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toward Scorpio; thus the antiscium of Mars found Venus located on the descendant in the chart; for Venus is unfavorable and indicates many calamities if in declination, located in the descendant, she is afflicted by a hostile aspect from Mars. And again, the antiscium of Venus, sent toward Leo, was in opposition to Mars, located on the *Imum Caelum* in Aquarius; and from the *Imum Caelum* Mars, without counting the antiscium, was related to Venus in square aspect. In all these ways, therefore, through themselves and through their antiscia on the chief cardinal points of the nativity, Venus and Mars, either in opposition or in square, attacked each other with hostile aspect. This configuration caused the native to be accused of adultery.

18. But Mercury, located in Aquarius, without aspect to Jupiter, was located in the sign of Saturn, and Saturn in the sign of Mercury—their signs are in mutual reception—and this made the native knowledgeable of arcane literature. But because Venus sent an antiscium toward Leo from Taurus, that is, toward the house of the Sun, and on the *Medium Caelum*, for those crimes she caused the Emperor to pass sentence on him.

19. The full Moon, located in her sign in the ninth house, decreed the greatest honors for him, especially since she has the first place in decreeing honors in a nocturnal chart according to the power of her condition. Such learning and knowledge are also decreed by Mercury and Saturn when their signs are interchanged, so that his eloquence and oratorical style can be compared to that of ancient writers.

20. Whose chart this is, my dear Lollianus, you know very well. Putting all these things together you will discover how much force there is in the antiscia. If anyone follows up this topic with careful study the trend of his forecast will never fail him while he is studying the fate of men.

XXX

LIFE AND TRAINING OF AN ASTROLOGER

1. Now you, whoever you are who try to read these books, since you have received the whole knowledge of this divine science and are now endowed with the secrets of the stars and have learned the first principles of the art, shape yourself in the image and likeness of divinity, so that you may always be a model of excellence. He who daily speaks about the gods or with the gods must shape his mind to approach the likeness of divinity.

2. Therefore study and pursue all the distinguishing marks of virtue and, when you have trained yourself in these, be easy of access, so that if anyone wishes to consult you about anything, he may approach you without fear. Be modest, upright, sober, eat little, be content with few goods, so that the shameful love of money may not defile the glory of this divine science. Try with your training and principles to outdo the training and principles of worthy priests. For it is necessary that the acolyte of the

Sun and Moon and the other gods, through whom all earthly things are governed, should so educate his mind always that it be proved worthy by the attestation of all mankind.

3. See that you give your responses publicly in a clear voice, so that nothing may be asked of you which is not allowed either to ask or to answer.

4. Beware of replying to anyone asking about the condition of the Republic or the life of the Roman Emperor. For it is not right, nor is it permitted, that from wicked curiosity we learn anything about the condition of the Republic. But it is a wicked man and one worthy of all punishment who, when asked, gives a response about the destiny of the Emperor, because the astrologer is able neither to find out nor to say anything. You must know that even the *haruspices*,⁴⁷ as many times as they were asked by private citizens about the condition of the Emperor, and wanted to answer the one who consulted them, always disturbed the entrails which were intended for this purpose by tampering with the arrangement of the veins and cartilages.

5. In fact no astrologer is able to find out anything true about the destiny of the Emperor. For the Emperor alone is not subject to the course of the stars and in his fate alone the stars have no power of decreeing. Since he is master of the whole universe, his destiny is governed by the judgment of the Highest God, since the whole world is subject to the power of the Emperor and he himself is also considered among the number of the gods whom the Supreme Power has set up to create and conserve all things.

6. This consideration also makes things difficult for the *haruspices* because, whatever divinity is invoked by them, since it is of lesser power, is not able to explain the character of the greater power which is in the Emperor. For all free-born men, all classes, all the rich, all the nobles, all the officials, all powers serve him; endowed with divine authority and immortality he is numbered among the first ranks of the gods.

7. Therefore, if anyone asks anything about the Emperor, I do not want you to disturb him with a harsh and stern answer, but convince him with persuasive words that no one can discover anything about the life of the Emperor so that, warned by your arguments, he may put aside his madness and his wrong intention. Nor do I wish you to give a report, if anyone asks you anything wrong lest, after he has received the death sentence because of his forbidden desires, you should seem to have been the cause of his death. This is foreign to the purpose of a priest.

8. Have a wife, a home, many sincere friends; be constantly available to the public; keep away from all quarrels; do not undertake any harmful business; do not at any time be tempted by an increase in income; keep away from all passion of cruelty; never take pleasure in others' quarrels or capital sentences or fatal enmities. Employ peaceful moderation in all

your dealings with other people; avoid plots; at all times shun disturbances and violence.

9. Bind your friends' loyalty to you with strong ties; be careful to keep your honesty uncorrupted in all your activities; never stain your self-respect by becoming a false witness. Never ask interest on money lest you accumulate an increase in income from the needs of others. Do not give or take an oath, especially if it has to do with money, lest the divine protection of the gods appear to be asked by you for money.

10. To erring men, especially those bound to you by ties of friendship, show the right road of life so that, trained in your principles, they will easily avoid the errors of life. Never be present at nocturnal sacrifices, whether they are held publicly or privately. Do not bring forecasts to anyone by stealth, but openly, as we have said before, and in the sight of all exercise the discipline of this divine art.

11. In drawing up the chart I do not wish you to show up the vices of men too clearly, but whenever you come to such a point, delay your responses with a certain modest reticence, lest you seem not only to explain but also to approve what the evil course of the stars decrees for the man.

12. Keep away at all times from the enticements of the shows, lest anyone think you are a patron of this kind of thing. For the priest of the gods must be apart from low, base pleasures.

13. When you have equipped your mind with the characteristics and protections of virtue, approach with confident boldness of mind this book as well as the following books which we have written on forecasting from the stars. But if your mind has strayed in any way from these principles which we have laid down about human character, see that that you do not approach the mysteries of this doctrine with a perverse instinct of curiosity or sacrilegious rashness.

14. Do not entrust the secrets of this religion to the sinful greed of men's minds; for one should not initiate souls of depraved men into the holy rituals. This divine science cannot at any time adhere to a mind captured and stained by wicked greed, and it always sustains the greatest loss when it is defamed by improper intentions.

15. Therefore be pure and chaste; and if you have separated yourself from all kinds of wicked activity which destroy the spirit; and if the desire for the right way of life has freed you from any suspicion of crime, and if you conduct yourself as one mindful of the Divine Seed, approach this work and commit to memory the following books. In this way, having attained the true knowledge of this divine art, when you calculate the destinies of men and chart the course of their lives, you will be directed not only by your readings but also by the conclusions of your own reasoning. Thus your own divinely inspired ideas may be of more profit to you than the traditions of the written word.

Liber Tertius

PROEMIUM

1. We propose to translate into propositions the entire literature of the *Mathesis* so that the system developed by the divine predecessors may be fully introduced to eager learners.

2. In the first place, my dear Lollian, we must be aware that God the Creator, copying nature, has made man in the image of the universe, a mixture of four elements—fire, water, air, and earth—so that a well-proportioned combination might produce the living being as a divine imitation. With his divine skill he so composed man that the whole force and essence of the elements is collected in that small body. In this way he prepared a lodging for the divine spirit which descends from the heavenly Soul to maintain the mortal body. This spirit, though fragile, is nevertheless a likeness of the spirit of the universe.

3. Thus man, like a tiny universe, is sustained by the everlasting fiery movement of the five planets and the Sun and Moon.

4. Those divine men, altogether worthy and admirable, Petosiris and Nechepso, who approached the very secrets of divinity, also handed down to us the birthchart of the universe in order to show us that man is made in the likeness of the universe according to those same principles by which the universe itself is ruled; and that he is sustained forever by those same everlasting fires.

THEMA MUNDI⁴⁸

1. Petosiris and Nechepso in this doctrine followed Aesculapius and Hanubius. To them Most Powerful Mercury entrusted the secret. They set up the birthchart of the universe as follows: the Sun in the 15th degree of Leo, the Moon in the 15th degree of Cancer; Saturn in the 15th degree

of Capricorn; Jupiter in the 15th degree of Sagittarius; Mars in the 15th degree of Scorpio; Venus in the 15th degree of Libra; Mercury in the 15th degree of Virgo, and the ascendant in the 15th degree of Cancer.

2. By this they wished to prove that the fates of men are arranged in accordance with this birthchart, the conditions of the planets, and the influence they exert on the chart, just as is related in the book of Aesculapius which is called *Myriogenesis*.⁴⁹ Thus nothing in the individual charts of men should seem different from the birthchart of the universe. Let us see to what extent and with what aspect each planet influences the luminaries—the Sun and Moon.

3. Saturn first relates himself to the Moon, for he follows the condition of the Moon. He follows the condition of the Moon because, located in a feminine sign, he receives in opposition the rays of the Moon, also in a feminine sign. But when that same Saturn makes a transition to the sign of Aquarius, he relates himself to the Sun, also in opposition, and is in the same condition as the Sun. For then he and the Sun are in masculine signs.

4. In the same way, when Jupiter is located in Sagittarius, he is in a masculine sign and, aspected in trine to the Sun, he relates himself to the condition of the Sun. For this reason, located in a masculine sign as the Sun is also, he follows the power of the Sun. But when he makes the transition to Pisces he is related to the Moon for, himself in a feminine sign, he is in trine to the Moon in a feminine sign.

