destroyers nor the benefics as helpers. Instead, when the moon is found to be the aphetata, it is necessary to observe closely its contacts and its sextile, square, and opposition aspects with respect to the Ascendant, particularly when they are in signs of the same or equal rising time, signs of the same power, the listening /258K/ or beholding signs, or in the antiscia. Similarly /247P/ if the Ascendant is the aphetata, examine its aspects with the moon using the rising time.

In my experience it seems best to judge those degrees as fatal and those aspects as powerful, i.e. those aspects of the moon and the Ascendant with each other—also their squares and oppositions, since these aspects have an extraordinary power when at the angles.

Now, many mistakes are constantly being made about the aphetata (or anaeretic) places, and almost anything can present difficulties to this art, since the lack of any proof of its accuracy can give rise to criticism and rejection. Because I have found the truth, I feel it necessary to correct the mistakes. So, when the aphetata points are found to be unrelated to the apparent anaeretic point, it is necessary to examine both degree-numbers using the rising times and to consider the <resulting number> as the length of life—if it does not exceed the maximum period, because rarely will anyone live longer. In addition when a great interval is found between the aphetata <and the anaeretic>, and when the moon and the Ascendant are in the same sign, or when (in the case of another aphetata point) the interval between the two does not happen to be found in the signs of long rising time, with the result that the aphetata places are very near each other—in such a case, add the time-periods using the rising times, take half of the sum, and consider that to be the length of life. It is necessary to examine the vital sector in this way, not only in the case of long intervals and signs of long rising times, but also in the case of small intervals and aphetata distances (viz. in the signs of short rising times).

With respect to the determination of the aphetata points of the chronocratorships, the degree-positions of the moon’s phases in each sign, when calculated with reference to the aphetata points and correlated with the time periods corresponding to each interval, indicate the anaeretic point—particularly when the moon is in the aphetata. When the moon is the aphetata, it is destroyed by itself. The relevant phases are those of new moon, full moon, and the two quarters, each being effective when moving toward the Descendant.

Let no one thing we have composed this treatise in too complex and complicated a fashion. It is my favorite occupation to inform my readers of every method of inquiry./259K/ It is possible for those readers to train their minds over time in these systems, to discard vulgar notions, and to embark on the exact, scientific way. I have claimed in the preceding books that I have elucidated what was obscurely composed by the Ancients—indeed I have expounded their correct opinions /248P/ so that I might not seem to be uninformed about their studies. I have also compiled here my own discoveries. If the reader trusts in this information, he will have an unexceptionable explanation <of this art>.

One must observe in which stars’ signs or terms the aphetata or anaeretic places occur, because it is from these (i.e. from their natural activity) that crises and deaths can be determined. It is also necessary to examine which star is afflicted or helped by which, which star is in harmony or is not, and what their mutual configurations were at the nativity, at transits, and at the transmissions of the chronocratorships.

Much of our discourse has been to explain the Ascendants by degree and by sign, and the operative degrees, places which have a complicated and complex relationship with the topic “length of life,” even if they do not have their mutual points of contact in the same (or nearly the same) degrees or signs—a thing which is rare and wonderful to most men. But in the cosmic revolution, all things are possible, attainable, holy, and true, and become so through thousands of complex paths, which when investigated, will reveal
the truth to one who searches not at random but with scientific skill. For the universe itself is not random, and day and night it shows without stint to everyone the good and holy things it contains. When <merely> seen, it is not grasped; but when apprehended with the intelligence, each thing is known to the extent possible for a man. Therefore, what has been seen, known and said is comprehensible, and in fact I have grasped it in my turn. I have ignored who <the discoverers> were, from where they came, and how they made their discoveries. Others have written endless words about such matters. I have interpreted what has been discovered and proven by the observations of the chronocrators, and I have been mystically inspired to compile this treatise, hoping to have laid a strong foundation in my writings, revising them /260K/ and constantly laboring (though with great pleasure), because the functioning of the cosmic bodies and the discovery of long-sought treasure, a discovery involving new theorems, drives me on.

9. The Determination of the Moon and the Ascendant at the Conception.

In every nativity the moon’s position is figured by longitude and latitude. Note where the latitude of the moon is located at the nativity. /249P/ The moon’s position at the conception will be the position we have found. For in all nativities, the latitude <of the moon> at the delivery will be the same as the latitude which the moon had at the conception. In the fulfillment of time the moon cannot exceed its own “guidepost.” Count back the days, and set the moon at that <correct> degree, then see where the previous new moon occurred. Add the days from that point, and you will know at what day and hour the conception occurred and whether the native was an 8- or a 10-month child.

For example, if the sun at the conception is in Aries and the moon is 120° past the new-moon phase, there will be a full-term gestation period of 270 <days> (for this to be the case, it is impossible that the distance exceed 120°, because in this distance the full-term “Ascendant” <*> is completed) and the birth will be in the tenth month. If it does exceed 120°, in every case add the days to the nine months; after summing the total, you will know the date of the conception. In each case search out the degree of the latitude and see when (i.e. in how many days and hours) the moon will come to the same guidepost. Just like a revolving wheel, it will slow down when coming to its own place.

I have composed this book not artistically as some do, performing an enticing “concerto” in their arrangement of words and their use of meter, charming their listeners with their mythological, mystifying obscurities. Although I have not used fine language, I have experienced much, have expended much toil, and have personally examined and tested what I have compiled. Experience is better and more reliable than mere hearing, because one who hears has only an unreliable and doubtful grasp. One who has had experience, has tried many things, and has remembered them, validates what he has experienced. Men who are naturally malicious, ambitious, and contrary-minded /261K/ are easily seen to be such and are punished, but their nature cannot be subdued: it can be made mild because of its shame and sorrow when pressure is put upon it, but when it is proven wrong, it becomes angry and bold at this provocation.

One can note this phenomenon particularly among the young: they want to act differently <?>, they hand over to another the control over bad or good, they are carried along willfully and are forced to take the lead <?>, to act in a contrary manner, and to be bold in the face of everything. They become alien to their family and friends; they enjoy the company of their enemies. /250P/ Since they lead the future with a halter, they despise everyone and rejoice in others’ troubles. As a result, evil comes on them, and they pray for dangerous harm <to come> through their enemies’ <?>. They suffer the reverse and are in pain to no avail; they do not honor the gods nor fear death, but are led by a demon. The end of such men is swift and dangerous, and their life is easily crushed.

It is better for men, as far as possible, to put stiff-necked pride from their minds and to avoid boldness, to strip themselves bare and to surrender themselves to reason. For no one is free; we all are slaves of fate and if we follow her voluntarily, we will live undisturbed and without grief as a whole, having trained our minds to be confident. If someone adopts a false cast of mind and attributes the possibility of acting to himself, he will be refuted by the impossibility of his acting and will be a laughing-stock. Then he will remember these words of the tragic Euripides:

Lead me, O Zeus, and you, O Fate,
Wherever you have assigned me to go.
I will follow even if I hesitate. If I did not wish,
Having become base, I will suffer this anyway.

In any type of systematic (or even unsystematic) art or talent, or in any other occasion, Nemesis will be the charioteer, holding the balance as in the mythical picture, showing that nothing is done /262K/ beyond measure. Her wheel is lying at her feet, indicating that what has <happened> is unsteady and
insecure, since the wheel is unstable when it rolls by itself. In the same way these men who criticize and boast have an intelligence that always revolves in the same spot, and an inflexible reasoning ability which entangles them in passions. They live in a sweat, not able to attain those things which first they despised, but later wanted, when they had already lost them.

The End of Book VI of the *Anthologies* of Vettius Valens.
1P. Preface

First of all I must exact an oath from my readers—particularly in regard to this book—that they guard my words as a mystic secret. I have expounded the preceding methods in a complex but logical order, methods which have a great power to attract and to guide men to a love of beauty. <Through these methods> they may extend their range of interests from the lesser matters to the greater, and they might not abandon their quest and, in so doing, bring criticism on us. Now it is best to come to these matters after training oneself in those books which we previously composed. For the distribution <of the chronocratorships> will be considered unassailable and sacred as a result of the <previously made> overall and periodic determinations <of the chronocrats>. For just as a man might climb to a mountain peak, hiking through canyons and winding places with great toil, then come upon a temple with its precious statues of “gold, silver, and ivory” and perhaps of purple. This man would consider his climb to have been of no trouble or toil, and he would worship with gladness, imagining that he is associating with the gods in heaven. Those who follow our directions have this same experience, and I adjure them by the sacred circle of the sun, by the varied paths of the moon, by the powers of the other stars, and by the circle of the twelve signs to keep these matters secret, never to share them with the ignorant or the uninitiated, and to remember and to honor the one who inducted them into this art. May it go well for those who keep this oath and may the aforesaid gods grant them what they wish; may the opposite happen to those who foreswear this oath.

