

Liber II Chapter 11

PART II.

*What diseases distinctly are under every signe of the Zodiack.*

1. Under ARIES are all pushes, whelks, and pimples, freckles and Sun-burning in the face; the small Pox and Measles, Polypus, or NOLI ME TANGERE; all diseases in the Head, as the Head-ach of all- sorts, Vertigo, Frenzy, Lethargy, Forgetfulness, Catalepsie, Apoplexy, dead-Palsy, Coma, Falling-sickness, Convulsions, Cramps, Madness, Melancholy, Trembling.
2. Under TAURUS are all diseases incident to the Throat, as Kings evil, Quinsie, sore-Throat, Wens in the neck, Flux or rheum in the Throat.
3. Diseases under GEMINI are all such as are incident to the hands, arms and shoulders, whether they come really, or by accident, as fractures, dislocations, and such as come by blood-letting, corruption of the blood, windinesse in the blood, and indeed I have often found by experience, than GEMINI signifieth wind in the blood more than any other sign. I have now done with GEMINI, after I have told you my own opinion, which is, that the upper part of the shoulders, namely, that with which we carry burdens, is under TAURUS, which is the Embleme of labour; and net under GEMINI, as the common received opinion is.
4. Under CANCER are all Imperfections of the breast, stomach, Or liver whatsoever, as also whatsoever are incident to the breasts of women, as Cancer's there, and that inflammation which women commonly call the Ague in the breast; plurisies, want of appetite to victuals, want of digestion of victuals, coldness and over-heat of the stomach, dropsies, coughs; you may finde out the rest yourselves; the rule is as plain as the nose in a man's face.
5. Under LEO are all passions of the heart, as convulsions, saith my Author.

But if I may make so bold as to digress a little, I shall tell you, and prove it too when I am done, that convulsions are not a disease of the heart, but of the brain.

The truth is, it is one of old ARISTOTLE's opinions, which crept into this noddle, as he was marring PLATO'S Philosophy; the Nerves have their original from the brain; convulsion is a plucking or twitching of the Nerves, Ergo, it is a disease of the brain, not of the heart.

But to return to my purpose, under all diseases the heart or back is subject to, as qualms and passions, palpitation and trembling of the heart, violent burning Feavers, sore eyes, the yellow jaundice, and all diseases of choler, and such diseases come of adjuſtion of blood, as the Peſtilence; and I am afraid LONDON will find this too true ſo ſoon as SATURN comes into LEO. I pray God mitigate this evil influence toward them at that time.

6. Under VIRGO are all diſeaſes incident to the bowels, the meſeraick veins, the Omentum, the diaphragm, ſpleen. Take a few inſtances in this particular; worms, winde in the guts, obſtructions, the cholick and Iliak paſſions, hardneſs of the Spleen, Hypochondriack melancholy.

7. Under LIBRA are diſeaſes of the reins or kidneys, which you pleaſe, for the ſignifications of the words are the ſame; heat of the reins in women, which ſometimes cauſeth death in travail, many times abortion, always hard labour, the ſtone or gravel in the reins. And now let me teach you a little; if MARS be ſignificator of the diſeaſe, and in VIRGO, it is the wind-cholick, without appearance either of gravel or ſtone.

Have a care of your Patient, leſt it turn to gravel in the kidneys when he comes into LIBRA, and to the ſtone of the bladder when he comes into SCORPION.

By your own ingenuity, if you have had any, you may by this example find out twenty more like it.

Laſtly, under LIBRA are all diſeaſes coming of wind and corruptions of blood.

8. Under the SCORPION are gravel and ſtone in the bladder, inflammations and ulcers there; all

difficulties of urine whatsoever; all imperfections of the urine, ruptures, fistulas, haemorrhoids, the french pox, running of the reins, prispisnis; all diseases that infect the privities of men or women.

All diseases of the womb, of which more in my Guide for women, already in print.

