

Liber Sextus

I

[THE HOUSES]

1. The work we are engaged in, my dear Mavortius, has had much to say about combinations of planets. We have emphasized that there is nothing more important in the principles of astrology or in the actual forecasts than the effects of a mixture of influences. We have especially noted that the first angles have one kind of effect, the second another.

2. The first angles are the ascendant and *Medium Caelum*, the second the descendant and *Imum Caelum*. From those four angles with their various significance the whole essence of the forecast is known. All the planets, according to the power of their own nature, predict differently when located on the first or the second angles.

3. Also the fifth and eleventh houses, that is, the house of Bona Fortuna and the Bonus Daemon, do not join in any aspect with the dejected houses, but associate themselves favorably with the ascendant. But a special kind of relationship—a third kind of influence—joins the third and ninth houses to the ascendant.

4. The second and eighth houses have no connection with the ascendant; the sixth and the twelfth houses are dejected and have no relationship to the ascendant.

5. As we explained before, the power of the planets varies with the difference in the houses. In the third book we set forth in detail what is predicted by the individual planets located in each house.

6. You should pray in every possible way that the chart you are working on should not have planets either malefic or benefic in the sixth or twelfth houses; or in the second or eighth. For these houses are always filled with hostile influences from all planets.

7. If a benefic planet occupies these houses it loses its salutary power;

if a malefic, its injurious influence is increased. In general, malefic planets in these houses together with the Moon indicate misfortunes without remedy; benefic planets enclosed in these debilitated houses lose their protective influence.

8. The predictions are changed by the condition of the planets—whether nocturnal or diurnal, as well as by the varying effects of the aspects—trine, square, and opposition.

9. From these combinations the whole power of the forecast is discovered. The planets oppose each other according to their nature and their condition and thus make up with their variety the fates of men.

10. Now I shall explain to you, my dear Mavortius, the effects of these combinations, so that I may set forth for you the full doctrine of the divine wisdom. But first I shall say a few things about the regal power of the bright stars.

II

[BRIGHT STARS]

1. In all the signs we find bright stars shining with awesome majesty, but regal ones in four—in Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius, and Taurus. I shall briefly show in what degrees of the planets you will find this awesome brilliance.

2. The fifth degree of Leo has a splendidly glowing star. If the waxing Moon is found in this star, if it is exactly on the ascendant or on the MC, this indicates the highest royal or imperial power.

3. The 20th degree of Aquarius is similarly adorned with majestic brilliance. If the full Moon rises in this star and holds one of the first angles, royal or imperial power is indicated in the same way. The 15th degree of Taurus and the 27th and the 30th also have a bright star, and the Moon in this star, if also on one of the first angles, indicates high position and power.

4. The Moon in the 27th degree of Taurus also predicts high position. She makes the natives maintain great peoples with their power. They donate whatever is demanded of them, such as magnificent temples, and gain great honor from these gifts.

5. The 30th degree of Taurus is also marked with divine splendor; if the Moon is found in this degree she predicts great power. If she is at the same time on the first angles, she indicates leadership, imperial or regal power, especially if she is waxing and Jupiter is in favorable aspect.

6. For then the natives by their own efforts gain domination over land and sea and lead armies successfully. The same is true of the seventh degree of Scorpio.

7. But the Moon in the seventh degree of Scorpio indicates together with high position fierce cruelty and capacity for inspiring immoderate terror. The one who has the Moon in this location will proceed against all

men with unbridled greed.

8. We have collected these few facts for you from our book on *Myriogenesis*, but now we must return to the work in hand. We must explain, as we promised, the combination of the planets. I shall have something to say in the last book about the bright stars in all the signs and their meaning.

III

[SATURN IN TRINE]

1. If all the planets, whether benefic or malefic, were in trine to each other, their predictions would be improved by that location. The evil of the malefic would be lessened and the helpful benefits of the good ones would be strengthened.

2. Thus, if Saturn is in trine to Jupiter and both are in signs in which they rejoice, avoiding debilitated houses; or if one of them in his own house aspects the other in trine; or they both are in aspect to the ascendant, this indicates infinite riches and great good fortune, especially if one of the two is also in aspect to the waxing Moon.

3. For then Saturn bestows endless wealth and dominion over large possessions, fertile fields, pastures, and forest. The native will attain great merit from building temples or shrines or earn high position as manager of the privy purse or of sacred treasuries.

4. The natives will be immensely superior to their fathers in position. According to the quality of the chart some will hold high government office, others will receive large inheritance, still others will win profit from foreign investments. In all cases, however, they will be attached with uncorrupted loyalty to great and powerful men.

5. But if, with Saturn and Jupiter in trine as we said, Mercury is in favorable aspect, the native will be involved in obscure religious rites or will carry on the business of kings or important states. Often they will head a famous legation.

6. But these men are worn out by excessive misfortunes concerning their children; they lose sons and are forced to raise the offspring of others; or after a time they receive back their children, brought up by others. This is the case only if the chart is diurnal without influence of Mars.