1K;2P. A Method for Propitious and Impropritious Times and Length of Life, with Respect to the Houseruler, the Rising Times, and the Ascendant.

In the previous books we explained the rising times and what effect they have on the distribution of the chronocrats. Now we must /263K;252P/ add additional clarification. For every nativity, after the stars have been accurately charted, it will be necessary to examine how the houseruler is configured, which stars it has in aspect, whether it is rising or setting, and if it has a proper configuration or is out of its sect. <It is also necessary> to inspect the star which is allied with it, the Lot of Fortune and its ruler, and of course, the status of the nativity.

If the houseruler is found to be at an angle or operative, it will begin the chronocratorship; the rule will then pass to the stars next in order in the order of signs. If these stars are in the same sign, their positions in degrees must be calculated, since the one in the leading position will rule first. It is of primary importance to inspect the Ascending angle and to see how its houseruler is configured: if they happen to be together or appropriately configured in different signs, the houseruler will have a good effect on the length of life and on mental activities. They have a bad effect when setting, in opposition to each other or inappropriately configured, because when the houseruler completes the rising time of the sign in the Ascendant, the rising time of the sign in which it is located, or the period of the star in whose sign it is located, it will abdicate from the chronocratorship; in so doing, it will make the native short-lived, or it will allot months instead of years, days instead of months.

If the ruler of the Ascendant is not in conjunction, but another star is, then the latter star will begin the chronocratorships. If several are in conjunction, they all will share <in the chronocratorship>, with the star closest to rising or most related to the <Ascendant> sign ruling first. Similar forecasts can be made from the nature of the star and of the sign. If they are not found at the angles but are just preceding them, they will rule the chronocratorships briefly, or for as long as they transit a part of the sign (in degrees), and they will fall short of their own numbers and rising times.

After examining the Ascendant, it is necessary to investigate MC and to determine its ruler; then examine the Descendant and IC in the same way. If <their rulers> are not found at the angles, the rulerships which follow the angles must be examined; if the stars are not in those signs either, the signs which precede the angles must be inspected. (Even if such positions do not possess a great deal of influence over activities and do not allot the maximum length of life, they are nevertheless active.) It is also necessary to take into account the contacts and aspects of the moon and the ruler of its sign, because if it is found at an angle and has the configuration of a distributor, it will be the first chronocrator. Following it,/265K/ the stars closer to the angles or passing through a phase will rule. Moreover, rising stars differ from evening stars.

/253P/ After these matters have been researched accurately, it remains necessary to know the general basis of the nativity, i.e. to what high or low rank it belongs, the harmful and the helpful stars, which star has been assigned the rulership of which place and type of forecast (i.e. activity, rank, wife, children, father,
mother, brothers, and whatever else applies to the body, the mind/soul, and the livelihood) so that the result of the distributions might be very clear.

But we have explained these matters in the preceding books. However, the same stars often have mastery over many matters which they bring about in their own times of rule. If they happen to be together at the same time, they make their influences obvious then too. Their times of rule must be determined from the rising times of the signs and from the periods of each star. If the stars are at or following the angles, they allot the total rising time and period of each star. If the period of the star is found to be greater than the rising time of the sign, the star which has the chronocratorship allots its period. If the rising time is greater than the period, we allot the rising time. Occasionally they allot their total years <<rising time + period>>. If many stars are together, and if the periods of all exceed the length of the rising time, they allot the periods. If the periods are less than the rising time, they allot the rising time. <<Not all stars allot their maximum periods>>, only those which have some relationship with the allotting sign. Those which have no relationship (e.g. those which precede the angles) allot their minimum period. If a star happens to be in its proper face or is in an appropriate sign, it will allot only the rising time of its sign. The results will come to pass when the rising times or the periods are completed. If the stars are found to precede the angles, they allot neither the full rising time of their signs nor their full periods.

It is necessary to be aware in advance that malefics are not always harmful; they can be helpful and the cause of life and rank. In the same way benefics can bring dangers and harm—all of which can be foreseen through the appropriateness of their configurations or their oppositions. I have come to understand by experience that malefics /266K/ are really malefic for average or humble nativities: these nativities are involved in all sorts of troubles, and even if the benefics seem to help momentarily, later they take away what was gained and render the native unsuccessful and unfortunate. Sometimes however they do give these men good physical condition, and make them excited by food, indiscriminate or cheerful about sex, and laboring with pleasure.

With respect to /254P/ lofty nativities, malefics make men active, renowned, successful. Still, even then these stars do not cast off their own nature: these men have a bold, terrifying, dictatorial, greedy, and destructive nature; they desire others’ goods and disgrace themselves with lawless and violent deeds; their rank is easily lost and their fortune easily changed. As a result, such men do not direct their offices, their position of leadership, or their lives in an orderly manner, but they are involved in upheavals and plots, attacks or revolts of enemies and the masses, violence. While they are in office, plagues, famines, crop failures, cataclysms, earthquakes occur—depending on the configuration of each malefic. As a result, such men live wretchedly, suffering what each malefic portends. They are involved in violent or unexpected deaths and pay the penalty <<for their crimes>>. The fortune of such men becomes a subject of story, and their end is far-famed.

So as to make our explanations concise: the stars, when acting as chronocrators, will cause the results indicated by the configurations which they are found to be making with each other at the nativity, whether good or bad, taking into account the basis of the birth. Moreover, those stars which are in superior aspect or which are opposed to each other are most powerful; those which are in their own or in opportune signs and which rule the chronocratorship are most vigorous and active in producing results. Let the opposition of Saturn and Jupiter be considered productive and beneficial, particularly when these stars are in their own signs, provided that this configuration is not harmed by another afflicting influence. Likewise, the mutual configuration of Jupiter and Mars is good, if it happens to be in appropriate signs. One star in another’s sign and having some relationship with it is productive and beneficial during the applicable chronocratorship. Each star will be operative at the end of its maximum period.

/267K/ 2K;3P. A Second Method of Distributing the Chronocratorship with Respect to the Rising Times of the Signs and the Periods of the Stars.

Since the overall chronocratorships and their mutual relationships have been determined, I will now append the detailed distribution which I derived with much experience and toil. In advance I urge all those who wish to strive for the best, and particularly our followers (or any of those who have the incurable, long-standing disease of scholarship), to go soberly in the matter of methods, /255P/ and never to forecast carelessly using any system. For often one distribution when it takes effect indicates a good chronocratorship—and indeed it will be good if it controls the chronocratorship by itself. If, however, another chronocratorship of malefics takes effect, it not only turns away the good but becomes a cause of evil. In such a case, even if the chronocratorship of benefics is vigorous in the nativity, the activity and rank will come accompanied by reversals and losses. If the chronocratorship of malefics is strong, unemployment, penalties, and upheavals will occur until the chronocratorship of benefics is operative.
Moreover, often a star which is in a given sign, which is completing its own period or the time-interval <rising time> of the sign, and which is apparently passing out of its time as chronocrator, combines with another star and becomes the cause of a different outcome or continues to keep the nativity in the same condition. In addition, the sextile aspects must be taken into consideration, because they are powerful and beneficial, particularly when they alone are operative. For infant nativities, it is necessary to calculate the chronocratorships of the stars in aspect using first the days, then the years.

As examples let us append nativities which we have tested with precision in some forecasts and which I had a hand in: sun, moon, Mercury in Sagittarius, Saturn in Cancer, Jupiter, Ascendant in Scorpio, Mars in Capricorn, Venus in Aquarius, Lot of Fortune in Scorpio, klima 2. In his 33rd year he was exiled: the rising time <33> of Cancer in which Saturn was located with Mars in opposition. The moon sextile to Venus indicated treachery from female individuals during the 33rd year. He was also in danger in his 27th year because of Capricorn and in his 30th and /268K/ 40th years because of bodily illnesses of the eyes and feet: the period of Cancer <=moon> is 25 and of Mars, which was in opposition, 15. Until his 42nd year the period of Mars and the rising time of Capricorn <27> were also operative, and in this time many crises arose. You see that in such configurations it is necessary to forecast after determining the <degrees>, in order to see if some ray of the benefics may take effect and may remove most of the bad effects.

Another example: sun, Venus in Libra, Saturn in Aries, Jupiter in Taurus, Mars <in Libra>, Mercury in Virgo, moon in Sagittarius, Ascendant in Libra, klima 3. In his 39th year he was exiled: the rising time of Aries is 20, and Saturn is there with the sun (19) in opposition. Both were in opposition to their own exaltations. To be sure, he had critical periods in the previous years, but /256P/ we observed the 39th year because of the comparison with the preceeding nativity, which was his brother’s. We must marvel at the natural law that brought the chronocratorships to the same results, even though they were born in different klimata.