5. In the same way Mars, located in Scorpio, a feminine sign, is aspected to the Moon in trine. But when he comes to Aries he transfers his aspect to the Sun; for, located in a masculine sign, he relates himself in trine aspect to the Sun.

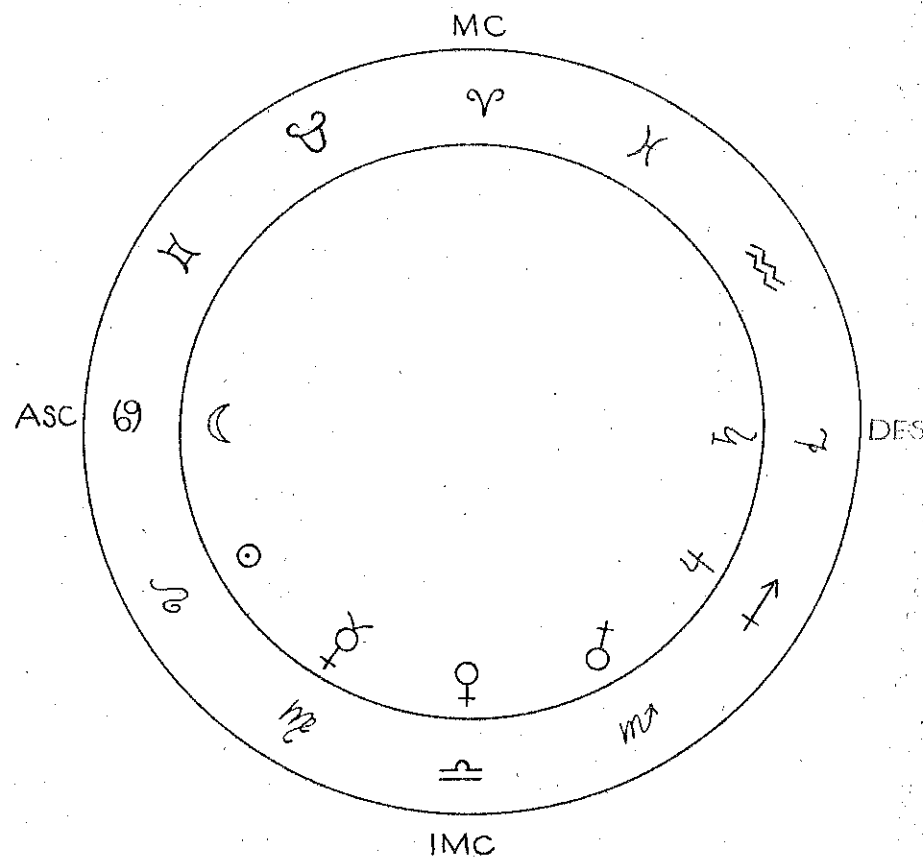
6. But this situation is changed in the case of Venus. When in Libra, a masculine sign, she is in square aspect to the Moon. But when she makes the transition to Taurus, a feminine sign, she comes into square aspect with the Sun.

7. They argued, however, that the planet of Mercury is common in the above-mentioned chart because it is not in any aspect to the Sun or Moon, nor is it related to the Sun or Moon in any way, but rejoices with the Sun by day if in a morning rising and with the Moon by night in an evening rising. They believed that all this should be observed in the charts of men, and they thought men's fate could not be discovered unless these influences had been investigated.

8. But these wonderful inventions should not deceive any man. One should not think that the wise men made up the birthchart of the universe without reason. We shall explain everything in detail so that the secret will be clear to all.

9. There was no birthchart of the universe; for it did not have any certain day of origin. There was no one there at the time when the universe was created by the plan of the divine Mind and foreseeing Will. Human reason has not been able to conceive or explain the origin of the

Diagram XIII. The Thema Mundi (Birthday of the Universe).



universe, especially since the Great Year⁵⁰ of the return of the stars to their places after fire and flood is supposed to happen only after 300,000 years. The apocatastasis (the return of the stars) happens only after these two events—that is, the flood which follows the destruction by fire. For nothing which is burned can be reborn unless the hardened dust of the ashes is mixed with water to produce the renewed fertility of all procreative seeds.

10. The divine wise men of old invented this birthchart of the universe so that it would be an example for astrologers to follow in the charts of men. Therefore I would like to explain the rationale of that divine story.

11. With good reason they located the Moon in such a way that she would first be related to Saturn and would give over to him the rulership of time. For in the beginning the universe was rude and uncultivated; crude men had just taken the first unfamiliar steps toward enlightenment. This rude and rustic time was allotted to Saturn so that human life in its beginning should seem to harden itself by uncivilized ferocity.

12. After Saturn, Jupiter received the rulership of time, with the idea that the roughness of early times should be left behind and mankind be given a more cultivated mode of life. But in the third place the Moon joined herself to Mars, and gave him the rulership of time so that human life, entered on the right path and already instructed in civilization, might learn arts and skills.

13. After Mars, Venus received control of time; in this period training in learned speech and training in the individual sciences encouraged the education of mankind. The wise men wished this period to belong to Venus so that men would be protected by a joyful and healthgiving divinity.

14. But the final period they thought should be given to Mercury, to whom the Moon related last. For the human race was now purified of crude habits and had learned skills and sciences. Different institutions and customs arose, and wickedness and evil appeared. At this time men invented and handed down wicked crimes. For this reason it was thought that this time should be allotted to Mercury.

15. And so, from events which actually occurred in the history of mankind, the hypothetical birthchart of the universe was put together with allegorical meaning. It has been handed down to us as an example to follow in the charts of men. So that we may not seem to have left out anything we shall explain how it can be proved that man was created in the image of the universe.

16. We have said, and there is universal agreement, that the apocatastasis takes place through fire and flood. The essence of the human body at the end of life's course is dissolved in a similar way; either through the natural burning of the heat of fevers or through a flood of humors. Thus it is either burned by fiery heat or dissolved by too much liquid. The wisest practitioners of the medical arts tell us that the natural end of the human

body comes about by liquids which destroy the heat of the body or by the predominance of heat when the inward blood dries out and dies. Thus Creating Nature composed men in every way in imitation of the universe. Whatever dissolves and reforms the essence of the universe also dissolves and reshapes man.

17. We must now explain why they began the twelve signs with Aries. In the book of principles that question could not be discussed until the birthchart of the universe had been explained. Otherwise the explanation might have been confusing to beginners.

18. In the chart of the universe, which we have said was invented by very learned men, the MC (*Medium Caelum*) is found to be in Aries. This is because frequently—or rather, always—in all charts, the MC holds the principal place, and from this we deduce the basis of the whole chart, especially since most of the planets and the luminaries—the Sun and Moon—send their influence toward this sign.

19. We must now define what the individual planets indicate when they are located in the houses of the chart. Some may think these matters have been discussed too generally, but this has been done so that the intelligence of the astrologer-in-training may pick it up easily and not be confused. Furthermore, much will be discussed in detail in this book. The planets will be seen to have their own characteristic strength if they are located exactly in their own houses.

II

SATURN

1. Saturn, when located by day on the ascendant, will bring the native to birth with a great cry. The one born will be the eldest of all children or, if any is born before him, that one will be separated from the parents. That god always, by day, on any of the angles, will make the native the first-born or the first to be reared, or he destroys those born before. But he makes the natives themselves boastful and full of pride.

2. If Saturn is on the ascendant by day and Mars is on another angle or the anafora (sign before) of an angle, this indicates many evils—immense danger and loss of inheritance. But often, if there is no benefic planet in a favorable location in aspect to them, or if Mars receives the influence of the waxing Moon, this will make for a violent death.

3. But if Saturn is located by night on the degree of the ascendant, the native will be hindered by the greatest weariness and will always be oppressed by hard labor. Some will be allotted occupations around water, but of such a kind that they will always be worn out by hard work.

4. When Saturn occupies the second house from the ascendant, he indicates serious illnesses and great reverses of fortune. The native becomes the murderer of his wife and children, a frequent agitator of great public disturbances, and he wastes his maternal and paternal

inheritances. He is slow in all his activities and suffers from constant bodily afflictions.

5. If Mars is on any of the angles or is in opposition or square aspect to the Sun or the waxing Moon, this will make wretched paupers, their bodies burdened with daily toil.

6. Saturn in the second house by day will slowly and gradually provide an increase in income. The natives themselves he makes withdrawn, recluses, poor in mind, always denying that they own anything. Some will get their living from watery professions or business having to do with liquids.

7. Saturn in the third house makes the natives slow, sluggish, seeking no kind of income. If he is with the Moon and Mercury in this house the natives will be stupidly malicious, ready with sacrilegious words against divinity. They will always lose their possessions and be thieves, but the kind who never make a profit from their thievery. If Mars is in aspect to them in any way he will make informers, sycophants, evil malicious people, always destined to an evil death.

8. Misers, hoarders of gold and silver are those who have Saturn by day in the fourth house. By night in this house he makes them waste their paternal inheritance, and he indicates an early death for the father. He also causes serious illnesses and horrible chills for the natives and always brings ill repute in early years.

9. If Saturn is in conjunction with the Moon or in opposition or square aspect to her, this will make the native sterile. It forces him to adopt strangers as his children or to have strangers as guardians for his wards. It deforms his body with constant illness and hidden pains, makes the mother a widow at an early age, and brings the native constant pains in the stomach and serious illness from women.

