



Some brief Rules concerning long and
short sicknesses ; and whether the
Patient is like to live or die.

First of long or short Sickness

1 **A** fixed sign on the Cusp of the sixth, or the Lord of the sixth, or Lord of the Ascendant, or the *Moon* in acute ; or *Sun* in Chronic griefs be in fixed signs afflicted by the malevolent Planets, or by the Lord of the 12, 8, or 4th, argues long and lasting griefs or infirmities ; if adhering to a partile aspect, the grief increases ; if drawing from partile aspect, the grief diminishes : Also fixed signs gives months, and sometimes years before recovery ; common signs gives weeks, and sometimes months, moveable days or weeks before recovery. Now concerning the number of days, weeks, months or years, you must observe how many degrees is wanting before the influence is over, accounting by the moiety of their Orbs, and so many months, weeks, days or years it will be before recovery ; but if the figure shows death, then you must account how many degrees is wanting to make the partile aspect of the principal Significators, and so account so many days, weeks, months or years before the time of death.

2 The principal Significator of the Sick changing his sign, argues a change of the disease, either for life or death.

3 The latter degrees of a sign on the Cusp of the sixth House, or the Significator of the Sick in the latter degrees of a sign argues a sudden change either for life or death.

4 The Lord of the Ascendant, or principal significator of the sick person, being stronger then the afflicting planets shows recovery, in moveable signs the sooner ; but if the afflicting Planets be strong, and the principal Significator of the Sick weak, more especially if the afflicting Planets has relation to the eighth or fourth Houses, it shows death.

5 If the Lord of the Ascendant, or Lord of the sixth, or if the ☽ in acute, or *Sun* in Chronic griefs be afflicted in Azimene degrees, it shows a continued sickness, if not sudden death.

6 If the Lord of the Ascendant, or principal Significator of the sick turn retrograde, it shows a relapse, and the cure goes backward.

7 The Lord of the Ascendant, or principal Significator of the sick strong, swift in motion, with a fortune attending, especially in a moveable sign, shows a speedy recovery.

Lastly, We must heed the nature of the disease, for strong Fevers, Convulsions, Apoplexies, risings in the Throat, with some pestilential infirmities, and such like desperate griefs, will sooner terminate, than such which are usually lasting, as Consumptions, Dropsies, Agues, Gouts, and such like.

Some brief Rules concerning recovery.

First, A fortune, or the ☽ in acute, or ☾ in Chronic griefs strong in the Ascendant, and not afflicted, nor yet being Lord of the sixth, eighth or twelfth Houses, shows recovery.

Secondly, The Lord of the Ascendant strong, and more strong than the afflicting Planets, shows recovery.

Thirdly, The Lord of the Ascendant, or the ☽ in acute, or ☉ in Chronic griefs joined to, or friendly aspect with a fortune, or applying to a fortune, shows recovery.

Fourthly, The ☽ increasing in light, swift in motion, and strong applying to a fortune in acute griefs, shows recovery.

Fifthly, If the Lord of the ascendant dispossess of the afflicting Planet, especially being equal in strength, shows recovery.

Signs of Death.

First, The Lord of the Ascendant weak and afflicted by the malevolent Planets, and no fortune interposing, shows death.

Secondly, The Lord of the ascendant, or the ☽ afflicted in the fourth or eighth, or by the Lord of the eighth, argues death, or if the Lord of the eighth be in the ascendant.

Thirdly, The Lord of the ascendant combust in the ascendant, fourth, sixth, eighth, or twelfth, or in the way called *Via Combusta*, shows death.

Fourthly, If the ☽ in acute, or ☉ in Chronic griefs is afflicted by the infortunes, or by the Lord of the eighth or fourth, no fortune interposing their friendly rays, more especially if the Lord of the ascendant be weak; it shows death.

Fifthly, The ascendant, or Lord of the ascendant, or the ☽ in acute, or the ☾ in Chronic griefs meeting with fixed stars of the nature of the infortunes, no fortune interposing his friendly rays, shows death.