7. If Mars is in threatening aspect, or if it is a nocturnal chart, all the good predictions we have made are lessened. Mars indicates reverses and accusation from hidden hostility, so that whatever was good in the prediction is attacked by hostile influence.

8. If Saturn and Mars are in trine aspect to each other, in favorable houses, in signs or degrees in which they rejoice or are exalted, and also Jupiter and Mercury are in aspect, the natives will make great profit and have their activities turn out successfully.

9. They attain high position through their own efforts, become famous and honored, ruling great states. But they always suffer the death of elder brothers.

10. If Saturn is in trine to the Sun and both are in favorable houses in a diurnal chart, the natives will receive constant promotions and great fame. The parents also will attain a similar increase in honors, especially if Saturn and the Sun are in masculine signs. But if the chart is nocturnal, the parents' inheritance will be wasted and the natives will help them from their own resources.

11. Saturn in trine to Venus with both in favorable houses makes the natives' lives outstanding for moderation and mercy; they are known for good and modest behavior, removed from all unchastity, to the extent that their reputation arouses ill-will on the part of inferiors. But they marry late in life.

12. Those who have Saturn in trine to Mercury with both in favorable houses will be intelligent and talented, addicted to all kinds of learning, serious in character in early life. Their point of view is always supported by vigorous arguments. They will be in charge of public accounts or the privy purse and make a large income from these occupations. But we must remember that only the planet of Mercury rejoices in the twelfth house.

13. Those who have Saturn in trine to the full Moon with both in favorable houses will be close to kings, emperors, or powerful men and will gain fame from that connection. If the Moon is waning the good fortune is lessened. But we must also remember in the case of the Moon that she is favorable if found alone in the eighth house in a nocturnal chart, especially if she is full and in signs or terms in which she rejoices. For then she indicates, because of the power of that house, high position, large income, honors, and a position of rule. Located by day in this house she indicates the same, if Jupiter is in the eleventh house.

IV

[JUPITER IN TRINE]

1. If Jupiter is in trine to Mars and both are in favorable houses and unafflicted, they indicate high imperial position, successful activities, the highest government office, and honors conferred by royal command.

2. High position, riches, and fame are also indicated by Jupiter in trine to the Sun if both are in favorable houses. The natives will also win great joy from successes of children.

3. Jupiter and Venus in trine in favorable houses indicate great personal charm and pleasing appearance. The natives will always have loving relationships with their friends and their wives. They receive

promotions and increases in income through the protection of their wives.

4. Jupiter and Mercury in trine in favorable houses will make the natives clever and talented, supported by keen intelligence, able to bring all their activities to a successful conclusion.

5. Through their own merits they will be promoted over all others to positions of power and magnificence; in all their activities they will be praised and admired. They will be scribes or managers of public records or of the privy purse. Some will know the secrets of the stars.

6. Those who have Jupiter and the full Moon in trine in favorable houses will be famous and ennobled, of good reputation, but all this in proportion to the quality of the chart. Some will have high administrative posts, others will lead armies; still others will rule provinces. But all will be known for upright and incorruptible judgment.

V

[MARS IN TRINE]

1. Mars and the Sun in trine in favorable houses indicate the highest position and power, especially if it is a nocturnal chart and the Sun is located on the right side (i.e., in the direction of the diurnal movement of the heavens) of Mars.

2. But if Jupiter is in trine from another side and is located on one of the first angles, and the influence of the Moon is from a favorable house, then they indicate infinite power and position, either high government or military posts. This effect will be stronger if Mars, the Sun, and Jupiter are in masculine signs.

3. Mars and Venus in trine aspect and both in favorable houses indicate daily profit as a result of constant effort; also a prosperous marriage. The natives will have a good reputation, will be proud of their high position, and will have many marriages.

4. Those who have Mars and Mercury in trine with both in favorable houses will be intelligent and able to talk themselves out of all involvements. All their activities turn out well and they are always able to smooth away difficulties by good advice. They will cleverly and successfully carry on the work of record-keeping or literary duties.

5. Mars with the Moon in trine aspect and both in favorable houses, if the Moon is waning and if it is a nocturnal chart, indicates all good fortune and prosperous outcomes to all activities. The natives easily gain all they desire.

6. If aspect of Jupiter is added, the highest position, glory, and great power are indicated. But if the Moon is full the body is weakened with continual illness.

VI**[THE MOON AND SUN IN TRINE]**

1. If the Moon and the Sun are in trine aspect and both in favorable houses, free of all debility, they indicate the rewards of good fortune if they have another benefic planet in favorable aspect and the Moon is waxing.

VII**[THE MOON AND VENUS IN TRINE]**

1. The Moon and Venus in trine aspect with both in favorable houses, if the Moon is waning and in a nocturnal chart, indicate the greatest good fortune, glory, and great deeds. With this aspect maternal affection increases toward children, chaste fidelity preserves marriages unspoiled, and brothers cherish brothers. The forecast is for charm and physical beauty, happiness, fame, and power.