10. Saturn in the fifth house, if by day, will make kings and leaders, very powerful men. But if the Sun is on the degree of the ascendant and Saturn comes into conjunction with the waxing Moon, continual good luck and great power are indicated. But if Jupiter and not the Sun is on the ascendant, this will make magistrates of lesser degree and governors of individual states; it will also make masters of great income so that from their own resources they can support others. But if neither Jupiter nor the Sun is on the ascendant and Saturn in the fifth house comes into conjunction with the waxing Moon, this will give wealth and inheritance. But the native will often be without a wife and will involve himself in unworthy sexual alliances.

11. If Saturn is in the fifth house by night, he allots a portion of good fortune over a period of time, but he produces a man slow in all his activities and makes his courage undependable. The waning Moon in conjunction with Saturn indicates some loss of inheritance and of whatever has been accumulated in life.

12. Destruction of the entire inheritance is indicated by Saturn in the

sixth house. He always makes a bad prediction in this house. He brings illnesses, especially if the waning Moon is in conjunction with him or in opposition or square aspect. This will produce men who are unlucky, unstable, of bad repute, never able to settle in one place.

13. But if, when Saturn is in the sixth house, Mars is in opposition or square aspect to him or in conjunction with him, this will produce hidden pains in the body, dysentery, and consumption; if there is no influence of a benefic planet the native will die of these diseases.

14. Saturn in the seventh house, that is, on the descendant, if in a morning rising and in a diurnal chart, will be favorable and will grant great possessions, but only when the threshold of old age is reached. In this house he allots an extended old age and makes the native a guardian of money. But he predicts hidden pains in the body, hemorrhoids, or painful contractions of the muscles.

15. If Saturn is in this house in an evening rising, he makes boils around the anus and hemorrhoids, especially if Mars is in aspect. The natives are rheumatic and often have abscesses. They are always grieved by the very painful condition of their wives.

16. Saturn in the eighth house, if by day, allots an increase in income over a period of time. If he is in the house or the terms of Mars, he indicates for some an inheritance from the death of strangers.

17. But if he is in this house by night the inheritance will be lost. If the Moon is in opposition or square aspect, this is a bad portent; it is also bad if Saturn is in this house, the Moon is in the house of Saturn and in aspect as before. If Mars is in any aspect to the Moon thus located with Saturn, a violent death is indicated. But if Mars is in this position and Jupiter is in favorable aspect to the Moon and Saturn, the prospect is for favorable expectations in life; but the natives will always be insecure as to the affections of their wives.

18. Saturn in the ninth house will make famous magicians, renowned philosophers, or temple priests noted for their reputation for magic. According to the nature of the signs he also makes seers, diviners, and astrologers. These are always outstanding in their responses. Some carry on the rites of temples or are in charge of rituals. Sometimes they become long-haired philosophers or interpreters of dreams.

19. Saturn in this house by night indicates wrath of the gods and hatred of emperors, especially if the waning Moon is moving toward him in any way. But greater evils are predicted from gods and emperors if Mars from any direction is in aspect to Saturn and the Moon.

20. Emperors, generals, and praetorian prefects are the indication of Saturn in the tenth house, that is the MC. If Saturn is on the MC by day and in his exaltation with the Sun on the ascendant, this will make respectable farmers of good character, but wealthy, whose holdings are near the sea, rivers, or lakes. It will also provide large income, great glory, and inheritance from important persons, especially if Mars is not in

aspect. But if Mars is strongly aspected he will diminish this good fortune.

21. Saturn by night on the MC indicates misfortunes: loss of inheritance, no marriage, no children, especially if he is in the house or terms of a malefic planet. But if a benefic planet, that is, Venus or Jupiter, is in favorable aspect to Saturn thus located by night, those things which were denied will be given in another way. But in general, Saturn by night on any angle indicates the greatest evils. He destroys wives and children and always predicts grief from loss of relatives.

22. If Saturn in this house comes into aspect with the waning Moon, the native will be so burdened with poverty that he scarcely will have daily bread, especially if the waning Moon is in a feminine sign. But if Saturn comes into aspect with the waxing Moon, this indicates an unstable life; the native will not have one single course of life but constant change.

23. Mercury in aspect to Saturn in the tenth house will give sharpness of mind and a long life, especially if he is the ruler of the chart or the giver of life. But if these functions are taken over by some other planet, subtract 30 from the allotted years. Greater evils are indicated if Saturn is in opposition to the ruler of the chart or to the Giver of Life, especially if Mars is in opposition or square aspect to Saturn. For this will make paralytics, clownish hunchbacks, crooked dwarfs, hermaphrodites, and the like, all in accordance with the nature of the signs.

24. If the Moon, moving away from Saturn in the tenth house, comes into aspect with Mars in a nocturnal chart, this will make madmen who are depressed and sluggish. Saturn located on the tip of the horn of the waning Moon in a nocturnal chart makes consumptives.

25. Moderately good fortune is the indication of Saturn in the eleventh house. When an important promotion is destined for the native, he will receive the same position his father had, but only after his thirtieth year. Before his thirtieth year whatever he achieves will be lost; he will not attain position or possessions until after his thirtieth year.

26. Saturn in the twelfth house indicates an uprising of slaves or crises on account of slaves. He may also reduce the native to slavery. Great illnesses are indicated and serious afflictions, especially if the Moon is in any aspect and no benefic planet is on any angle. But if a benefic planet is on any of the angles, the evils we described will be mitigated. All these will be lighter if Saturn is in this house by day, but stronger if by night.

27. When Saturn is located in these houses, carefully observe his degree so that you may find in what house and in which terms the duodecatemorian is; from this information you may discover the whole power of Saturn.

III

JUPITER

1. If Jupiter is found exactly on the first angle, that is, on the

ascendant, especially in those signs in which he rejoices or in his own house or terms or in his exaltation, he will make the native high-born, famous, always ruling great states, perhaps the first ten of the great states. He will also make him, according to the computation of the chart, virtuous, charming, benevolent, cheerful, rich, especially if Jupiter is in this house by day and no malefic planet is in aspect. But if a malefic planet is in aspect, this whole prediction is to a certain extent diminished.

2. Jupiter by night on the ascendant will make the native first-born among his brothers; or it will destroy one born before, or send him to regions far away from his parents, so that the native will have first place in his father's house. He will be carefully nurtured and his parents will have great prosperity. If Jupiter is in this house by night and a malefic planet is in aspect, all paternal and maternal inheritance will be wasted.

3. Jupiter located on the angles will always make the native first-born or will destroy the older brother, as we said, so as to make the native occupy first place in his father's house. The waxing Moon in any aspect to Jupiter on the ascendant, by night or day, will make great administrators, in charge of states or important affairs.

4. Inheritance from strangers or adoption by strangers is indicated if Jupiter is in the second house. Great riches and possessions are also predicted if Mercury is in aspect in a favorable position. But if Mars or Saturn are in aspect from any direction, this will change the native's status and transfer him from respectable to dishonorable occupations. His life will be constantly changing, at one time abounding in riches, at another oppressed by poverty.

5. Jupiter in the third house is neither good nor bad but always a balanced mixture, so that sometimes possessions are lost and sometimes unexpected riches are attained.

6. Very important judges, legislators, or interpreters of the law result from Jupiter in the fourth house. He also makes breeders and lovers of livestock; also those to whom the most important public duties are entrusted, according to the quality of the signs. The natives are sent here and there on frequent journeys at the order of generals or heads of state. They are friends of princes, in charge of public affairs, and are the type who commit themselves to the protection of the gods and ask help from them. To them with frequent signs the gods show the right road. Many who have Jupiter in this position foretell the future or hold positions, often the highest, in temples. Some find treasure according to the nature of the signs. In this house Jupiter always indicates a fortunate old age until death.

7. Jupiter in this house makes the father high-born and famous but destroys the native's income around middle age and then restores it again. The native is sluggish in his relations with women and separated from the affection of his children. In this house by night Jupiter makes men of moderate income, but who become more fortunate in course of time.

8. Jupiter in the fifth house indicates great increases in prosperity. In his own house, terms, or exaltation, or in the house of the Sun, he makes the native honored in important public affairs. If Mars is in favorable aspect, this will indicate generals with power of life and death. If Mercury and the Moon are in any aspect, without Mars, this will make agents or account-keepers for kings. But Venus alone in aspect from any direction will make them immoderately fortunate. But if Jupiter is in conjunction with Mars, as we said above, the native will be outstanding in regal power and all his pronouncements will be accepted as if from holy writ. The one who has Jupiter in this house will have a strong body and healthy bones.

9. If Jupiter comes into aspect with the waxing Moon, this will create men of almost divine and immortal nature. This happens when the Moon is moving toward Jupiter. It is difficult to observe this. If Jupiter is in the north and the waxing and full Moon comes into aspect moving from the east (with Jupiter in his own house or exaltation or in signs in which he rejoices), the result is unconquered generals who govern the whole world. This is especially true if the Sun in his exaltation is in trine aspect to Jupiter. For Jupiter rejoices by day when aspected by the Sun or Saturn, especially if he is in a morning rising.

10. If Jupiter in this house is in aspect to the waning Moon, this will make men of decent character, raised to the honor of moderate positions, never suffering from poverty. But if the waxing Moon is in aspect to Jupiter in this house, this will make administrators, consulars, often regularly elected consuls, especially in a diurnal chart. Mercury in aspect indicates a long life; he will provide children of both sexes, or twins, especially if he is the ruler of the chart or of the ascendant or of the sign in which the ruler of the chart is located. But if Jupiter is in a nocturnal chart in opposition to the giver of life (for Jupiter does not rejoice in a nocturnal chart), subtract 12 years from the allotted span of life.