Another example: sun, Mercury, Ascendant in Sagittarius, moon in Cancer, Saturn in Leo, Jupiter in Capricorn, Mars in Aquarius, Venus in Scorpio, klima 2. In his 34th year his wife died because of the 19 of Leo <sun> and the 15 of Scorpio <=Mars>, or the 15 of Mars itself, since both malefics hemmed in Venus. In his 36th year he was about to go on trial, being accused before the king on a charge arising from the death of his wife, on the grounds that she had been treacherously murdered, but he fled into exile. For 36 is the rising time of Leo and of Scorpio as well, the location of Venus, in inferior aspect with Saturn. A more kindly chronocratorship was about to occur in his 37th year, because of the 12 of Jupiter and the 25 of the moon, in opposition <to Jupiter>. Many other factors were operative in the past and the future <chronocratorships>, but I have thought it necessary to set forth only those which I myself know exactly and which I had a hand in.

Another example: sun, Mars, Venus in Sagittarius, moon in Libra, Saturn in Gemini, Jupiter in Virgo, Mercury in Scorpio, Ascendant in Capricorn. In his 19th year his father died violently and he himself was blinded by eye trouble. In the same year he travelled abroad and was in danger at sea, because the sun’s period <19> was operative, with Mars in conjunction and Saturn in opposition. In his 20th year he recovered his sight through a treatment and an ointment given by an oracle of the god. But Saturn <in Gemini> even then was operative, with Gemini <=Mercury> giving 20, and therefore he suffered many ills. Virgo <=Mercury> also indicated 20, since Jupiter was in that sign. /269K/ The 20 came from the 12 of Jupiter plus the 8 of Venus square. The chronocratorship belonged to many stars, but the operative ones were powerful. The stars in conjunction or aspect have a weaker influence for helping or harming, but they do have some power, especially when (as we have mentioned before) they are in the sign or the exaltation of, or are trine with, a fellow sect-member. Benefics and malefics had the same effects since they were preceding the angles, but Jupiter was most active since it was in the sign and <the IX Place of> the God and of Foreign Lands. Additionally, they were found in signs of equal rising time or in houses of the same star <=Mercury>, and are as effective as if they were in aspect, particularly when the signs are found to be at the angles or operative.

/257P/ Another example: sun, Jupiter, Ascendant in Cancer, moon in Sagittarius, Saturn in Gemini, Mars in Taurus, Venus, Mercury in Leo, klima 3. After serving in a distinguished military post, he was involved in an accusation in his 38th year and lost his rank: the rising time of Taurus, 23, and the period of Mars, 15 were operative for a total of 38. In addition, the sextile configuration of Saturn and Venus totalled 38. Moreover, from his 37th year he endured enmities and reversals, because the moon indicated 25 and Sagittarius <=Jupiter> indicated 12 for a total of 37, with Saturn in opposition. On the other hand, Cancer <=moon> had 25 and Jupiter 12, and as a result he got some small assistance. In his 39th year he was in a lawsuit and was imprisoned with no power to set things straight. For Mercury in Leo allotted 20 plus 19 for the sign <=sun>, but it was in inferior aspect <sextile to the left> with the star which caused
despair, wishing to equal the fortunes of other men. One must remember:

...basis of his nativity. Since I have experienced these things in my own life, I have explained them.

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...sun, Saturn, Jupiter, Mercury in Sagittarius, moon in Cancer, Mars in Virgo,

...Venus, Ascendant in Libra, klima 1. In his 69th year he was judged worthy of the governorship and

...happened to total the same length of time: 30 for Saturn, 19 for the sun, plus 20 for Mercury total 69, or in addition 38;20 for Virgo <Mars>, 12 for Jupiter, plus 19 for the sun total 69. All the stars were operative and each of them had its own effects

...involved in mob uproar and disturbances, and did not complete his term of office. He was overtaken by

...native traveled abroad and was betrayed through documents by a woman; he became debt-ridden and

...the rising time of Gemini is 28 plus 12 for Sagittarius <Jupiter>, for a total of 40. During this period the

...chronocrators, they will display the same influence on outcomes in the same activities or ranks,

...Another example: sun, Saturn, Jupiter, Mercury in Sagittarius, moon in Cancer, Mars in Virgo,

...in mind: every moment it makes many things new in life,

...the universe, whirling in a sphere and sending the emanations of the

...at the time were the rising time of Libra <Ascendant>, 38;20, and

...or even all of them

...that of Cancer <MC>, 31;40, for a total of 69. The malefics happened to total the same length of time: 30 for Saturn, 19 for the sun, plus 20 for Mercury total 69, or in addition 38;20 for Virgo <Mars>, 12 for Jupiter, plus 19 for the sun total 69. All the stars were operative and each of them had its own effects

...That most of the stars—or even all of them—can be actively producing their effects at the same time

...can be observed from these examples. We find that activities take place throughout the cosmic fabric of the

...000K/earth every day and every hour: births, deaths, inheritances, ranks, ruins, injuries, illnesses, etc., whatever

...or good or bad arises in man’s life. For the universe, whirling in a sphere and sending the emanations of the

...things which each person must abide patiently, some at one time, others at another, in order to fulfill the

...Many men have devoted themselves to such matters and have compiled many books and many

...indeed all of them have left many interminably long accounts for men. A comparison can be

...made between them and those men who appear to be rich, but who in fact owe much money, and who leave

...the heirs are well satisfied at first, although they receive as their own only a little

...money and have a very brief possession of the great wealth. (The fact of their ignorance /271K/ casts a great
delusion on them.) However, when they have become involved in lawsuits, troubles, and setbacks,

...because of the <attendant> hatred and anxiety they choose to get rid not only of this useless inheritance,

...but also of what they had enjoyed having. The same things happens to men who spend much time in the

...endless mass of treatises: they do not heal their chronic disease <curiosity>, but rather lose their minds,

...their education, and the profession which they already have.

...For my part, I do not wall myself in with a show of words or a pile of books, but I have

...“embellished” my <treatise> with conciseness and truth. As a result, my heirs enjoy their inheritance

...without lawsuits and hatred as long as they live, some progressing far in forecasting by means of careful and

...accurate study. Others who approach it on a part-time or a negligent basis gain /259P/ little—except that

...they do gain a higher and a better profit than those who study with great toil the interminable systems of

...others.

...Since I myself have been a finder of treasures—and I have found not only the guarded topics, but have

...also illuminated the hidden topics—my readers must also be aware that, when delving deeply into them,

...they have discovered what was mystically hidden in darkness. One who enrolls in my school must also

...know what basis his own horoscope has, and he must apply himself to forecasting after taking into account
his active chronocrators, so that he might gain profit or testimony <?>. (If he applies himself <to forecasting> in the chronocratorship of a malefic, he blames the method when he fails through ignorance or the omission of some place.) Nevertheless, if he searches with accuracy, he will not fail of this gift, and he

...he will be thought worthy of the honor that any of the “Lovers of Time” may show him, depending on the

...basis of his nativity. Since I have experienced these things in my own life, I have explained them.

...Wherefore one should not blame me or the forecast for the chronocrators, but one should soldier on bravely

...and gladly under all circumstances, recognizing the level of one’s nativity. It is of no use to live in

...despair, wishing to equal the fortunes of other men. One must remember:
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Lead me, O Zeus, and you, O Fate,
Wherever you have assigned me to go.
I will follow unhesitating. If I did not wish,
Having become base, I will suffer this anyway.

/272K/ And this:
Fate wove with the strand of his birth that day he was born to his mother. <Iliad 19.128>
And this:
But as for Fate, I thing that no man has yet escaped it. <Iliad 6.488>

/260P/ 3K;4P. A Method for Length of Life with Reference to the Lot of Fortune and its Ruler.

I cannot tell whether the Ancients, although knowing the efficacy of forecasting, were driven by envy to hide this art because of their vainglory and because the human mind finds this art difficult; or whether they spoke in such riddles even though they had not, in fact, grasped what Nature had created, had prescribed, and had bestowed abundantly on mankind after sealing it with Fate. Of all the lovely elements of the numerous great creations in the world, none seems to me to have been begrudged by God for man’s daily use. God would not have revealed it if He had not wished to provide it for use. In contrast men have revealed this art only as the wished or as they were able. As a result, when I read over their chapter <on the following topic>, I wonder at the crookedness and the obscurity of their thought. But I reveal whatever I have discovered by my experience, and in addition, I do not wish to conceal whatever I have gone on to discover <after writing my previous pages>—this because of the remarkable quality of many forecasts, both good and bad, those happening in a short time or those remaining for a time at a steady state.