Sixthly, The ☽ applying to combustion in the ascendant, fourth, sixth, eighth, or twelfth houses, or *Via combusta*, shows death.

Seventhly, The ☽ applying from the Lord of the ascendant to the Lord of the eighth, and the Lord of the ascendant weak, shows death.

Eighthly, An eclipse of the ☽ in acute, or of the Sun in Chronic griefs upon a critical day, and the Lord of the ascendant weak, no fortune strong interposing their friendly rays, shows death, generally in all decumbitures, the nearer the afflicting Planets are to the earth, the worst.

*The bodily shape and infirmities attributed
to the Twelve Signs.*

Aries ♈ signifies one of a reasonable stature, dry body, strong limbs, and big bones, but not fat, somewhat long face and neck, complexion somewhat brown, their hair and eyebrows inclining to blackness : the diseases incident to this Sign is Pushes, Whelks, Polypus, or *Noli me tangere*. All diseases which proceed from the head, as Convulsions, dead Palsies, Cramps, Madness, Vertigo, Migraines, Falling Sickness, and such like.

Taurus ♉ signifies one short, but full and well set, full face and eyes, broad forehead, large strong shoulders, full hands, thick lips, and black rugged hair ; under this Sign are all diseases

incident to the throat, as Kings Evil, Quinzies, Fluxes of Rheums falling from the head into the throat, Impostumes and Wens in the neck.

Gemini ♊ those persons usually who are under the dominion of this Sign, are tall and straight of body, with long arms, of a dark sanguine complexion, and blackish hair, their body strong and active ; under this Sign are all diseases in the arms, hands and shoulders, with windiness in the veins, corrupted blood, sometimes it produces distempered fancies.

Cancer ♋ signifies one of a low and small stature, bigger made from the middle upwards than downwards, face big and round, of a whitish pale complexion, sad brown hair, one apt to be sickly ; under this Sign are all imperfections of the breast and stomach, as Cancers, Ptsick, Salt flegm, rotten Coughs, weak digestion, cold stomach, dropsical humors, and Impostumations.

Leo ♌ signifies one of a large fair stature, full and fleshy, narrow sides, and broad shoulders, full and great eyes, sometimes goggle-eyed, yellow or dark flaxen hair, sometimes curling, of a sanguine or ruddy complexion ; under this Sign are all tremblings or passions of the heart, violent burning Fevers, pains either at the heart or back, sore eyes, Plague, Pestilence, and Yellow Jaundies.

Virgo ♍ signifies one of a mean stature, but well composed, a brown ruddy complexion, black hair, shrill and small voice, well favoured, but not very beautiful : The diseases which are incident to this sign, are all such which belong to the belly, as obstructions in the bowels, and miseraicks, worms, wind, Colic, Spleen, Hypochondriac Melancholy, and such like.

Libra ♎ personates one of a well framed body, straight and tall, a round and beautiful visage, a pure sanguine complexion but not very high coloured, the hair yellowish or sandy-brown, and somewhat smooth ; under this Sign are all diseases of the reins and kidneys, also all diseases proceeding from wind, and corruption of blood.

Scorpio ♏ signifies one of a middle stature, strong, full, and well set, somewhat broad-faced, of a muddy or darkish complexion, sad or black hair, bow-legged, short-necked, and somewhat hairy : The diseases incident to this Sign, are Ulcers, Inflammations, Gravel or Stone in the Bladder, all imperfections and difficulties of Urine, Ruptures, Hemorrhoids, the French Pox, and Running of the Reins, Priapism, and all diseases which infect the Privies both of men and women.

Sagitary ♐ signifies one of a fair stature, and strong body, long face, but full and fleshy, complexion sanguine or ruddy, the hair a kind of Chestnut colour ; the diseases which are under this Sign are fevers, and such infirmities which are occasioned through heat of blood : The Sciatica, and all pains in the Hips and Thighs, falls from horses, and hurts by four-footed beasts.