11. If in a nocturnal chart Mars or Venus or the Moon are in unfavorable aspect to Jupiter, the native will suffer the greatest afflictions according to the nature of the signs. If Jupiter is in human signs, the native will be oversexed and driven by insane desires to monstrous loves, behaving like women. In four-footed signs, they will be hunters and lovers of wild beasts who delight in lonely forests and are involved in continual troubles. Jupiter in earth signs makes gardeners or men wishing to know more than is allowed about human nature. In watery signs he makes fishermen and those who make their living around rivers, swamps, seas; they are hard-working and live from their own skills.

12. If Jupiter is in the fifth house in a nocturnal chart with Mars, Venus, and the Moon opposed to him, and if the Moon is moving away from him, this indicates a changeable kind of life with frequent periods of misery. The misfortune will be somewhat lessened if the receding Moon is in aspect to Venus. But if the receding Moon is in aspect to no planet, the greatest misfortunes, difficulties, and miseries are indicated. If the

receding Moon in some way comes into opposition or square aspect to Mars, this indicates a violent death, according to the nature of the signs. For if Mars is in opposition to the receding Moon in a nocturnal chart, quarrels, dangers, and struggles are indicated—always with an inferior. By night in this sign Jupiter often predicts dire catastrophes.

13. The greatest evils are indicated by Jupiter in the sixth house; for he will expose the native at birth, especially if he is the ruler of the sign in which the ascendant or the MC is; this is especially true if it is a nocturnal chart and he is in opposition to the Sun, Saturn, or Mars, and in square aspect to the waning Moon or in the same sign with her.

14. But if he is in aspect to the waxing Moon without unfavorable aspect of any other planets, the evil is to a certain extent lessened. In this house he makes goldsmiths and those who adorn clothing with gold thread; sometimes also silversmiths. But even with these arts he often indicates reversals of fortune. For this house, the sixth, has its own special allotment of evil, and whatever planet is in that house acquires great force for forecasting evil from the nature of the house.

15. Jupiter in the seventh house, (that is, the descendant) in a diurnal house indicates wealth and a happy old age. By night he changes drastically the house of marriage and children. For the native will lose a beloved wife and see the deaths of children. Late in life, however, he will receive an increase in income, not very large, but enough to keep him from want.

16. Jupiter in the eighth house often destroys income, makes great enemies, and often stirs up revolutions among the people. He involves the natives in evil activities and makes them lower class. They voice stupid hostilities, are unreasonable, with a temper which almost amounts to insanity. All this is especially true if there is a malefic planet on one of the angles. But if in this house Jupiter has Mercury with him or in trine aspect to him, or the waxing Moon in favorable aspect, this will make administrators or account-keepers for kings or royal heralds. But they will die at an early age.

17. Jupiter in the ninth house in a diurnal chart will make interpreters of the gods, able to foretell the future. Some will follow the profession of priests, others will have duties in temples. But sometimes this combination indicates losses and fevers of the mind. Jupiter in this house by night makes dreamers of false dreams who often tell lies about the gods. He also makes those who promise some hope to themselves from drawing lots and who think they are divinely inspired by this activity.

18. Jupiter in the tenth house (that is, the MC) by day makes heads of public business, leaders of important states, men on whom great honors are conferred by the people, anxious to be conspicuous for popularity. They always enjoy a good living. Some carry on the affairs of great men and emperors; others receive rewards and prizes throughout their lives.

19. Jupiter in this house indicates the greatest good fortune if no

malefic planet is on the IMC. But if one is, whatever honor or wealth was accumulated in early life will be diminished, wasted, or completely destroyed in later life, unless the descendant is strengthened by a benefic planet. But if Jupiter is in the tenth house by night, he makes the natives honorable in character but easily cheated, and their inheritance is often quickly wasted.

20. The greatest good fortune and great fame—consular or proconsular power—result from Jupiter in the eleventh house, if the Sun and Venus are in favorable aspect and if the full Moon (moving away from the east, while Jupiter is in the north) is in aspect, that is, if she is on such a course as was described in connection with the fifth house.

21. In a nocturnal chart all this is diminished and loses effect. If Mars is in unfavorable aspect in the eighth house, all honor or position which was gained will be changed in a wretched reversal of fortune.

22. Greater misfortunes are indicated by Jupiter in the twelfth house. He always makes enemies who frequently exercise power to hinder the native's activities, especially if a malefic planet is on the ascendant. Mars on the descendant will bring about a violent death.

23. The evils will be greater and the calamities stronger if the Sun and Saturn are in opposition to Jupiter. The natives will be wretched and poverty-stricken if the waning Moon is in opposition to Jupiter in this position by night. But if neither the Sun nor Saturn are in opposition and hold favorable locations in the chart and the waning Moon is not moving toward Jupiter, this will make skilled craftsmen. They will either be workers in gold or mosaic, silverplaters, or silversmiths. If Venus is in favorable aspect they will be sought out and praised for their skill.

24. Always look carefully at the duodecatemorian of Jupiter so that you may discover his strength from it.

IV

MARS

1. Mars on the ascendant in a nocturnal chart and in a masculine sign will make soldiers. In a morning rising without aspect of Jupiter he will make them dark-complexioned, rather tall, willing to give more than their income allows. They appear to be lavish and their activities are always in the public eye.

2. But if by night the ascendant is in the house of Mars and in a masculine sign and, of course, Mars is in that same sign and in conjunction with Jupiter or in favorable aspect to him, this will make leaders in war to whom the entire army is entrusted and power of life and death. At their coming states and provinces will tremble. They will be brave, serious, fortunate; their anger only evoked by great wrongs. But Mars in this house does not allow wife or children to be cherished with warm affection.

3. Mars on the ascendant by day makes men bold, clever, emotional;

wanderers, unstable in every way; never able to complete what they propose; whatever they undertake flows from their hands and their inheritance is wasted. They also lose their whole livelihood, their wives and children; nothing is saved from their paternal inheritance which they lose at an early age.

4. If Jupiter from his own house, terms, or exaltation is in trine to Mars in this house, these evils are to a certain extent alleviated. But I myself know, as I have often discovered in computing charts, that many who have Mars on the ascendant have been sent into exile but are now good and diligent government officials.

5. Mars in the second house, if by day, indicates great evils and great misfortunes, especially if he is in a morning rising. The native will be estranged from his parents and his home, always wandering in foreign countries. But if the waxing Moon is in opposition or square aspect, this will make him sluggish, weak, apt to be wounded by weapons. He will be weakened by cold or injured by animals. Some will be exposed as infants; others will be taken captive or dragged into slavery. They are always in great trouble and ferment of mind. But if Jupiter from his house or his terms is in favorable aspect, they escape all danger, are redeemed from captivity, and are brought back from slavery to freedom. But sometimes they will lack the necessities of life.

6. If Mars is found in this house by night, he makes soldiers or athletes but entraps them in constant dangers. There will be similar dangers if Jupiter and Venus, as we said above, are in favorable aspect.

7. Fame is indicated by Mars in the third house but only after the greatest toil. The native will desire the goods of others, be envious of all, and will have evil knowledge of a certain very grave crime. But if Jupiter is in the seventh or eleventh house there will be, after great suffering, a post in government service with great opportunity for income.

8. Jupiter in aspect to Mars in the third house indicates a ruling position with greatest power and honor. The native will be superior to all of his rank. If Mars in this house is in his own house, terms, or exaltation and Jupiter is in aspect, this will make men in charge of river banks, officers in charge of dredging rivers and supervising levees, generals, vicars, praetorian prefects, and often holders of "imperium."

9. Mars in the fourth house, that is, on the IMC, if by night will make soldiers. They will have difficulties and will be retained in desert regions or will be trainers or keepers in charge of wild beasts. Sometimes they will overthrow emperors or judges according to the nature of the signs; and they will waste their inheritance and possessions. Mars also indicates wounds, failures, losses by death. He allots either one son or none. The natives will be hindered in all activities.

10. Mars in this house by day weakens the whole body. He makes the natives sluggish, epileptic, liable to wounds from weapons, sickly, the type whom women always attack and who have trouble with women. Whoever

receives anything from them will always be without gratitude.

11. If the Sun is in opposition, square aspect, or conjunction with Mars in the fourth house, the evils will be greater and more frequent. The natives will be madmen if with this combination the ascendant is in the house of Mars or in the Part of Fortune⁵¹ or the house of desire or of the Daemon.

12. Mars in the fifth house if by night, in his own house or terms or exaltation or the house or terms of Jupiter, or if Jupiter is with him or in possessions, and all manner of good fortune. Honors will be decreed by the people and friendship offered by powerful men or great administrators.

13. If the waning Moon is in favorable aspect to Mars in this position with Jupiter, this will make powerful, fearsome leaders to whom the greatest armies are entrusted, with power of life and death. But if the Moon is moving away from him and Venus is in trine aspect, the natives will be fortunate and rich, gaining glory for themselves; they are always pleasing in bodily appearance.

14. If Mars is in the fifth house by day, he will destroy inheritance, frequently change dwelling places, and always detain the native in strange regions and involve him in serious dangers. But if Jupiter or Venus are in trine or sextile aspect or in conjunction with him, the native will gain great profit from the inconveniences of his journeys and will be quickly recalled to his own land.