Now the following subdistribution will instruct diligent scholars. I have explained it in minute detail since I consider it superior to any other and since I wished to embellish the topic in every way. A general treatment displays a vague outline of details and is easily refuted because of the undisciplined thinking of its students. Let no one shrink away because this chapter is complex, multifaceted, with many rules, but let my reader divinize his nature. For although many <astrologers> have composed many systems, they have put together no solid system.

Now then to the task at hand. The fatal critical points must be determined just as I have directed in my book *The Length of Life*. Now I will clarify this topic more precisely. The chronocratorships are composed of three factors, minimum, mean, maximum. /273K/ I have found their determination to be as follows: calculate the periods of the stars and the rising times of the signs from the Lot of Fortune and its ruler, first by hours, then by days, months, and years; or calculate hours for some, days for others, months for others, and years for still others; or using the stars at the angles and rising /261P/ and in their proper configurations, calculate first days, then months, then the periods. For men who are already in the prime of life it is possible to allot periods and rising times; for infant nativities begin with the shortest units.

For example: sun, Venus in Aquarius, moon, Jupiter in the beginning of Aries, Saturn in Aries, Mars in Sagittarius, Mercury in Capricorn, Ascendant in Scorpio, Lot of Fortune in Libra, klima 6. The allotting stars are Venus because of Libra, Saturn because Venus is in Aquarius, Mars because Saturn is in Aries. Next I calculated according to periods and rising times, first hours, then days, then months, as follows: I took for Libra <Venus> 8 days 8 hours, plus the rising time of Libra (in klima 6) 43 hours. Since Venus is in Aquarius <house of Saturn>, I took 57 hours for Saturn. Since Saturn is in Aries <house of Mars>, I took 15 hours for Mars. The total is 8 days, 123 hours. Now 123 hours equals 5 days 3 hours, and so the grand total is 13 days 3 hours. He lived 13 days 3 hours.

Another example: sun, Venus, Mercury in Cancer, moon in Capricorn, Saturn in Scorpio, Jupiter in Aquarius, Mars in Leo, Ascendant in Taurus, Lot of Fortune in Scorpio, its ruler <Mars> in Leo, and <Leo’s> ruler <sun> in Cancer. He lived longer than the hours and the days of the periods of the stars plus the rising times of the signs, and so I calculated the months as the third option. For Mars I took 66 months plus 15, and for the sun in Cancer <moon> I took 25 months. The total is 106 months, which is 8 years, 10 months.

(I submit these nativities as examples; it is also necessary to note the houserulers and the places to see if they are controlled or opposed by malefics or happen to be out of their sects. Follow all the other directions too.)

Another example: sun, Mercury in Aquarius, moon in Taurus, Saturn in Sagittarius, Jupiter in Aries, Mars in Capricorn, Venus, Ascendant in Pisces, klima 6, Lot of Fortune in Gemini. I took the months for Mercury <ruler of Gemini> and since Mercury is in Aquarius, I took the rising time for Aquarius, 23 months, plus 33 months for Sagittarius, since Saturn is in Sagittarius. /274K/ Altogether the months total 132, which is 11 years. He died at that age. We can find the precise number of days and the precisely

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It is necessary to indicate the starting and the ending points of the time periods during which the stars are chronocrators, they display their causative effects only briefly, but during the succeeding periods they are active, just like the clang. The configurations of the stars and their aspects with each other (especially the aspects with the Lot of Fortune) are effective in the chronocratorships which are in harmony. (The whole is seen and arises from the aspects of the Lot of Fortune and from its ruler.)

For example: sun, Mercury in Gemini, moon in Aquarius, Saturn, Venus in Leo, Jupiter in Sagittarius, Mars, Ascendant in Libra, klima 1. Assume we are investigating the 42nd year. I took the rising time of Libra, 38:20 (which is 38 years 4 months) plus the same number of months, 38 (which is 3 years 2 months). The total is 41 years 6 months. In that year while fleeing from battle, he fell from his horse as the enemy were approaching. Although many were killed and he himself was wounded, he was entangled with the rest of the slain, pretended to be dead, and escaped the danger. He then remained in the enemy’s country until his 44th year leading the campaign. To the previous number of years I added 8 months for Venus (because of Libra) and 15 months for Mars because it was there also. In addition, the opposition of Saturn and the moon was operative at that time. The rising time of Leo, 35, plus 57 months for Saturn, plus 8 months for Venus, plus 25 months for the moon plus 19 months for Leo <=sun> together total 44 years, 1 month.

As a result, it is necessary to give the total of rising times or of periods for the length of the nativity, then the months and days, until the forecast is made for the exact period of time. Therefore, one must observe for every nativity the stars in square and in opposition, particularly when malefics are in inappropriate configurations. In such a case, the native will be involved in all kinds of inescapable troubles. Such a man will struggle all his life, wrestling against crises hard to overcome; he will be inclined to slip and come crashing down, /276K/ and he will easily fail. If malefics behold <the chronocrator>, such a man does not shrink from criticizing the gods; he lives wretchedly, begging for death—but in vain, unless some aspect of the benefics is effective in helping him. Now whenever a benefic is operative with a malefic, the bad influence will be halved and easily remedied. If one or the other is by itself, it indicates that its effects will be definite and complete, because /264P/ a good effect is hindered and overcome by a malefic, while a bad effect is broken up and soothed by a benefic.

It is necessary to indicate the starting and the ending points of the time periods during which the stars begin to be or cease to be chronocrators, because it is during these periods that the influences will be most powerful. It is also necessary to research the following most accurately: the configurations of the stars, their
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aspects, if they are alone or together, if they are benefic or malefic, and if the chronocratorship is malefic, mild, or temperate—all this so that the prediction might take these factors into account. Often oppositions or squares of malefics do no harm at all, but instead are beneficial because they are in their proper places, have a benefic in aspect or have a distribution in their own sect.

In these points the ignorant go astray and therefore I must mention these same points so often: it is better to repeat, even to be verbose, and so keep this treatise free from criticism than to present an opportunity for abuse to envious and small-minded persons. These persons are pained by the success of others and revile work that is well done; they cannot follow what is being said nor think critically about what they say. The following story applies to such persons: they say that a young man was critically revising the plays of Euripides. The playwright was standing by and said, “If it is badly written, you write it better.” The youth said, “I do not know how to write poetry, but I can revise what has been badly written.” Euripides then said, “So then, write something badly and then revise your own composition to make it good.”

This preceding system seems to present the easiest introduction, but the goal and the way to the goal is labyrinthine for those who love exact inquiry. If <the student> grasps the beginning (i.e. the distributions) as if it were the guiding thread of Ariadne, comes to the sought-for place, and discovers the final chronocratorship and its results, he will receive great knowledge, in the same way as Theseus discovered the Minotaur.

`/277K/` The stars allot the mean length of the periods which they rule:
The sun has half of 120 years and hence receives 60; its minimum period is 19. The total is 79, half of which is 39 years, 6 months.
The moon receives half of 108, which is 54, plus the minimum period, 25. The total is 79, half of which is 39 years, 6 months. It allots that amount.
Mars has the maximum period, 66, `/265P/` the minimum, 15, for a total of 81, half of which is 40 years 6 months.
Venus has a complete period of 84, a minimum period of 8, for a total of 92, half of which is 46.
Mercury has a maximum period of 76, a minimum of 20, for a total of 96, half of which is 48.
Jupiter has a maximum period of 79, a minimum of 12, for a total of 91, half of which is 45 years 6 months.
`<Saturn>...`
I think these mean periods are most scientific.


We have set out here the systems which we have discovered with long, persevering investigation and which we have confirmed from our study of nativities. Now we append the topic of propitious and impopitous times, about which the King and Petosiris spoke in riddles. Even if this system seems to our readers to be complicated and entangled, these readers may still marvel at the quality of its predictive force and its scientific effectiveness. The procedure of finding one chronocrator among the stars (the procedure characteristic of the other methods) and from this one to predict the future, <and to say> that the same star receiving the chronocratorship in the cycle of time will forecast the same matters, seems to me to be ignorance and error. For one star, according to its own nature, will bring about good or bad in the year <in question>, or in two or three years. We find in one period of time, either months or days, differing results occurring, mixtures of bad and good—we gain confidence that these are the facts, because in a given nativity we find at one time rank, stewardships, accusations, exile; or at another time a distinguished office, grievous pain, and weakness; or similarly a governorship, the possession of a livelihood, and death. We find some men unfortunate in their health, but lucky in their livelihoods, some `/278K/` troubled in their wives and their occupations, but strong and cheerful. So we do not think that these things come from one chronocrator, but from many. And the good that had been indicated is dissipated by the power of malefics, likewise the bad by the power of benefics.