Capricorn ♑ signifies one rather short than tall, narrow, long face, thin beard, black hair, narrow breast, small neck, complexion swarthy ; under this Sign are all diseases in the Knees and Hams, Leprosies, Itch and Scabs, all diseases of melancholy, all scurrilous tumors, sprains, fractures and dislocations.

Aquary ♒ represents one of a thick square corporature, strong and well composed, not very tall, visage long, complexion fair and clear, hair sandy-coloured, but if ♄ be in this House at the birth, then black hair, and the complexion will be more sanguine, with distorted teeth ; under this Sign are all diseases

incident to the legs and ankles, and all melancholy winds coagulated in the veins and blood ; also Cramps.

Pisces ♋ represents one of a short stature, not decent, but rather ill composed, a large face, complexion pale, the body fleshy or swelling, and somewhat incurvating with the head ; the diseases subject to this sign are all lameness, and aches incident to the feet, and all diseases coming of salt phlegm, and mixed humors, all blood putrefied, as Scabs, Itch and Botches, or breakings out about the body, Small Pox and Measles ; also all cold and moist diseases, and such which come of catching cold and wet at the feet.

The bodily shape, with the parts and members of the body and diseases which the Planets generally rule

♄ *Saturn* represents one of a middle stature, broad and large shoulders, sometimes crooked, his thighs lean, his feet and knees indecent, many times hitting or shovelling one against the other, broad forehead, eyes little, complexion muddy or swarthy, looking downward, thick lips and nose, thin beard, black hair : Diseases and sicknesses subject to this Planet are Quartan Agues, and diseases proceeding from cold, dry, and melancholy distempers ; the retentive faculties, all impediments in the right ear, and teeth, also Rheums, Consumptions, Black Jaundies, Palsies, tremblings, and vain fears, Dropsies, the hand and feet Gout, the Spleen and bones.

♃ *Jupiter* signifies one of an upright and tall stature, a large deep belly, thighs and legs strong proportioned, his feet long, face oval, full and fleshy, complexion brown, ruddy, and lovely high forehead, his hair soft, and a kind of a brown, much beard, his speech sober : The diseases under this Planet are Pleurisies, and all infirmities in the liver, lungs, ribs, sides, veins,

blood ; the digestive faculty, Cramps, pain in the back-bone, Squinzies, windiness, and putrefaction in the blood, Fevers proceeding from wind, and ill blood.

♂ *Mars* signifies one of a middle stature, body strong, big bones, not fat visage, round complexion, ruddy, the hair between red and sandy brown, criping or curling, hazel eyes, a bold confident man or woman, and fearless : The sicknesses incident to this Planet are tertain Fevers, and pestilent burning Fevers, the Plague, Bloody Flux, Small Pox, all diseases of cholera, the Shingles, Gall, and left ear phrensies, and sudden distempers in the head, Carbuncles, Fistulas, all fears and hurts by iron.

☉ *Sun* Those who are under the Sun are of a strong large corporature, and well composed body, fat and fleshy, of a yellow saffron ruddy complexion, goggle or large eyes, hair yellowish : The sicknesses under this Planet are all diseases of the heart and brain, palpitations, tremblings, sudden swooundings, Catarrhs, the Nerves and Arteries, the right eye of men, the left eye of women, and vital spirit of both ; all infirmities of the eyes, and diseases of the mouth, rotten Fevers, and stinking breaths.

♀ *Venus* signifies one somewhat short, but full and well set, fat and fleshy face, round complexion, dark, but lovely light brown hair, and smooth, a rowling eye, and full of amorous enticements, a body well shaped, and delightful : Sicknesses under this Planet, are all diseases of the Matrix, and members of Generation, Running of the Reins, French Pox, also griefs of the Belly, Back, and Navel, any disease arising by inordinate lust, Priapism, Diabetes, or pissing disease, Hernias, and impotency in the act of Generation, the throat, women's breasts, and the milk in them.