9. Under SAGITTARIUS are all diseases in the thighs and hips, as the Sciatica, &c. fistulas in those places, heat of blood, pestilential feavers; and take this for a general rule, that LEO and SAGITTARIUS signifie falls from horses, and hurts by four-footed beasts, they being both of them signs of horsemanship; besides SAGITTARIUS prejudith the body by choier, heat, fire, and intemperance in sports.

10. Under CAPRICORN are all diseases in the knees and hams; as paines, sprains, fractures, and dislocations: leprosies, itch, scabs, all diseases of melancholy, and all rumours called Schirrus.

11. Under AQUARIUS are all diseases incident to the legs and ankles; all melancholy coagulated in the blood, cramps; and the truth is, thickness of blood most usually proceeds from this sign. Ask old SATURN, and he will tell you the reason. By this the ingenuous have a plain way to find out more; and by this Dr. Experience got materials to work with.

12. Under PISCES is all lameness, aches and diseases incident to the feet; as Gouts, Kibes, Child-blains, &c. All diseases coming of salt flegm, mixt humours, scabs, itch, botches, and breaking out about the body, the small pox and measles; all cold and moist diseases, and such as come by catching wet and cold at the feet.

And if you will be pleased but to consider the affinity PISCES holds with ARIES, you will soon see a reason why wet taken at the feet strikes so speedily up to the head.

As for Houses of the Heavens, they have the same significations with the signs; the first House with ARIES, the second with TAURUS, and so Analogically till you come to

the twelfth House, which hath the same signification that PISCES hath.

I have now done with this Part; only be pleased to notice that the fiery signes stir up diseases of cholera, airy signes diseases of flegm, signs of double bodies diseases of mixt humours.

And thus much for this part, the pains of which have been mine, the benefit shall be yours, if you will but turn idleness out of doors, and place ingenuity in his room.

PART 111.

*The Particular Parts and Members of the body which the Planets generally rule.*

Herein I must either a little be critical, or else part from my loving friend Dr. Reason; I am loth to do the latter, and therefore must make bold with the former.

1. SATURNE, say Authors, rules in the body of man the spleen, and there he keeps his Court: The right Ear, the Bladder, the Bones, the Teeth, the retentive faculties throughout the body, which, what it is, be pleased to see my short Treatise of Human Vertues, in the latter end of my Ephemerides for Anno 1651, where you shall find not only what it is, but also what it is good for.

Against all this I except but against only one, which is the Bladder, for that is under the dominion of the Moon.

2. They say JUPITER rules the lungs, ribs, sides, liver, veins, blood, the digestive faculty, the natural-vertue of man which he rules, as Lawyers call it, TOTO ET IN SOLIDO.

Besides, Authors say he rules the arteries and seed; but how can they bring it about, I know not, nor I think themselves neither: why should JUPITER rule the arteries, when the Sun rules the heart ?

He that can give reason, ERIT MINI MAGNUS APPOLLO; and as little reason can be given, and that's little enough, why JUPITER should rule the seed, which is dame VENUS her fee-simple; surely the Planets will not rob one another, though men do; howsoever JUPITER seems to keep his

court in the liver; and if you are minded to strengthen his operations in your bodies, begin there.

3. MARS rules in the body of men the gall, the Reins, the Veins, the Secrets, the left Ear; thus Authors; And there is but two true words in it, which is the gall and the left Ear. The truth is, he rules the apprehension, and that's the reason that cholerick men are so quick-witted.

Yes, a man of mean apprehension, when he is angry, will make a quicker apprehension in things satisfying his fury, then a man of quicker apprehension hath when he is pleased. Anger summons up all the powers of the body and mind to revenge wrong, though it be but imaginary. And then again, MARS rules that faculty which incites men to valour; he makes a man a Soldier every inch of him; he fortifies the smell, and that's the reason why Martial creatures have so good smell, as dogs, &c.

But very little reason, or none at all, unlesse you will make a reason of Tradition, who derives his degree rather from Dr. Corruption, then Doctor Reason, why MARS should rule the veins, seeing JUPITER rules the liver: If JUPITER rule the fountain, small he be deni'd the streams ? and then the Reins and Secrets are under VENUS, and that's apparent without any more dispute of the story.