Wherefore the Compiler says some things are unavoidable, other things are not. Unavoidable things occur when malefics happen to be activating something by themselves; avoidable things, when a benefic is involved while the malefics are operating `/266P/` and breaks up their power. When a configuration of a benefic is found in a nativity and that benefic is found to be the chronocrator, the good results will be total, but (as before) if the chronocratorship of malefic aspects is also operative, both good and bad will occur—according to the nature of the stars and signs. In addition of course, the good and bad will come to pass proportionate to the greatness and the basis of the nativity. Just like the general forecasts for infant
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nativities: if we find that benefics are operative and are beholding the sun or the moon and the Ascendant from the right, we then promise length of life, rank, and the support of a livelihood. If malefics are operative, we consider the nativity to be unviable. It is necessary to examine the distribution of chronocrators in the same way: in so far as benefics control, promise great success; if both are mixed, predict a similarly <mixed fortune>; if malefics alone enter into rule as chronocrators, predict dangers, ruin, and the onset of many crises.

So the King says:

“When the chronocratorships are plotted (i.e. those of the nativity) and when any are operative (he means any of the stars), if some other star comes into aspect or even has contact in the alternation of chronocrators, the chronocratorship must be granted to both stars. For example, if the moon occupies the degree-position <of the chronocratorship> while some other star is also in the moon’s sign, when the moon itself makes contact with the other place <=-star>, it will control the chronocratorship of the sign, whether it is good or bad, or whether the associated stars are benefic or the opposite. Moreover, if the star of Jupiter happens to be in the aforementioned place, it will be indicative of rank, or of moderate rank plus the possession of a profitable livelihood. /279K/ (He is referring to the Lot of Fortune, the point indicative of possessions and benefits. The point concerning rank is a different one.) If a malefic is also in aspect or has contact with it, evil will come to pass in the chronocratorship of the benefics, as well as good. The time of the star which has attached itself is taken together and calculated with the other’s times. Whatever sum is arrived at, forecast that the results will occur toward the end of the periods and rising times. Now every star which is at an angle gives its full period. (We have explained this in the preceding chapters.) /267P/
The allotment of those which are not at the angles is subject to a deduction from their proper factors.

(I think I have explained this matter in my book The Length of Life.)

“In addition: suppose the moon controls the aforesaid place and the star of Saturn is also there; the moon’s place (which is also the location of the star of Saturn) is also in the Ascendant. Now the complete period of Saturn is 30 full years, that of the moon is 30 days. Let the moon in its present sign be at an angle, let the star of Mars either precede or follow the given sign so that it will make contact with it, and let the star of Saturn have Mars, the moon itself, or the sun in aspect. Men <with this horoscope> will be born of lowly parents. Add the chronocratorship of the sign in which the star of Saturn is located and the chronocratorship of Mars; this period will come into vicissitudes or will even cause travel. In the same chronocratorship, it will be the cause of injuries and wounds, particularly to the eyes. If the moon is waxing, but is not yet at the full moon, it indicates dimming of vision…and troubles happening to the eyes. /280K/ Indeed it adds burns…and even cuts in the same places because Mars is in contact with the Light-Bringer and hems it in with its burning heat.

“Next in order, forecast the effects of the star in aspect or in conjunction with the moon’s sign, if one or more happen to be located in the Lot <of Fortune>. Next forecast the stars following the angles, in whatever Place they are located and whichever angle they follow.”

We have cited this in his very words because of the following explanation. We have found it to be true by testing and long calculation.

Now if, as we have already said, the chronocratorship of one configuration takes effect at the time in question, when calculated from the total of the rising time of the sign and period of the star, then use the preceding rules. However, when combined chronocratorships are taking effect, attend to what is to be predicted and determine the /268P/ outcome using the positions of the angles and the stars preceding or following the angles, the positions of the Lots, and of the new and full moons, considering all of these according to the proper aspects or oppositions of the stars. If the chronocratorships of the aspects are combined, the results will come to pass in one-half, one-third, or two-thirds of the time, provided each one does not hold <the chronocratorship> alone.

It is necessary to investigate the contacts of the moon: if its configuration with another star is not in the same sign, but is in the next sign, then add the times of both stars (or the rising times of the signs in which they are located) and make the prediction. The consideration of the chronocrators is quite complex, sometimes involving the moon’s path and the Lot, sometimes the angles, sometimes the eastern, western, and other (i.e. when the stars are at a standstill) phases. The chronocrators must be understood as the results of the interaction of malefics and benefics.

…As for my statement about one-half, one-third, or two-thirds of the time: the cut will come at the Place of Injuries if you calculate the distance in degrees. We have also discovered this in our discussion of propitious and impropitious times… a fragment .

For example: sun, moon in Leo, Saturn in Virgo, Jupiter in Pisces, Mars in Sagittarius, Venus in
Gemini, \(\text{281K}^{1}\) Mercury in Cancer, Ascendant in Libra, klima 7. In his 37th year he suffered a lawsuit about an inheritance on account of his wife, from whom he had expected great benefits. He lost the case at the king’s court. This time was not altogether injurious except insofar as it disappointed his hopes. The moon trine with Mars indicated the 37th year: 25 for the moon plus 12 for Sagittarius \(\leftarrow\) Jupiter total 37. Likewise Jupiter and Mercury \(\leftarrow\) trine: 12 for Jupiter plus 25 for Cancer \(\leftarrow\) moon total 37. Investigating in the way we have explained, we find the opposition of Mars and Venus to be similarly operative in klima 7, as is Saturn, which is square \(\leftarrow\) with both: 27 for Gemini, 8 for Venus, plus 20 for Virgo \(\leftarrow\) Mercury total 55, two-thirds of which is 36 years, 8 months. Pisces \(\leftarrow\) Saturn also indicated the same amount, but the malefics were strong. Venus was the ruler of the Lot of Fortune \(\leftarrow\) Libra. The native had won the same lawsuit in his 35th year, but when it was appealed, he lost. The 35 had good luck because of the rising time of Pisces, 15, and \(\text{269P}^{2}\) of Gemini \(\leftarrow\) Mercury, 20, plus Gemini again, 27 \(\leftarrow\) its rising time and Venus, 8, for a total of 35. Or 20 for Gemini, and 15 for Mars total of 35. Or 20 for Virgo \(\leftarrow\) Mercury plus 15 for Mars total 35. So both benefics and malefics were operative, and since they were in bicorporeal signs, it will be necessary \(\leftarrow\) to use them several times \(\leftarrow\) in making the forecast\(\leftarrow\). Now the fact that malefics are in superior aspect and in opposition has great power. Wherefore Petosiris himself said, “The chronocratorships must be understood as the results of the interaction of benefics and malefics.”

The horoscope of the wife who lost the lawsuit is as follows: sun in Cancer, moon, Saturn in Sagittarius, Mars, Venus, Mercury in Gemini, Ascendant in Capricorn, klima 7. In her 25th year she seemed destined to win her case, for the moon being with Jupiter and Saturn indicated 25, and the sun in Cancer \(\leftarrow\) moon also signified 25. In addition, the rest of the stars were operative by combination and opposition: 30 years for Saturn plus 20 for Mercury in opposition total 50, one-half of which is 25. Or 30 years for Saturn plus 20 for Mercury plus 25 for the moon total 75, one-third of which is 25. From that time the affair reversed itself: when the appeal was made in her 27th year, she was defeated. The rising time of Gemini \(\leftarrow\) 27 was operative, the location of the Lot of Fortune accompanied by Mars and Mercury. Additionally, 25 for the moon \(\text{282K}^{3}\) plus 15 for Mars in opposition total 40, two-thirds of which is 26 years, 8 months. Here too the stars happened to be in bicorporeal signs.

Another example: sun, Mercury, Jupiter in Scorpio, moon in Taurus, Saturn in Aquarius, Mars in Virgo, Venus in Libra, Ascendant in Leo, klima 2. In his 52nd year he had a very great quarrel and a lawsuit with his sister about property and an inheritance, and he won at the king’s court. The configuration of opposition was operative: 25 for the moon, 12 for Jupiter, 15 for Scorpio \(\leftarrow\) Mars, for a total of 52. Additionally in klima 2, 36 for Scorpio, 12 for Jupiter, 30 for Saturn (in the sign of the Lot of Fortune) total 78, two-thirds of which is 52. Or again, 24 for Taurus, 24 for Aquarius, plus 30 for Saturn total 78, two-thirds of which is 52. So all the stars except Mars were operative. He was ill at that time, had a narrow escape at sea, and made great expenditures, but the benefics seemed to be in superior aspect to Saturn and were more powerful.