☿ *Mercury* denotes one tall of stature, spare body, long arms and hands, long face and nose, thin lips, little hair on his

chin, but pretty store on his head, inclining to blackness, an olive or sallow complexion, eyes between black and grey, oft times much partaking of the Planet he is joined withal : Sicknesses under this Planet, are all diseases of the brain, as Madness, Vertigoes, Lethargies, or giddiness in the head, Ptisick, stammering, memory, dry coughs, snuffling in the head or nose, dumbness, all evils in the fancy, or intellectual parts, and tongue, the Nerves, the defects of the Uvula, or Gargareon.

☾ *Moon* The Moon generally represents one of a fair stature, phlegmatic, full, fat, and fleshy round face, complexion white, lowring looks, hair light brown, grey eyes : Sicknesses and diseases are Apoplexies, Palsy, Colic, Bellyache, the Menstrues in women, Dropsies, Fluxes of the Belly, all cold Rheumatic diseases, and cold Stomach, Surfeits, rotten Coughs, Convulsions, Falling-Sickness, Kings Evil, Apostems, Small Pox and Measles, the Colic, Bladder, and Members of Generation.

Concerning what effects the Moon works in any of the twelve Signs upon the Body of the Sick, she being afflicted by the Conjunction, Square, or opposition Aspects of Mars at the decumbiture.

Note, that the Sun afflicting the Moon, works near the same effects, only the ☉ strikes more upon the Heart and Vital Spirits.

The ☾ Moon in ♈ Aries of ♂ Mars afflicted or oppressed.

If at the time of Decumbiture the Moon be in ♈ Aries of ♂ or ☉ oppressed either by ♂ ☐ or ☿, then the Sick shall be tormented with continual Fevers, with little or no rest or quietness, a continued extreme thirst, and dryness of the tongue and breast, an inflammation of the Liver, tending to a Phrensie, high and inordinate Pulses, sometimes a deprivation of senses, and the Patient ready to run mad, or has some extreme pain or grief in their belly, or small guts, occasioned by choleric obstructions : The original cause of this disease shall proceed from a distempered affection of the Membranes, or pellets of the brain, and excess of choleric matter. If Venus be stronger then Mars, then cooling remedies will be suitable ; however 'twill be necessary to let blood. Concerning the way how to cure each distemper, is set down elsewhere in this book.

The Moon in ♉ Taurus of Mars afflicted.

Those that take their bed under such configuration, as aforesaid, shall be afflicted with a continued Fever, the whole frame of the body obstructed, with an inflammation of the

Throat, Neck, and hinder part thereof, and ache of the bones ; also insomnia, or inordinate watching, very thirsty, longing after cooling things : Oft time the sick will be afflicted with the Strangury, or Stone, with Gravel in the Reins and Kidneys, pestilent sore throats, or hoarseness, or some ill matter settled there : The cause is from much ill blood, cholera, and sweet flegm.

The Moon in Gemini of Mars oppressed.

Those who take their bed under this configuration, shall be afflicted with a violent burning Fever, and with obstructions, their blood extreme windy and corrupted, some great pains or lameness in their arms or Joints, the pulses long and inordinate ; oft-times the Patient is troubled with the Stone or heat in the Reins, and sometimes spitting of blood : The cause of this distemper usually is from ingurgitation, or too much drinking of strong Wine or Beer, and some choleric matter.

The Moon in Cancer of Mars oppressed.

Those that take their bed when the ☿ is in *Cancer of Mars* afflicted, the sick will be troubled with much phlegm, and ill matter settled at their Breast and Stomach ; also with eversion, and turning of the Ventricle, oft-times desiring to vomit, with some defect in the blood : This disease comes from surfeiting, or too much ingurgitation, and oft-times turns to a looseness, or a rotten Cough, and sometimes spitting blood.

The Moon in Leo of Mars oppressed.

Those who take their bed when the Moon is in *Leo of Mars* afflicted, shall be subject to a strong Fever, with a disturbed brain, and strong raging fits ; also they will be subject

to much drowsiness and heaviness all over their body ; also the heart oppressed with faintness and swoounding fits, and the party almost raging mad, with little or no appetite : The cause of this distemper is from excess of choler, and blood abounding, over-heated.