15. It is a combination to be feared if Mars in this house by day has the waxing Moon in opposition; for this indicates the greatest suffering and occupations which are almost like slavery. If the native appeared fortunate before, now he will always be subject to some foreign power. He will be an assistant to great judges but a victim of accusations, revolts, riots, losses, and frequent dangers; he will have weakness of some part of the body and such debility that with burning fever he will come close to insanity. Also prison, chains, arrests are indicated unless Jupiter aspects the Moon, which is in opposition to Mars or is in aspect to Mars himself, and thus alleviates these misfortunes. For whenever Jupiter is in aspect to Mars and the Moon thus located the natives are in the greatest danger. But when they are despairing of all help Jupiter suddenly frees them. Mars in this house also denies offspring if the influence of Jupiter is lacking.

16. Mars in the sixth house indicates many evils. He will be harmful to children and make illnesses and many reverses in life, according to the nature of the signs. In crooked signs he makes for an early death and sometimes produces cripples or hunchbacks. In this house all kinds of afflictions are indicated if Mars is located exactly in the sign.

17. Mars in the seventh house, that is, on the descendant, indicates the greatest evils and enormous perils. He will make the natives suffer as criminals and murderers, be defendants accused as discoverers of new

crimes; or they will be torturers, executioners, or informers. If while Mars is on the descendant he aspects his own house in opposition, he will not make a violent death (for Mars never attacks his own house); but the native will be short-lived if the ascendant and the Moon are aspected by Jupiter. But if the ascendant is not in the house of Mars he makes the natives short-lived, especially if he is in aspect to the full Moon on the ascendant or the MC (that is, in square aspect or opposition).

18. Mars in the seventh house, that is, on the descendant by night or day makes for a violent death according to the nature of the signs. He indicates this evil more strongly in alien signs for then he predicts pains, lacerations of the body from a fall, or death; or he has the native thrown into prison, or condemns him to deadly misfortune.

19. In nocturnal charts Mars indicates painful fevers from all kinds of activities; often he inflicts wounds that become infected so that they have to be cauterized by a hot iron. He produces hidden pains in the body, especially if he himself is the ruler of time or if he shares the rulership of time with the full moon.

20. If, when Mars is in the seventh house, Saturn is either on the ascendant or the MC, or if the full Moon is moving toward Mars or the waning Moon to Saturn, this indicates deadly catastrophes. The native will encounter accusations, chains, prisons, condemnations on capital charges. Or he is forced to meet wild beasts, is thrown over a precipice, or severely wounded in domestic plots, or killed by bandits. Or he is drowned in a shipwreck. All these are decided by the signs. For if Mars is in an earth sign the native is forced to meet wild beasts; in fixed signs he is crushed by ruins or thrown over a precipice; in watery signs he perishes in a boat; in human signs he is killed by a sword.

21. If the Sun is in opposition to Mars⁵² or in conjunction with him or is on another angle, the native will be burned alive. Thus Mars in this house destroys man in every way. Before the last day of his life the native will have activities connected either with fire, weapons, or violence of some kind, or torture or homicide. Mars in the seventh house most violently persecutes the house of wife and of children.

22. Mars in the eighth house by day either denies inheritance or strips it away in proscription. If he has the Sun and Moon in opposition he indicates blindness. Alone in this house he predicts poverty, difficulties, fevers, riots, revolutions, dangers.

23. But if the Moon is on the anafora of the ascendant, that is, in the second house from the ascendant, with Mars himself and Jupiter in no aspect to Mars or to the ascendant, this will make a violent death, but according to the quality and nature of the signs. In human signs the native is killed by a sword; captured by pirates, bandits, or domestic slaves he is struck with a sword and dies. Or he is executed by the sword after being convicted of a crime. Often the Moon, thus located without influence of Venus or Jupiter, makes gladiators who perish in a cruel death in view of

the populace. But in earth signs they die in desert places after being involved in many various dangers. In four-footed signs they will be torn apart by beasts. If Mars is in watery signs with the Moon in the second house, as we said, the native will be drowned in lakes or the sea, or killed by pirates. In fixed signs he perishes by falling off a precipice. In fiery signs he is burned up.

24. Those who have Mars in the eighth house by night will be intelligent, shrewd, and involved in dangers. They will be engaged in well-known public activities but suffer violent death, or a sudden one, such as happens to apoplectics. But if Jupiter is in aspect to Mars in this house or is together with him, these evils are to a large extent lessened.

25. If Jupiter is on the ascendant but Mars himself in the house of Jupiter, and Venus favorably aspected to Jupiter and in opposition to Mars, all these deadly calamities are to a great extent changed. For fevers, accidents, and wretched misfortunes brought about by Mars in this and other houses are always alleviated by favorable aspect of Jupiter or Venus.

26. Mars in the ninth house will be favorable in regard to life and fame. And if Jupiter is on the ascendant he makes the natives happy and has them win whatever they seek. If Mars is in the ninth house by night and Jupiter is on the ascendant, this indicates great power of administration and right of the sword, and it makes leaders of armies. Often, however, thus located he indicates difficult journeys.

27. If Mars in the ninth house is in the house of Mercury or Venus, he makes learned and famous orators. But if he is in his own house or the house of Jupiter, or his exaltation, and Jupiter is not on the ascendant, the natives will be violent toward the gods and despise all kinds of oaths. They will be feared by all demons and at their approach depraved spirits will flee. They free possessed men, not by force of words, but only by their appearance. Any violent demon, either of air or earth or from the underworld, who shakes the body of a man—at the order of that man he flees, and is terrified by his pronouncements. These men are called exorcists. The native who has Mars in the ninth house will thus easily be able to free suffering mankind from all malevolent demons.

28. Mars in the tenth house, that is, on the MC, in a nocturnal chart, if in a masculine sign, in his own house or exaltation or in the house or exaltation of Jupiter, will involve the natives in dangers and some kind of deception; nevertheless they will be generals, leaders, masters of life and death, or tribunes, feared by states and provinces.

29. But if Mars in the tenth house is on the MC by night and receives the aspect of the approaching Moon, and if Jupiter is on any angle and he himself in his own house, exaltation, or terms, this will make powerful generals, masters of the whole earth. But if there is no aspect of Jupiter and he is not found on any angle, this will nonetheless make military men, officers or tribunes, leaders of minor rank in great provinces or minor posts, holding the power of life and death.

30. But if Jupiter is on one of the angles and Saturn on another with Mars, as we said, the natives will be kings, emperors, extremely powerful and feared, involved in dangers, overturners and founders of states, but shortlived. Some perish in a bad end. They may lose their lives and position in foreign countries under an alien power.

31. But if Mars on the MC is found in a feminine sign in his own house or that of Jupiter by night, this will nevertheless make the natives highly honored. By night in a feminine or masculine sign he denies the possibility of children.

32. But if Mars is found by day in the tenth house, he will produce men who are active but hindered in all their activities. He also indicates great losses, including that of inheritance, and has the native proscribed or condemned. For some he indicates the burden of travel, on others he imposes great poverty, still others he forces to flee into exile. Some perish on the journey or in exile.

33. Mars in the eleventh house indicates many good things: increase in income and popularity with the people. Often he bestows the marks of highest office if, while he is thus located with the waning Moon, Jupiter is in trine aspect or in conjunction with them. In that case the indication is for judges with the power of life and death.

34. Great illnesses are indicated by Mars in the twelfth house. He involves the natives in wretched weakness and stirs up frequent plots among slaves. He makes the natives the type slaves wish to harm, often through inventing scandals. Sometimes the natives are in prison or suffer fevers, anxieties, losses, and perils. But all these are alleviated if Mars is found in a nocturnal chart.

35. In all charts we should hope that Venus and Jupiter should be in aspect to Mars in any way from any house. For then the attacks of Mars are weaker, mitigated by the other planets. We should also hope that Mars not hold any angle of the chart by day; for thus located by day he threatens the native in many ways. Mars, Saturn, and Jupiter by day on different angles indicate violent deaths or suicides.

36. But if Mars is on any angle by day and Venus on another, this will wear out the natives with constant illicit love affairs; it also makes them wife-murderers and suicides. But Mars and Mercury on different angles by day will produce stomach disorders and condemnations of some kind. If Mars is on one angle and the Sun on another, this will always have the native consumed by fire.

37. If the waxing Moon is in similar aspect to Mars from any angle, this will make violent deaths and destroy the mothers in a painful death. But if the Moon is not in aspect, nor any other planet, while Mars is on any angle by day, this indicates severe illnesses and disabilities. Mars always rejoices when in aspect to Venus and the waning Moon; for we have shown in the book of principles, as you may remember, that these three planets are of one condition.

38. If Mars is on any angle and Mercury on another, this indicates danger without limit. Whatever is evil in human affairs—the whole of it is predicted by the mutual aspect of these two planets. We must also remember that Mars on any angle by day denies offspring. If the house of children is in his sign and he himself on an angle, because he is the ruler of that house he will deny offspring. But if the house of children is in another's house and the ruler of that house is in opposition or square aspect to Mars, this also denies offspring.

39. If Mars is the Giver of Life by night, he indicates great length of life. If by day in a diurnal chart, he will make the natives perish in the first days of life. But if another is the Giver of Life and Mars is in opposition or square aspect to him, this diminishes the allotted life by 15 years. If the moon is located at the midpoint of Mars and Saturn, this weakens or amputates some part of the body, depending on the kind of sign the Moon is in. If Mars is in aspect to the waxing Moon in opposition or square aspect, this will make the native die at birth or be exposed.

40. In order to assess the power of Mars more accurately, carefully observe his duodecatemorian and the terms of the duodecatemorian.

V

THE SUN

1. The Sun on the ascendant will make trouble in regard to brothers and sisters. Located in a masculine sign in his own house or in his exaltation and in aspect to benefic planets, he indicates high office. But if malefic planets are in aspect, this to a great extent weakens the eyes. But because we have said he foretells the greatest good fortune, we must explain everything in detail.