\(\text{270P}^{4}\) The horoscope of the sister who lost the lawsuit is as follows: sun, Mercury in Sagittarius, moon in Cancer, Saturn in Aquarius, Jupiter, Venus in Capricorn, Mars in Scorpio, Ascendant in Gemini, klima 4. The 54th year is indicated by 30 for Saturn plus 24 for Venus, totalling 54. Or again 36 for Scorpio, plus 15 for Mars, which was in the sign of the Lot of Fortune and which was operative, plus 30 for Saturn total 81, two-thirds of which is 54. The dominant aspect of the malefics was operative. So in her 53rd year she had an apparent and supposed victory through the help of the great, and so she resorted to a lawsuit; this was because the moon allotted 25 and Capricorn 28 for a total of 53. But in her 54th year she was abandoned by her helpers, for the benefics did not combine to become chronocrators at that time.

Another example: sun, moon, in Cancer, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars in Aries, Venus, Mercury, Ascendant in Gemini, klima 1. In his 47th, 48th, and 49th years he was ill, suffered a great flow of blood, and was enfeebled. At the same time he was banished. The 47th year was indicated by 31, 40 for Cancer plus 15 for Mars totalling 46 years, 8 months. The 48th year was indicated by 31, 40 for Cancer again, 25 for the moon, plus 15 for Mars, for a total of 72, two-thirds of which is 48. Also in the 48th year the rising time of Gemini, 28, 20, plus the period of Mercury, 20, were operative, totalling 48 years, 4 months. At that time in his 49th year he found a little charity and support. The sun and Saturn allotted 19 and 30 for a total of 49. The malefics in superior aspect to the \(\text{283K}^{5}\) luminaries were the cause of great dangers, and if Jupiter had not been in the configuration, the malefics absolutely would have brought him violent death.

Another example: sun, Mercury in Capricorn, moon, Mars, Ascendant in Taurus, Saturn in Scorpio, Jupiter in Cancer, Venus in Pisces, klima 6. In his 30th year he escaped slavery, committed many robberies, avoided capture for a short time, but was caught in the same year. Both sets \(\leftarrow\) of signs in opposition were operative \(\leftarrow\) Taurus/Scorpio, Cancer/Capricorn: they both total 60, one-half of which is 30. Also 28 for Capricorn, 20 for Mercury, plus 12 for Jupiter total 60, one-half of which is 30. Also 30

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for Saturn plus 15 for Mars, two-thirds of which is 30. Also 25 for Cancer <=moon>, 12 for Jupiter, plus 8 for Venus (which is trine) total 45, two-thirds of which is 30. Because of the benefics, he seemed destined to escape danger for a short time and to live comfortably from the takings of his robberies, but because of the malefics, he fell.

Another example: sun, Saturn, Mercury in Sagittarius, moon in Cancer, Jupiter in Taurus, Mars in Leo, Venus in Capricorn, Ascendant in Virgo, klima 2. The native, although of governing rank, fell into the governor’s disfavor and was condemned to the mines/quarries in his 34th year. Mars, together with the sun, controlled the chronocrat: 19 for the sun plus 15 for Mars total 34. In his 36th year, through the help of the great, he was released from confinement as disabled. At that time in his 36th year the rising time of Leo was operative. In addition, 12 for Jupiter in superior aspect <to Scorpio, Mars’ house> plus 24 for Taurus also total 36. Also 28 for Capricorn plus 8 for Venus total 36. So the benefics were powerful. In his 39th year trouble arose again because of the pre-existing hostility, and he was exiled to an island/oasis. The stars in Sagittarius controlled this period: 19 for the sun, 20 for Mercury for a total of 39. Also take two-thirds of 58, which is 38 years, 8 months. (19 for the sun, 20 for Mercury, plus 19 for Leo <=sun>, because Mars is there in trine, total 58. Again for Mars <in Leo=sun> 19, plus 19 for the sun, plus 20 for Mercury total 58.) In his 40th year he lived endangered and fell ill. His wife, however, accompanied him with affection, comforted him, and shared her property with him. The 40th year is indicated by the contact of the moon with Mars (25 for the moon plus 15 for Mars total 40), and the fact that Jupiter and Venus were trine showed the same, because 284K/ 12 for Jupiter plus 28 for Venus <=Capricorn> total 40. I myself had a hand in these forecasts.

Another example: sun, Mercury in Capricorn, moon, Saturn in Sagittarius, Jupiter in Cancer, Mars in Virgo, Venus in Aquarius, Ascendant in Libra, klima 2. In his 48th year he saw the death of his beloved son, a very great sorrow, and in the same year the death of his mother. Virgo and Libra indicated this because of their equal rising times <=40>: 8 years for Libra <=Venus> plus 40 for Virgo total 48. Since Mars was found with the Ascendant, it brought grief with respect to the mental/emotional factors. Additionally, 40 for Virgo plus 32 for Sagittarius total 72, two-thirds of which is 48.

Another example: sun, Mercury, Venus in Leo, moon in Virgo, Saturn 272P/ in Libra, Jupiter in Capricorn, Mars in Aries, Ascendant in Cancer, klima 6. From observation I made note of these chronocratizations, and since the nativity was that of an infant, I calculated them as months, not years. At the completion of his eighth month and for part of his ninth, he was subject to convulsions and was almost in danger of dying. The eighth month was indicated by Libra <=Venus>, with Saturn in that sign. Half of the ninth month was indicated by the rising time of Aries, 17, operative until the completion of 8 months, 15 days. Additionally, the rising time of Capricorn was operative to the same effect: one-third of its rising time, 27, is 9; 19 for the sun plus 8 for Venus total 27, one-third of which is 9. There were indications in the other months which were controlled by malefics: he suffered from boils and eczema in (for example) the 15th, the 17th, the 27th and other months, particularly the 27th. The cause was this: when playing with an animal he fell and was injured in the generative organs. The 27th month was indicated by Mars and the moon: 15 for Mars plus 25 for the moon total 40, two-thirds of which is 26 months, 20 days. (I consider Aries and Virgo to be in opposition because <the moon> was moving toward it <opposition>.) Additionally, 15 for Mars plus 25 for the Ascendant in Cancer <=moon> total 40, two-thirds of which is 26 months 20 days. But in that month the rising time of Capricorn, 27, was also operative; 15 for Mars plus 12 for Jupiter total 27; or again 19 for the sun plus 8 for Venus total 27. From this 28th month he lived precariously: the rising time of Libra and the period of Saturn coincided. In his 32nd month he was dangerously ill and was in convulsions: 15 for Mars plus the rising time of Aries, 17 total 32. In his 33rd month he died: the rising time of Cancer equalled this figure. 285K/ Additionally 25 for Cancer <=moon> plus 8 for Libra <=Venus> total 33, as does 25 for the moon plus 8 for Libra. I calculated as if the moon were in Libra with Saturn, which is permissible because of the equal rising times <of Virgo and Libra>.

Another example: sun, Mercury in Libra, moon in Aquarius, Saturn in Pisces, Jupiter in Capricorn, Mars in Aries, Venus in Leo, Ascendant in Cancer, klima 6. The native was rich, but in his 47th year he was exiled, for Saturn was operative at MC, the IX Place, as was the rising time of Pisces: 30 for Saturn plus 17 for Pisces total 47. In addition the fact that the sun and Mercury were in opposition to Mars <was operative>: 15 for Mars, 17 for the rising time of Aries, 19 for the sun, plus 20 for Mercury total 71, two-thirds of which is 47 years, 4 months. In addition the square configuration of Libra and Capricorn <was operative>: 27 for Capricorn plus 20 for Libra total 47. To all appearances, he seemed to be

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protected all around, but he endured reverses and losses because of a woman.

It is absolutely necessary to prove the appended topics: Saturn at MC for night births is indicative of exile <as in the previous nativity>. Mars following MC for day births forecasts the same. If the ruler of MC is in aspect to the right with MC or is operative, then after the exile, there will be recovery and restoration beginning with the chronocratorship indicated by the rising time of the sign or by the cyclical return of the star. The sun operative at night at IC without a houseruler, or the moon at MC, forecasts a precarious nativity. New or quarter moons with Saturn in square, opposition, or conjunction are indicative of exile. Likewise full or first quarter moons with Mars in opposition, square, or conjunction indicate great ruins and disaster, dooms that are far-famed in song and story. If they are in solid signs and degrees, the native is laid low once and for all; if they are in bicornoreal signs, often; if in tropic signs, they defame men far and wide; if they are at the angles, the native goes from the greatest good fortune to the greatest bad fortune; if they follow the angles, they make the native suffer and expect changes, one after the other; if they precede the angles, they involve him in downfall, kidnapping or banditry, violence, tortures, /286K/ and a miserable death. It is hard on a night birth to have the moon (for a day birth, the sun) precede an angle. If the malefics are square with the sun and moon, the native is dragged into large-scale warfare and uprisings, and he is killed.