The Moon in Virgo of Mars oppressed.

Those who take their bed under this configuration, shall be subject to a Flux in the belly, small Fevers, the Pulse remiss, aversion of the Ventricle, also tormented with wind in the Belly or Guts, and Cholic, bad stomach many times, weakness or pains in the legs near the ankles ; the cause from original choler, melancholy, and sharp fretting humors.

The Moon in Libra of Mars oppressed.

Those who take their bed, the Moon being in ♎ of ♂ oppressed, will be subject to an inflammation all over the body, also Feverish, unapt to sleep, their Pulses high, troubled with wind and plenitude of blood, many times they have the stone or gravel in the kidneys or great heat therein : The cause is from surfeiting or disorder in diet, also plenitude of blood.

The Moon in Scorpio of Mars oppressed.

Those who take their bed, the Moon being in Scorpio of Mars oppressed, argues that the sick is afflicted, or has some grievous infirmity in their privy parts. If children or Young-people, then it argues the small-pox or measles. Also it shows (more especially in times of pestilential diseases) the pestilence, or some poisonous or pestilential grief : many times it causes boils or scabiness to break forth. The cause is from blood extremely corrupted, or from some infectious and poisonous

grief, accidentally taken into the body by smell or taste.

The Moon in Sagitary of Mars oppressed.

Those, who take their bed the *Moon* being in *Sagitary* of *Mars* oppressed shall be tormented with high fevers, and choleric passions, with the flux or lask, the pulses few and faint, the sick burns extremely many times, it shows the hand and foot gout with breaking out, and sore throats, sometimes sharp rheums offend their eyes. The cause is from surfeiting or gluttony, or too much repletion. Also from inordinate exercise, and blood over-heated.

The Moon in Capricorn of Mars oppressed.

Those who take their bed, the *Moon* being in *Capricorn* of *Mars* oppressed, shall be troubled with excess of choler, and with great desire to vomit, no perfect concoction, and oft returning fevers, a puffing up the sinews, and a flux of the belly immediately follows an inflammation of the breast ; some exulceration in a Choleric humour offends the party in his hands or joints of his fingers, also the sick is inclining to the yellow jaundies. Their blood all over the body disaffected. The cause is from choler, and evil digestion, and blood corrupted.

The Moon in Aquary of Mars oppressed.

Those who take their bed the *Moon* being in *Aquary* of *Mars* oppressed, are troubled with swooning fits, and pained at the heart, and are very feverish, pulses are high, and the blood swelling in all their veins, oft-times complaining of great pain in their breast, drawing their wind with great difficulty. The cause is from most sharp and violent affections or vehement passions.

The Moon in Pisces of Mars oppressed.

Those who take their bed when the *Moon* is in *Pisces* of *Mars* afflicted shall be tormented with sharp burning fevers and vehement thirst, and usually oppressed with a violent looseness, complaining of great pain in their bellies, or an extraordinary rotten cough, also a deflux of rheum falling from the head to the throat, they being near suffocated therewith, their bellies swollen and in danger of a dropsy, oft-times they are troubled with itching and a salt humor in the blood. The cause of the distemper is from too much ingurgitation, and drinking of wine and strong drinks, and the body abounding with choler, and salt phlegm, and blood corrupted occasioned by disorder.

Concerning what effects the MOON works in any of the twelve Signs, upon the body of the Sick, She being afflicted by the Conjunction, Square or Opposition of Saturn at the time of decumbiture.

Note, That Mercury afflicting the MOON works the same effects only he strikes somewhat more upon the brain and nerves.

The Moon in Aries of Saturn or Mercury oppressed.

THose who take their bed, the *Moon* being in *Aries* of *Saturn* or *Mercury* oppressed, shall be troubled with headache, and a distillation of Rheums falling from the head into the throat and wind pipe, also a stuffing in the head, with dullness of the eyes, inordinate drowsiness, and dullness of mind, and bad stomach, intemperate sweats, being hot within and cold without, more afflicted in the night than by day. The occasion