2. Located on the ascendant by day with Saturn, the Sun will make emperors or kings. But if his strength is slightly impeded, he will make consulars, proconsulars, and regularly-elected consuls. If Mars is in aspect to or in conjunction with the Sun, this indicates generalship and imperial powers, but together with ill-will, danger, impediment, contests, and difficulties.

3. If the Sun is on the ascendant by day, Jupiter on any angle, Mars on the MC in a masculine sign, and the full Moon on any angle or on the anafora of an angle, the native, although not a lord or king, will have power throughout the whole world.

4. But if Mars is on the descendant, and the Sun and Jupiter are located as we said, and the full Moon is together with Mars on the MC or in the eighth house, this indicates a violent death for those natives who are kings or administrators or they will be captured and destroyed in an evil death according to the nature of the signs. But sometimes they will simply be deposed from their position and lose all power.

5. If Mars is not with the Moon, as we said, but is alone on an angle or on the anafora or catafora of an angle and the Sun on the ascendant, this will nonetheless make the natives who are kings and administrators captives, violently killed, or deposed with great disgrace. But also if the Sun is on the degree of the ascendant and Saturn on the MC, in a similar way this will make kings and powerful administrators.

6. If the Sun and Saturn are located as we have described, and Mars is in the second or eighth house with the full Moon on another angle or in the second or eighth house with Mars, this will make a violent death, exile, or captivity for the natives who are kings and administrators. But if the Sun is alone on the ascendant in the signs we said (it is necessary for you to remember this), Mars on the anafora of the Moon, the Moon on another angle or the anafora of an angle, this also will cause a violent death for the kings and administrators or have them deprived of their positions.

7. If Mars is not in aspect to this combination but Jupiter is either with the Sun or on any angle or on the anafora or catafora of an angle, the natives will govern the whole world, overturning and raising up states. But if Mars is in aspect to the Sun, Moon, and Jupiter, or with them or on an angle or the anafora or catafora of an angle, an evil death for the native will result. This also indicates illnesses and afflictions and types of death, but these are decided according to the parts of the body which we have said are divided among the signs.

8. If all the planets are located as we have just described and also Saturn is on the anafora or catafora of an angle, the natives will not have as much power as we said. Nevertheless they will be men of great influence: famous judges, officers, or tribunes of legions. They will be successful and feared but will not continue in their positions and powers. They will either be made captive, be driven into exile, or die a violent death.

9. In general the Sun on the ascendant will make the natives high-born and noble. If Jupiter, Venus, and Mercury are on other angles, this will make great men who inherit prosperity from their parents. From early life they will increase in possessions and prosperity so that they will always be free from poverty.

10. If Saturn is in trine or sextile aspect or in conjunction with all these planets, continual good fortune is indicated. If to this whole combination Mars is in conjunction, opposition, or square aspect, this will produce great judges holding power of life and death; but also rapacious thieves who out of greed seize the goods of others. These men, after the greatest depredation, rapine, and enormous thefts, become exiles and die a violent death.

11. If the Sun is on the ascendant by night, the native will be born into a lower class family. If Saturn or Mars is in opposition or in square aspect or in conjunction with the Sun, this destroys older brothers, but it also wastes the inheritance of the native, destroys his livelihood, and ruins all his activities. The Sun on any angle always weakens all older brothers or

makes the native the first born among all brothers.

12. The Sun in the second house will make the natives seek a livelihood through their own efforts. They will be agreeable and respectable throughout their lives. But it makes them sluggish, of small energy, and hindered in many ways. All their lives they will be anxious and fearful.

13. If Venus and Jupiter are in trine or sextile aspect or in conjunction with the Sun, this indicates sudden increase in possessions—not a small one. It will lead humble and oppressed men to high position in public life. But this occurs together with great suffering, difficulties, and voluntary loss of wealth. Therefore, whoever has the Sun thus located should never seek for anything or dare to do anything, since he knows that the Sun will impede all his activities.

14. The Sun in the third house indicates an evil death; it also makes the natives sickly, but respectable and serious in counsel. They will carry on public business, be administrators of states, or managers of the imperial treasury if Jupiter and Mercury are in favorable aspect. But they will marry and have children late in life.

15. The Sun in the third house, if in his own house or exaltation or in the house or exaltation of Venus, Jupiter, or Mercury, will make pious worshippers of the gods who on their own account dedicate images to the gods or who by order of leaders or judges take charge of the building of temples. In other signs, as we have said, the Sun makes humble servants or slaves working in temples.

16. If Saturn and Mars are in any aspect or together with the Sun, this produces treacherous perjurers, miserable because of constant accusations of this crime. They will be gluttons, frequenters of secret dens of vice, and will be free with sacrilegious words against the gods. They will be disturbed by constant burning anxieties.

17. Death for the father, ruin for the whole family, and loss of the entire inheritance is the prediction of the Sun in the fourth house if Mars and Saturn are in any aspect to him. For the native himself there will be difficulties, troubles, and reverses. But he will have a fortunate old age with the greatest prosperity. He will, however, be uncertain about the affection of his wife.

18. Those who have the Sun in the fifth house are agreeable and successful and win all their desires, largely through the help of friends. If Venus is in conjunction with the Sun⁵³ in this house or in sextile aspect, the native will win prizes, gain consular rank, and be honored by the people. Malefic planets together with the Sun in this house are not able to exercise their malevolence because of the natural benevolence of this house. It is, however, harmful to children. If the Sun is alone in this house, the good fortune is less and there will be harm to children and much grief over accidents and deaths of offspring.

19. Many misfortunes are indicated by the Sun in the sixth house. He will always be harmful and bring long, serious illnesses. Mars on the

ascendant indicates public office but also wounds from weapons. The father in this case will die an evil or quick death, or be condemned on some charge, and the whole inheritance be lost if there is no planet in the tenth house, that is, on the MC. If any planet is in the tenth house (the MC), this will make the natives immensely wealthy and have them succeed to the great good fortune of their fathers. But if there is no planet on the MC, and Jupiter and Venus are with the Sun in the sixth house, the evils we described above are alleviated and the misfortunes hindered.

20. The Sun in the seventh house indicates great afflictions and illnesses, especially if Mars and Saturn are with him or in any aspect. The illnesses follow the nature of the malefic planets. Mars causes fevers and fiery sicknesses, and Saturn, chills and vicious humors. If the Moon is with the Sun or on the ascendant or the MC, high position and great power are indicated, especially if she is in her own house or exaltation, or the house of Jupiter, or if the Part of Fortune is located (with most careful measurement) on any angle.

21. Jupiter on any angle together with this combination makes kings and emperors, but good and benevolent characters. They will be brave, temperate, successful: they will be leaders and governors, conquerors of provinces and states. But if in addition Mars and Saturn are in the second or the eighth house all honors, positions, and posts are lost, either through enemy tribes, personal enemies, or competitors. There is also indication of captivity, exile, or suicide.

22. Mercury together with the Sun in the seventh house or on any other angle, either in a morning or an evening rising, produces writers with great knowledge of literature. But Saturn in aspect to this combination makes evil, malicious characters and students or writers of obscure books.

23. The Sun, Saturn, and Mercury together in this house by night produce stone workers, corpse-washers, funeral organizers, or guardians of tombs.⁵⁴ Also they produce herdsmen—cowherds, shepherds, trainers of horses, swineherds, and the like—according to the nature and power of the signs. If Venus is in the seventh house with these other planets, or if she is in the sixth or the twelfth house, this makes eunuchs or shrewish women who never couple sexually with men or, if they do, do not conceive or give birth.

24. If Mars is in aspect to them in any way or with them in the seventh house, the result is hermaphrodites in whom a double nature is joined. If the Moon is with them or in any aspect, this will make castrates who amputate their virility with their own hands. It also makes pimps who hire out prostitutes for their profit.

25. All this is accomplished if no planet on the MC relieves this evil influence. If a planet is on the MC, all these misfortunes are lessened. But if Mercury is with Saturn in the second, fifth, or eleventh house, and the Sun with them, the natives are malicious in all their acts, either lawyers or

scribes learned in the law, shorthand writers, gardeners, or water commissioners.

26. If Mars is in any aspect to all these planets located as we have described, the natives will be public executioners, jailers, or prison guards, or prison officials trained to beat prisoners with whips, and similar professions.

27. None of the above happen if Jupiter and Venus are in aspect or together with the other planets in the seventh house. The influence of Venus and Jupiter will produce priests, sacrificers, those in charge of sacred rites, breeders of animals for sacrifice, or temple officials, sometimes very important ones.

28. The same predictions are in force for all these planets located together in the twelfth house. In this case the natives will be slower in temperament but will attain power and fame. All these planets indicate the same in the sixth house if there is another planet on the MC. If the Sun is found alone with Mars on any angle in the seventh house or the fifth or the eighth or the eleventh, this indicates skill connected with fire and iron or the manufacture of some hard material. The Sun and Mars together on the angles always signify manufacturers of this kind.

29. The father will die early if the Sun is in the eighth house. Mars or Saturn together with him or in opposition or square aspect makes the natives hostile, raving, delirious, or suffering from stomach disorders. These weaknesses follow the nature of the signs.