In general, Saturn opposed to Mars is not good for either a free man or a slave: ill fortune will extend far. When in square or opposition, these stars make toilsome and troubled men. It is best if such configurations of these stars precede the angles, because if they occur at the angles, they bring death to <good> fortune and danger to occupations and to the whole basis <of the nativity>. If they follow the angles, they cause expected good to turn to the worse, they repress enterprises, /274P/ and they make fortunes toilsome and wearisome. If they precede the angles, there are complex but understandable changes regarding livelihood for those who are endowed with such a configuration. If, however, benefics are in aspect with the above-mentioned configuration, the bad will be less or can be alleviated.

The same effects occur when they rule the configurations in the distribution of the chronocratorships. Since most stars—indeed all—seem to be chronocrators, the determination of good or bad results will be made from the transits at any given time, particularly when the chronocrator transits operative places and has some connection with the affairs of the nativity. Then it shows results which can be securely forecasted.

<To show> that nature is astonishing and that nothing happens apart from the will of Fate—yea, even those lost in wars, collapses, fires, shipwrecks, or any other disaster are altogether governed by Fate—I will append a short illustrative example: sun, Mercury in Leo, moon in Libra, Saturn in Aries, Jupiter in Taurus, Mars, Venus in Virgo, Ascendant in Capricorn, klima 2. In his 40th year he had a critical point: 25 for the moon plus 15 for Aries <=Mars> total 40, or 20 for Aries (in opposition <to the moon>) plus 40 for Libra total 60, two-thirds of which is 40. The point was critical by a multiple of two: at the same time I found 28 for Capricorn, the Ascendant, plus 12 for Jupiter trine, for a total of 40; or again 30 for Capricorn <=Saturn>, 22 for Taurus, plus <Venus'> period, 8, for a total of 60, two-thirds of which is 40. /287K/

Another example: sun, Mercury in Aquarius, moon in Scorpio, Saturn in Cancer, Jupiter in Libra, Venus in Virgo, Mars, Ascendant in Virgo, klima 7. In his 35th year he had a critical point: Mars’ period, 15 years, and Virgo’s <=Mercury’s>, 20, were operative for a total of 35. In addition 8 for Venus plus 27, the rising time of Capricorn, total 35. Or again 30 for Saturn, in opposition <to Venus> plus 32;30 for Cancer plus 8 for Venus total 70 years 6 months, one-half of which is 35 years, 3 months. Additionally Jupiter and Saturn shared the chronocratorship, because 42 years 6 months for Libra plus 27 years, 6 months for Cancer totalled 70 years, one-half of which is 35.

Another example: sun, Mars, Venus in Sagittarius, moon in Libra, Saturn in Gemini, Jupiter in Virgo, Ascendant, Mercury in Capricorn, klima 6. At age 361/2 he had a critical point: 27 years 6 months, plus 8 for Venus, total 35 years /275P/ 6 months. Add 19 for the sun (for Gemini), and the total is now 54 years 6 months, two-thirds of which is 36 years 4 months. The benefics also had a share in these matters.

Another example: sun, Mercury, Venus in Cancer, moon in Aries, Jupiter, Ascendant in Gemini, Saturn in Libra, Mars in Leo, klima 1. In his 27th year he had a critical point: 19 for the sun plus 8 for Libra <=Venus> total 27. Additionally 28 years, 4 months for Gemini plus 12 for Jupiter total 40 years 4 months, two-thirds of which is approximately 27. Again 19 for Leo <=sun>, 31 years, 8 months for Cancer, plus 30 for Saturn total 80 years, 8 months, one-third of which is approximately 27.

Another example: sun in Aquarius, moon in Aries, Saturn in Leo, Jupiter in Sagittarius, Mars in Libra, Venus, Mercury in Capricorn, Ascendant in Pisces, klima 6. In his 33rd year he had a critical point: 25 for the moon plus 8 for Libra <=Venus> total 33. 30 for Saturn and 19 for the sun total 49, two-thirds of which is 32 years, 8 months. In addition, the rising time of Sagittarius <MC>, 33, was operative, with
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Jupiter in that sign.

Another example: sun, Mercury, Venus, moon in Taurus, Saturn in Sagittarius, Jupiter in Scorpio, Mars in Leo, Ascendant in Pisces, klima 2. In his 22nd year he had a critical point: 19 for Leo $\langle$sun$\rangle$ plus 25 for the moon total 44, one-half of which is 22. Additionally 36 for Scorpio plus 8 for Taurus $\langle$Venus$\rangle$ total 44, one-half of which is 22.

These six men, while on a voyage with many others, encountered a violent storm and, with the rudder swept away, were in danger of drowning as the ship took on water. But $288K$ because of the direction of the wind and the steersman’s management of the sails, they escaped. They encountered other dangers at that time, particularly a roving pirate ship.

As a result, if—as often happens—many or all of the stars are found to be operative at the given period, it is necessary to determine how each one is configured and which star’s aspect is the more opportune and powerful, the one causing good or the one causing bad; make that one the guidepost of your forecast. Then forecast according to the others which have a weaker effect, acting through hope, postponement, anxiety, and penalties. Often even when the stars should show an obvious effect, they will be weak because another star prevails, being at a powerful place. If the influences derived from their configurations $276P$ and signs are equal, then both bad and good will occur. Now often in regard to chronocratorships, unavoidable and vigorous angle-relationships $\langle$sextile trine square$\rangle$ are found to have a wide-ranging effect, and even when they seem to be leaving the chronocratorship, they again become powerful and $\langle$continue$\rangle$ ruling. As a result, even if another aspect is operative, it will not be vigorous since it is overcome by the previous aspect, particularly when a malefic is influential, being in opposition or in superior aspect.

Let us take an example: sun, Saturn, Mercury in Aries, moon, Jupiter in Leo, Mars in Taurus, Venus in Aquarius, Ascendant in Virgo, klima 1. In his $\langle$16th$\rangle$ year he travelled abroad with a distinguished woman because of her friendship and rank, and for further intimacy and erotic passion: Aquarius $\langle$Venus’ position$\rangle$ indicated 25 years, and if Venus had been operative alone, it would have applied its benefic influence quickly. But as it was, Mars controlled 25 years also, because of the rising time of Taurus, and in addition the period of the moon also brought 25, two-thirds of which is 16 years 8 months. If, after the aforesaid chronocratorship, other aspects of benefics had been in agreement, his hopes would have been realized. But as it was, the same stars were again in power, for in his 18th year the female individual died, and he returned home having failed in his hopes and with little benefit: Jupiter allotted 12 and Mars (in superior aspect to Jupiter) 15 for a total of 27, two-thirds of which is 18. In addition, 19 for Leo $\langle$sun$\rangle$ plus 8 for Taurus $\langle$Venus$\rangle$ total 27, two-thirds of which is 18.

In his 19th year he found profit and success, but had disagreements, mental problems, and enmity with his relatives: Leo (the position of Jupiter and the moon) indicated 19 $\langle$sun$\rangle$. In addition, the sun itself, $289K$ in Aries with Saturn, indicated 19. Alternatively, 30 for Aquarius $\langle$Saturn$\rangle$ plus 8 for Taurus $\langle$Venus$\rangle$ total 38, one-half of which is 19. In his 20th year he travelled abroad because of friendship with a woman and looked forward to greater hopes and profits—but he failed in this too when she died: Mars indicated 15 and the moon 25, for a total of 40, one-half of which is 20. In addition 25 for the rising time of Taurus plus 35 for Leo total 60, one-third of which is 20. And Mercury in Aries with Saturn indicated 20. In his 21st year the same stars were still in control: 19 for Leo $\langle$sun$\rangle$ plus 8 for Taurus $\langle$Venus$\rangle$ plus 15 for Mars total 42, one-half of which is 21. The rising time of Aries, 21 years, 8 months, plus 20 for Mercury total 41 years 8 months, one-half of which is 20 years, 10 months. In his 22nd year the same stars were still in control: 19 for Leo $\langle$sun$\rangle$ plus 25 for Taurus total 44, one-half of which is 22. $277P$ Venus and Mars held the 23rd year: 8 for Venus plus 15 for Mars total 23.