4. VENUS rules the womb, testicles, yard and all the instruments of generation, the reins or the kidneys, the throat, womens breasts, and milk, contained within them, the seed and liver.

But by my Author's favour, I can give no other reason why VENUS should rule the Liver, unlesse I should give this for a reason, because JUPITER stole the seed from her before; she to quit scores with him, steales away the liver from him.

Under the Dominion of MERCURY is the Brain, especially the rational part of it, the imagination, the tongue, hands and feet, the motional part of man. And that's the reason MERCURIALISTS (if MERCURY be strong) are so swift in motions, so fluent of speech.

He gives a quick apprehension, a strong imagination, and conceited; he makes a good Penman, and stirs up that faculty in man which causeth a thirst after knowledge; he is very fickle in his disposition, and that's that makes men so fickle-headed.

If SATURNE vouchsafe him a friendly look, ire is very constant; otherwise, if you look upon a Weather-cock, you may safely draw his picture, and no disparagement to his person either.

6. The SUN governs (if you will believe Authors) the brain and nerves, the heart and arteries, the sight, the eyes, the right eye of a man, the left eye of a woman' Against these I except, against the brain and nerves, the bulk of which is under the Moon.

Their operation is under MERCURY; now then if MERCURY afflict the brain, the failing is in the operation. If the Moon, in the bulk or body of the brain or nerves, he that is a Physician knows what the operations of Nature are: and then he knows what I say is truth, and the foundation of it built upon a Rock. He will esteem it as a Jewel.

It is the property of a fool to carp at what he cannot imitate.

7. Under the MOON is the bulk of the brain, the stomach, the bowels, the bladder, the taste, the left eye of a man, the right eye of a woman; a team of horses cannot draw me to believe that the MOON rules the taste.

If you please to peruse my Treatise of humane virtues, at the latter end of my Ephemeris for ANNO 1651. I think that you shall finde there that JUPITER. rules it: And my reason for it may there be found. Besides I have something from Dr. Experience for it, my own taste being exceeding good, and yet the MOON exceeding weak in my Genesis;

Being in a Cadent house and in Gemini, a sign which in my opinion more afflicts the MOON then CAPRICORNE.

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I confess Mr. LILLY affirms GEMINI to be a most noble signe, but I dare scarce believe him. ARIES is the most principal of all the signes; GEMINI is cadent from ARIES. ERGO, &c. But not now to enter into a contest with that famous man, to whom this Nation is so much beholding. Be pleased to take notice, that the twelfth house is more inimical to the ascendant then the seventh; which if so, then is the MOON more afflicted in GEMINI then in CAPRICORNE.

PART IV.

*The particular parts of the body, under the severall signes of the Zodiac, and the houses in the heavens in a Celestial Scheme.*

1. Under ARIES is the head, and whatever belongs to it, as its bones, the face, brain, hair, beard, eyes, nose, tongue, &c. whatsoever in man is above the first Vertebra of the neck.
2. Under Taurus is the neck, throat, the Vertebrae of the neck, which are in number seven. The chanel-bone, the shoulder blade, accoring to my opinion. Also TAURUS hath again signification in the voice; for he will roar like a Bull.
3. Under GEMINI are the shoulders, shoulder-bones, arms, hands, fingers, together with their bag and baggage.
4. Under CANCER is the breast, ribs, lungs, pleura, the ventricle of the stoniack, womens breasts, the Liver, spleen, &c. and yet Dr. Reason told me the other night that the spleen was under VIRGO.
5. Under LEO is the heart, the back, and the Vertebrae of the breast, which are in number twelve; the Pericardium; some Authors say, the stomack is under LEO, but I can scarce believe it: I am perswaded the appetite is under LEO, and that's the reason such as have that signe ascending in their Genesis are such greedy eaters.

You that are Astrologers, and have the Nativity of such persons in your hands, you know my words are truth.