30. Serious illnesses and weaknesses are also predicted if the full Moon, Mars, and Saturn are in opposition to the Sun in the eighth house or together with him. The head is burdened with malevolent humors and with persistent conditions arising from humors; epilepsy and madness follow. Or the natives have lapses of memory and are confused in speech. They may suffer from spotted leprosy, impetigo, consumption, dropsy, or elephantiasis. Some will be cripples, hunchbacks, paralytics, or have important parts of the body amputated. These afflictions are determined according to the nature of the signs. This combination of planets has the same effect in the second, sixth, eighth, or twelfth houses.

31. All these afflictions have the possibility of cure if Jupiter and Venus are in any aspect, especially trine, or are in conjunction or are in aspect to the Moon. If, however, a malefic planet comes into aspect with the Moon moving toward him, the illnesses will be lifelong. The only recourse then is the help of some divinity.

32. Mercury in sextile aspect or together with these planets in the eighth house cures the illnesses with medicine or incantations, especially if the waxing Moon is in aspect to Jupiter or waning to Venus. But if the Moon is with Mercury and benefic planets are in trine or sextile aspect, the natives flee to the gods and remain there demanding remedy. But if Jupiter and Venus are in dejected houses (with the combination we described above), the natives will be madmen possessed by demons and

involved in such constant calamities that they perish in a violent death.

33. Natives who have the Sun in the ninth house make images of the gods or worship divine images; or they decorate the gods, design their temples or write hymns and praises of the gods. They make ostentatious display of holy songs and gain fame and honor from this activity. The father will be fortunate, but both the native and his father will have many changes in life. If a benefic planet is on the anafora of the MC the good fortune will be derived from journeys. If a malefic planet, however, is on the MC there will be many difficulties on the journeys, ending in a painful death.

34. The Sun in the tenth house, in his house or the house of Jupiter in a diurnal chart, or in his exaltation, makes kings, generals, governors, consuls or proconsuls—all of whom inherit their position from their father.

35. These positions are achieved only after struggles, dangers, or ill-will if Mars is on any angle. If Mars is on the descendant in aspect to the full Moon on any angle, the native, whether king, general, consul, proconsul, or governor, will be an exile and a captive.

36. The captives and exiles will die a violent death if Mars is in the second or eighth house and the full Moon in opposition, square aspect, or conjunction with him. On the other hand, the power of these kings and generals will be extended throughout the world if Mars is not in the house we mentioned, but Jupiter is on one of the angles or the catafora of an angle, and the full Moon is on another angle in aspect to Jupiter.

37. In general the Sun on the MC makes the parent of high rank and honorable, especially if a benefic planet is in aspect. The aspect of malefic planets diminishes this prediction. Also in general the Sun on any angle with Mercury will produce literary men educated in various kinds of letters, carrying on different kinds of literary activities. If Jupiter is in aspect, they will become teachers of kings because of their literary talents. Mercury will accomplish this even if he is far from the Sun, as long as Mercury and Saturn are not in aspect and Venus and Jupiter are favorable.

38. When the Sun is in the eleventh house, the natives and their fathers are fortunate and hold high position; their prosperity increases over time. The good fortune is even greater if Jupiter is with the Sun or in trine aspect to him or Venus is with the Sun as a morning star or in sextile aspect as an evening star; for all these honors are obtained through the goodwill of friends. If malefic planets are with the Sun or in aspect to him, they do not affect the high position but are constantly harmful to the house of children.

39. Slavery, captivity, early death of the father, and total loss of inheritance can be expected from the Sun in the twelfth house; also afflictions and serious illnesses. If a benefic planet is found with the Sun, this will nevertheless make for great loss of status. If a malefic planet is

with the Sun, illnesses and afflictions are indicated, and perpetual slavery.

40. Look carefully at the duodecatemorian of the Sun and its terms so that the teaching of this book may not lead you into any error.

VI

VENUS

1. Venus on the ascendant by night will make men of divine intelligence, friends of emperors and powerful men, entrusted with the management of their affairs. They will be important and respectable orators according to the nature and quality of the signs. Venus in human signs will make the natives chief priests, robed in purple and gold, able to foretell the future. They will be handsome and charming if no malefic planet is in aspect.

2. If Mercury is in aspect to Venus or in conjunction with her, the indication is for crowns or wreaths as prizes in contests; the natives will be musicians, widely acclaimed.

3. Venus in fixed signs or those with small voice⁵⁵ in a nocturnal chart will make devoted friends of emperors, who make and invent things that please royalty; they cater to royal luxury and receive great riches from these occupations. In earth or watery signs she makes manufacturers of perfumes, weavers of magnificent textiles, or successful dyers. In four-footed signs the natives are animal lovers in charge of the king's herds; they are also well-born, famous, and of good character.

4. Venus on the ascendant by day makes the natives oversexed, unchaste, of ill repute. They will be linen weavers, embroiderers, or artists in paints, dyers, innkeepers, or tavern-keepers. Saturn in aspect to Venus in any way will make the natives effeminate, homosexuals, or engaged in sedentary activities. Venus on the ascendant promises a wife at an early age. Saturn, however, in strong aspect produces castrates, or weavers, or inventive workers in colors. Jupiter in favorable aspect will make them managers of royal weaving.

5. Natives who have Venus in the second house in a nocturnal chart will be designers of important crafts. They will become very wealthy but over a period of time; be charming, agreeable in love affairs, but often victims of scandal.

6. Those who have Venus in this house by day will have great reverses of fortune and also late marriages; they will have law suits over another woman. Some will be several times widowed. If the Sun or Saturn are in **opposition, square aspect, or conjunction** with Venus the natives will be sterile, never successful in sexual activity, will never marry, and always be lovers of boys. The misfortunes are less if Venus is in the house or terms of Saturn, Mars, or Mercury.

7. Venus in the third house is favorable if Jupiter is in any aspect. She predicts a wife from a temple, a priestess or the daughter of a priest. If

Mercury is with Venus the natives themselves will be prophets, temple attendants, or in charge of rituals.

8. Those who have Venus in the fourth house suffer destruction of inheritance, frequent loss of wives by death, and only with difficulty achieve their goals. Mercury in aspect makes adulterers and also has the natives proscribed for maladministration, public or private.

9. By night in this house Venus brings public approbation over a period of time and friendships with great men. The natives will be handsome, charming, lacking nothing, even in youth. But they will suffer from some kind of mental or emotional affliction according to the nature of the signs. In tropical or double signs they will suffer from death of wives, court sentences, law suits brought by women or over women. In fixed signs the wives are agreeable, are greatly loved by their husbands, and bring great fame and possessions, except for the sign of Aquarius. For, if Venus is found in this sign in the fourth house, with the Moon either in opposition or square aspect or conjunction with her, the natives will be sterile, not able to engender children, never enjoy conjugal life, and always prefer intercourse with boys.

10. Those who have Venus in the fifth house are honorable, benevolent, and easily attain their goals. They are crowned with wreaths as prize winners. Jupiter in any aspect makes them famous and ennobled. Mercury in conjunction with Venus provides promotions in life but with much ill fame. The natives will be victors in all contests and win prizes, be powerful in all their activities, and know how to foretell the future. They will be familiars of famous men; gain great possessions from wives or other women, or advance in their position through the patronage of women. In the course of time everything will turn out well for them.

11. If the waxing Moon is in aspect they will achieve fame and high position, but at the expense of ill-will. They will be responsible men never accused of lying. They will not be willing to give or take an oath in a case which is obviously true. But Venus together with the Moon causes suspicions, quarrels, or conflicts with wives.

12. Venus in the sixth house, by day or night, if there is no planet on the MC, indicates wives who are low-born: widows, sickly, and not agreeable to men. If a woman has Venus in this house she will suffer great difficulty and danger in childbirth. She will frequently abort or have the foetus lacerated in her womb and brought forth by physicians.

13. If another planet is on the MC in a nocturnal chart, the natives will be charming and well-mannered. Women will always be agreeable to them and bring them good fortune. They easily attain their goals. But if Venus is alien to the angles, and malefic planets are in strong aspect to the Moon located on the angles, the native will be exposed by parents or die immediately after birth.

14. If Venus in the seventh house is in her own house by night, she predicts a happy old age, but a late marriage and children only with

difficulty. Great scandal over love affairs is indicated according to the nature of the signs. If she is in tropical, scaly, or mutable signs, and Mars is with her or in opposition or square aspect, the natives are oversexed, impure, and of ill repute.

15. If Saturn is in opposition, in square aspect, or conjunction with Venus, located as we have said with Mars, women who have this combination make love unchastely to other women. These vices will be stronger if this combination occurs in Capricorn or Aries.

16. Venus in the eighth house by day provides a wife late in life, one who is either low-class, a widow, sterile, or deformed with unusual ugliness. If Mercury is with Venus and a malefic planet in opposition, square aspect, or conjunction, inheritance is wasted or stripped by proscription. Death will come to the native through gonorrhoea, that is, a seminal flux, or from contractions, spasms, or apoplexy. But if Venus is found in this house by night, she indicates riches and good fortune through the death of women. Death for the native is quick and without any suffering.

17. Constant attacks by some demon are indicated by Venus in the ninth house. The natives go around sordid and unkempt or stay in temples prophesying, claiming that they are announcing the will of the gods. Often they are interpreters of dreams. These effects are stronger if Saturn is in aspect.

18. In this house by night Venus makes holy men, worshippers of the gods, involved in sacred rites. Some have duties in and around temples. But if Mars and Saturn are in opposition, square aspect, or conjunction great misfortunes through women are indicated. Women are always displeasing to the native, especially if this combination is found in tropical signs.