Thus, as often happens, the stars which seem to be configured well, if judged from a broad, overall survey, are really indicative of reversals, since they are counteracted by the power of the chronocrators. For instance: 21 was indicated by 19 for Leo $\langle$sun$\rangle$ plus 12 for Jupiter in Leo, two-thirds of which is 20 years, 8 months. In addition Jupiter and the sun trine indicated the same. Therefore he had friendship with a great, royal personage, from whom he expected the right to wear a wreath and a highpriesthood. Unquestionably this would have come to pass—if Mars had not been operative and in superior aspect. And since Saturn was in the same sign as the stars which were providing the gift $\langle$sun Mercury$\rangle$, investigations, delays, expenses, and jealousy attended him. The obstacle to his elevation was not so much Saturn trine with Jupiter, as it was Mars in superior aspect, from a sign of a different sect. The critical point was characterized by illness, bleeding, obstacles to his elevation, the treachery of slaves, attacks, penalties, poverty. Then later the native became successful: an upward trend developed for the following period, and he was put under the simultaneous influence of benefics and malefics. There will be occupations and great expenditures, or there will be independence resulting from previous activity or from some other source, including the help of friends.
The results come to pass after the completion of the rising times of the signs or the periods of the stars, just as the King himself says about a nativity: “The native, while passing through the current chronocratorship of Venus, will be childless, /290K/ bereft of the necessities of life, and, since he lacks everything, will live like a beggar.” Chronocratorships begin to be active when they come to have full control. At that time they prepare (in good forecasts) friendships, associations, profits, fellow-feeling, rank; in bad forecasts, they prepare afflictions and crises.

An example: sun, Jupiter, Mercury in Libra, moon in Taurus, Saturn in Cancer, Mars in Sagittarius, Venus, Ascendant in Scorpio, klima 2. During his 40th year he was condemned to exile. The 40th year was indicated by the superior aspect of Saturn to Libra: 32 degrees for Cancer plus 8 for Libra <=Venus> /278P/ total 40. Also the opposition of the moon to Venus <was operative>: 25 for Taurus <=moon> plus 15 for Scorpio <=Mars> total 40. Consequently the results were activated through female persons and for the purpose of profit. And again the “contact” of the moon with Mars <was operative>: 25 for the moon plus 15 for Mars total 40.

(As the King says: “Let the moon be in any sign or at an angle, and let the star of Mars be just preceding or just following the moon in the contiguous sign; then the moon has ‘contact’ with it. And so, even if the star is not in the same sign as the moon, but is found in the adjoining sign, or in the sign in square or in opposition, then consider the contact to be solid. Sum up their periods or the rising times of the signs to forecast the chronocratorship”.)

First of all, as we have said before, it is necessary to begin with the overall forecast, then to investigate how the stars are configured, whether these configurations are benefic or bad, in what place they occur, and what this can signify; then investigate the phases of the stars in conjunction or in aspect. Having done this, predict the effects at the allotments. For instance, the aspect of opposition or of square is not always malefic, but is occasionally <benefic>. Just as <this aspect’s> influence is changed in the overall forecast by its place, its aspect, its angle, or the nature of another star, in the same way, its influence in the distribution of chronocrators is changed or is strengthened by the current transits of the stars. It is necessary to pay attention to the transits of the stars, so that these directions may prove to be accurate and to have an easily recognizable force.

/291K/ In order not to seem to be elaborating the same rules over and over, I will append what the King has said about these matters, in his own words.

“Every star, whether situated in its proper place or square to its place, if it is beneficial or harmful to the nativity...at a similar place it is damaging to the chronocratorships of the nativity. If one is helpful, the other harmful, and both are at their proper places or square with those places, the star which brings gain will make the distribution when it comes to the place of the malefic; the other star will take away what it previously distributed, because when either is situated in square, the one becomes the bestower, the others (since it is in aspect with the giver) exhibits a lessening of the damage.”

Again the King says:

“It is necessary to consider how the star which rules the chronocratorship is located relative to the /279P/ character of the nativity, and <it is also necessary> to consider the places of control, accomplishment, and harm. The <place> where the stars happen to be located must be considered not only at the beginning of the chronocratorship, but also in the succeeding period, and the transits of the remaining stars must be taken into account, viz. the transits which aspect or sit with the ruler of the period, with Mercury and the moon factored into the interpretation. For it is possible at the beginning of the period, even though these stars are favorable, that the benefic can be at the Place of Accomplishment or can be making a transit <of the Place> at any given period, and that a malefic can also be in transit. If so, even though the chronocratorship is good, a loss of revenue will occur. Vice-versa, even though the chronocratorship if reversed <=negative>, if a benefic is in the Place of Accomplishment, and if the malefic is operative with respect to the nativity, for as long as the malefic is chronocrator, during that time the period will be full of accomplishment, with the chronocratorship adverse to nothing. The <malefic> however will show itself by the difficulties and repulsions inherent in it. In either case observe the transits of each star /292K/ into the sign which most concerns the nativity.

“Carefully examine the motion of the moon, because whenever it is rising, beheld by Mars or Saturn square to the right of left, one must beware of the transmission—which will be in no way beneficial. If this happens in the chronocratorship of a malefic, e.g. in the chronocratorship of the star of Mars, the native will come into close confinement or be involved with wounds. If the star of Mercury is associated in this chronocratorship, i.e. by being in conjunction with the star of Mars or
by being in one of the signs belonging to the star of Mars, it indicates that the assault or imprisonment will occur because of documents. Saturn in aspect or in conjunction <shows it occurs> because of old matters, ancestral matters or the like, or because of an older person. If the star of Venus is chronocrator, and if the star of Mars happens to be in the houses of the star of Venus, <the attack occurs> because of a female person. If the star of Jupiter is chronocrator and if the star of Mars is in the houses of Jupiter, <it occurs> because of royalty or magnates.

“The native obtains great advancement if the star of Jupiter, while being chronocrator, is at MC or in the Place of Accomplishment with the star of Mars. When Jupiter and Mars are providing the active impulse, it will be necessary to see if the star of Saturn is coming into a transit or /280P/ opposition, with the result that the chronocratorship of occupations becomes contrary. If the star of Mercury is the ruler, and if the star of Jupiter receives the chronocratorship from Mercury, the native will advance in business and will fare well at those times. If <Mercury> is favorably situated at the nativity, the native will engage in greater activities, proportionate to the distinction of the nativity—

“If the places appropriate to the nativity seem invalid, judging from the positions of the stars, and if the chronocrator bestows anything (as we previously said, this is the star which is at the Place of Accomplishment), despite being profitable, it causes the income to be transitory because of the inappropriate asterisms at the nativity. The things which are granted by the asterisms proper to a nativity remain valid if they are appropriately given at a chronocratorship, i.e. if most of the benefic stars are associated with either one, are in the signs which pertain to the nativity, and are in aspect with the star which rules the chronocratorship at the time of the nativity.

“The star /293K/ of Saturn coming into the place brings reversals and the chilling of affairs; if it comes into a place of <several> stars in conjunction and if the star of Mars has the Place of Accomplishment while the star of Saturn has the Place of Employments, it brings mortal danger. In every case the star of Saturn in the Sign of Accomplishment must be considered harmful. <It is also harmful> when in opposition to this Place and to the places of the stars of Mars, Venus, and Mercury, depending on its relationship to any of them. The same is true of the star of Mercury when it is in the places of the moon and in its own signs, while aspected by Mars and Saturn. Likewise for the star of Venus. Every star when suitably located in its signs at the nativity … in the places of the sun and moon, and interwoven in the previously mentioned combined relationships. They reveal a similar type of result when the ruler of the chronocrator shares control with the remaining stars which are associated with it.

“In every case the phases of the moon waxing from new to the quarter must be observed, particularly in the X Sign <=MC> (as was mentioned) and when aspected by malefics. If the stars of Mars and Saturn behold the opposing place at the time of the nativity, with the moon passing through the ruling places … The moon is helpful /281P/ when it is in the place of benefics, if indeed it is discovered to be in the places which are opportune for the nativity.”

O Marcus, I have researched and discovered these matters with much ascetic labor, and I have compiled and published these systems. Consequently, I adjure you by the sun, the moon, and the orbits of the five stars, by Nature, Providence, and the four elements, not to share this too quickly with any unlearned person nor with any chance acquaintance, but to consider my labor, my longing, and my long devotion to and research of these matters. Estimating this work of years to be worth much money, I have left it to you, for money is easily spent and attracts envy and treachery, but my compositions will bring you a livelihood, fame, honor, pleasure, and profit, if you handle them in an orderly, secure manner (as I have described above), not in a controversial or trivial manner. And considering the exertion to be the same as if you yourself had compiled this—but indeed /294K/ you did exert yourself when you received this art and when you were selected, giving a worthy recompense. Share this knowledge with those who are capable of it. In so doing, you will glorify both me and my science, and you will benefit yourself and show yourself to be diligent and a lover of beauty.

May your wishes be fulfilled if you keep your oath. I have finished.

The End of Book VII of the Genethliology to Daphne of Vettius Valens.