VIII**[THE MOON AND MERCURY IN TRINE]**

1. The Moon and Mercury in trine aspect and in favorable houses indicate everything according to the variety of the signs. Some natives receive fluent speech, some success in famous skills, others as musicians, still others as painters; but all achieve distinction and fame in their arts.

2. This combination gives to some success in arms, to others in athletic training; still others delight the public by singing to their own accompaniment; all of these earn popular commendation. Still others carry on trade; but all these predictions are made in accordance with the influence of other planets, the signs, and the houses.

3. It was clearly explained in the second book what trine and square aspect are.

IX**[SATURN IN SQUARE ASPECT]**

1. Now I shall explain to you the indications of square aspect. This is always a strong and menacing combination. From this aspect the force of malefic planets is increased and that of benefic hindered. Its power for evil is equal to that of opposition.

2. If Saturn and Jupiter are in square aspect and Saturn is above, holding the upper degree of a right square, but Jupiter lower, in a left square, they indicate difficulties in life, diminish possessions, distort all

plans, hinder activities; unsettle the mind with many kinds of dissension; attack fathers with various catastrophes, and waste paternal inheritance.

3. But if Jupiter is above and holds the right side while Saturn is located in the left square, the misfortunes are lessened, parents achieve distinction and fame, and daily profit is earned, all according to the measurement of the chart.

4. If Saturn and Mars are in square aspect with Saturn above in the right square and threatening Mars on the left, they make the natives sluggish in character and ineffective in all activities.

5. They indicate many kinds of illness with the body shifting between chills and fever. This combination also predicts loss of paternal inheritance and serious accident and death to brothers.

6. If Mars is above and holds the right side, an early death is predicted for the mother. But in this case all activities are successful; the previously described lack of motivation is reversed.

7. Nevertheless paternal inheritance is wasted, and the natives are enfeebled by continual losses and attacked by scandal through the ill-will of servants.

8. Saturn and the Sun in square aspect with Saturn above on the right square indicate demotion and loss of position; also contraction of the body from muscular deformity.

9. They also attack the parents with misfortune and make the father die before the mother. The natives suffer from different kinds of wrong-doing and unfortunate experiences; also serious illnesses from cold bodily humors. Their possessions and all occupations are ruined.

10. If the Sun is in the superior position, this indicates loss of paternal inheritance, serious hostilities among servants, and mental disorders which endanger all occupations. The plans of the native never turn out well and in early life he suffers from severe bodily fatigue and frequent illness.

11. If Saturn and Venus are in square aspect with Saturn above, the natives will lose all inheritance and be reduced to beggary. They have bitter experiences with women; there is no pleasure in love nor successful results from their desires.

12. But if Venus is in the superior position, she provides wives of respectable and chaste character who exercise the whole power in the home. They cherish their husbands with undivided affection and are equally loved by them. But both try to conceal their affection with some kind of dissimulation.

13. Saturn and Mercury in square aspect with Saturn in the upper position indicate exile from the first day of birth; they weaken all planning and thought processes and hinder activities by cold sluggishness of character. The natives will carry on administrative duties but in a position of subjection to the power of another. They will suffer seriously from attacks of the envious.

14. Some will be tongue-tied and make babbling sounds; others will be deaf. These afflictions persist unless mitigated by aspect of Mars. If Mercury is in the superior position nothing good is indicated, but the evils described above are somewhat lessened.

15. Saturn and the Moon in square aspect with Saturn above wear out the body with evil humors and make the native unable to handle any activities because of sluggish torpor of character. This combination always dissipates maternal inheritance and makes children undertake hostile actions against mothers.

16. The Moon in the superior position indicates a miserable death for the mother. For the native, constant misfortunes are indicated: loss of position and of marriage, continual dangers, and death from malevolent humors. But if marriage is indicated through protection of other planets, the wife's mind will be unsettled by fierce hostility. The natives will be bereft of all help from friends and children.

X

[JUPITER IN SQUARE]

1. Jupiter and Mars in square aspect with Jupiter in the upper position indicate great fame, good reputation, and high position.

2. Some will be involved in military activities; others assigned to royal households with high government position. From these duties they will gain important promotions. But they are never able to preserve their paternal inheritance; they will have children late and suffer constant grief from accidents to children.

3. If Mars is in the superior place, this causes extreme mental anxiety. The natives will be involved in various kinds of errors and difficulties. They will suffer from royal or government actions and will be attacked by hostile accusations of dangerous enemies.

4. Jupiter and the Sun in square aspect with Jupiter in the upper position indicate high honor for the native and his father, promotions through great and good men, good reputation, and a well-deserved post in command of many persons.

5. But if the Sun is in the superior position, the father will have fame and distinction, but the native will lose his paternal inheritance in proscription and be persecuted by crowds of strong and evil enemies.

6. The combination of Jupiter and Venus in square aspect with Jupiter above is always associated with many friends. Through the protection of women occupations and profits will be conferred on the natives. They will enjoy high office all their lives and serve the rites of the gods with religious ardor.

7. But if Venus is in the superior position, she indicates illicit loves, also occupations having to do with clothing and care of the body. The