19. If Jupiter is in trine or sextile aspect or conjunction with Venus, the natives will be loved by women. They will be handsome, charming, easily attain their goals, and dominate their wives. Some are guardians or administrators for women. Others have posts in palaces or houses of the powerful, making things which are useful for the care of women: from this they receive advancement and great increase in income.

20. But if Mars is in opposition or square aspect to Venus in this house, especially if he is on one of the angles, the natives will have enemies and see the sad deaths of children. They will be enemies to their children because of adultery or impure sexual behavior. If Jupiter is in square aspect or conjunction with Venus and Mercury, or if Saturn is in opposition, or if Saturn, Venus, and Mercury are together in this house, the natives will be sterile, lovers of boys, and for this vice involved in homicides or other dangerous crimes. If a woman has this combination she will always imitate the behavior of men.

21. Venus in the tenth house, that is, on the MC, predicts great fame, good fortune, and prizes of wreaths. In this house with Mercury she will

make the natives clever, inventors of theories, easily attaining their wishes. If Saturn and Mars are in no kind of aspect but she herself is a morning star, this results in public musicians honored by the populace. But if Saturn is in any kind of aspect, they will have a bad reputation and never achieve first rank in the skills from which they make a living, but always be in second place. They entrust their affairs to the care of strangers. Mars strongly aspected to Venus in this house or in conjunction with her makes well-known cases of scandal.

22. A woman with Venus in this house will be oversexed, addicted to all kinds of pleasure—a prostitute who sets herself up in business or lets herself out to a pimp. But all these things are accomplished according to the nature and quality of the signs. In mutable, tropical, or scaly signs, or in the house of Saturn, the native will have a bad reputation forever and will commit unnatural acts in a variety of ways. But if Venus in this house is in a feminine sign and the waxing Moon, also in a feminine sign, is in aspect to Mars, this will make eunuchs, castrates, or hermaphrodites who do what women are accustomed to do when driven by extraordinary lust.

23. Venus in the eleventh house, if she is an evening star and aspected in any way to Mars and Saturn, will make the natives sterile, unable to engender children; only with difficulty will they attain the state of matrimony. Venus often makes them lovers of boys or of women from the stage; or they become managers of houses of prostitution, especially if she is in tropical signs. As to their income, it will grow step by step, and advancement will come through the protection of friends. They will be handsome and agreeable. If Venus receives the influence of the approaching Moon, this will make the natives affluent and extremely powerful, destined for great fame and entrusted with great powers. Sometimes they will become one of the first ten men of noble states.

24. But if Venus is a morning star while in this house and in the same way receives the influence of the Moon, she will make the natives powerful at an early age and men to whom great power is entrusted, so that by their merits they become friends of great men and emperors. To the last day of their lives they will have grace and beauty. These effects will be more definite if Mercury is in any aspect to the Moon and Venus or if he is found with them in the same house.

25. The native with Venus in the twelfth house will be tormented with constant pain and grief for the sake of women. If Mars and Mercury are in strong aspect, they will have trouble with slave women over sexual problems. Venus overheats the mind and incites base loves. Some natives join themselves to slave women in marriage, others associate with prostitutes on their own marriage couch and for this reason are denied offspring.

26. Venus in this house by day indicates destruction and dreadful death because of women, according to the nature and quality of the signs. For she has diverse powers of prediction which are difficult to discover. Just as

a creative artist portrays the outline of the limbs with the mixture of his colors, and with his blended paints brings out the definite shape of the body, so the combined influence of the planets and their mutual effect on each other depict the fates of men.

27. Logic proves that what we have said is true. For when Venus is located as we have described, and if Saturn is in any aspect, this produces minds involved in perverse vices, not successful in any normal human activities, especially if the combination of Venus and Saturn is found in a nocturnal chart. But if Venus in this house is aspected to Jupiter, the native is freed from the evil described above. For then he attains an increase of income through his own efforts and is free from taint of vice, if, however, the Moon is not in opposition.

28. But if the Moon is in opposition the natives will be objects of serious scandal as lover of boys or for being overly promiscuous in pursuit of women. That combination indicates incest and debauchery. They are forced to intercourse with sisters, stepmother, daughters, or daughters-in-law. Nevertheless from that incest great profit accrues to them and some advancement in position.

29. Venus, in conjunction with or in square aspect to the Moon, always indicates illicit loves or scandal with consequent ill fortune. This combination makes the natives monsters of impure desires or objects of scandal for incestuous relations. Either, as we said above, they have sexual relations with their own sisters or, if with non-relatives, with two sisters together; or with daughters or mothers, daughters-in-law or the wives of stepsons, or with children or relatives of sisters.

30. A woman who has Venus in this combination will be involved in promiscuous sexual pleasures, an object of scandal and accused of incest. For she has intercourse either with brothers, sons, parents, nephews, sons-in-law, uncles, maternal or paternal; or she will call two brothers to her bed. Some women seek to imitate masculine behavior.

31. This effect will be stronger if Venus and the Moon are in tropical, mutable, scaly, or double signs and still more violent if Mars or Saturn are in opposition or square aspect, or together with Venus and the Moon; or if the Moon and Venus are found in the house of Saturn or Mars or in the signs of Mercury, or if one is located in the sign of Mercury and the other in aspect as we have described.

32. Good fortune is indicated by Venus as an evening star in a favorable sign, in a nocturnal chart, if she is in favorable aspect to Mars. She bestows fame, power, and great riches in this position. But many great evils are predicted if she is in any aspect to Mars by day. For Venus rejoices by night if she is in aspect to the Moon, Mars, and Mercury; then as long as she is in a nocturnal chart with favorable aspect, she predicts the greatest good fortune.

33. All right-thinking astrologers believe that Venus with the Sun in the twelfth house is very unjust. She always makes bad predictions when

associated with the Sun. She does not rejoice when with the light of the Sun; whatever appears evil and wretched in human affairs, this Venus indicates when she is with the Sun. But she rejoices when she is behind the Sun in a morning rising. Then whatever good fortune she has predicted from favorable position is now increased.

34. But if she is the ruler of the ascendant and the ruler of the whole chart and also the Giver of Life, located in good signs and favorable houses, she bestows a very long life. But if the ruler of the chart or of the ascendant or the Giver of Life is another planet and opposed to her, from the allotted time of life she subtracts eight years. In this situation she indicates vices but not tainted with serious scandal.

35. Also in the case of Venus, look for the duodecatemorian and its terms so that you may discover in every way the secrets of the chart.

VII

MERCURY

1. Mercury located exactly on the ascendant in signs in which he rejoices, in a daytime chart, makes philosophers, teachers of the art of letters, or geometers: often he makes those who measure heavenly phenomena or study them so that they can contemplate the presence of the gods, or men skilled in sacred writings. Often he makes orators and lawyers, especially if in this house he is in his own sign or in other voiced signs.

2. If either the Sun, Saturn, or Jupiter are in aspect to Mercury in this house, he will make great men crowned with wreaths for being famous in sacred matters. He also makes men to whom the most important business of emperors is entrusted. But if Mars is in opposition or square aspect or together with Mercury on the ascendant, the native is attacked by a variety of continual evils. These evils cannot be identified or defined. If Mars is in trine aspect to Mercury in this house, this involves the natives in reputable and prosperous professions.

3. Mercury on the ascendant in a nocturnal chart makes men of divine sensibilities, easily attaining their wishes. They are sober and respectable in character, in charge of such activities as farming, construction, tax collecting, money-changing, or lending at interest. In this house by night Mercury also makes them interpreters of emperors or powerful judges. But all these are indicated according to the different qualities of the signs.

4. Mercury in the second house in a morning rising makes the natives of humble class, of criminal disposition, with no knowledge of letters, destitute of all means of livelihood. But if Mercury is an evening star and in a nocturnal chart, he will make money-lenders or managers of others' money. In a diurnal chart he makes students of language skilled in

difficult writings, unwilling to compare their own nature with that of other men. For they are fond of all things which have not been handed down by tradition. They are wretched in life and always wear themselves out with various troubles.

5. If Jupiter is in any aspect or conjunction to Mercury in this house and the Moon in favorable aspect, the natives will be great and famous but always subordinate to others, never attaining the first place. Nevertheless they will be in charge of great undertakings and have at their disposal royal facilities, will be managers of royal treasures and journeys. But all this good fortune is finished in a short space of time.

6. Mercury in the third house will make priests, magicians, healers, astrologers, men who through their own efforts discover things not handed down by tradition. They are intelligent, fortunate, easily taking part in any kind of activities. If Jupiter is in trine or sextile aspect, or together with Mercury, this indicates high intelligence and great and divine counsel. Mars in any aspect to Mercury and Jupiter in this position will make agents of kings, famous leaders, powerful administrators, to whom the royal income is entrusted. They will overcome all obstacles with their courage and good fortune.

7. Natives who have Mercury in the fourth house (the IMC) are sharp of mind, in charge of public activities, erudite in many kinds of learning. If Mercury is in a morning rising they will be teachers of certain secret arts. But if Mars and Saturn hold other angles, that is, in opposition or square aspect to Mercury, this produces indictments, condemnations, and prison terms. But if Mercury is in an evening rising this will make goldsmiths or gold miners, teachers of certain secret arts, or those who appear learned in computing and calculating; or they will be in charge of wrestling schools.

8. Mercury in the fifth house makes misers of gold or other money who through their own foresight make great use of their resources or those of others. They will be in charge of great riches. They seem to be of good and divine character. Great length of life is also predicted and many children.

9. But Mercury in an evening rising in this house will not allow money to be saved in any way. Whatever gold, silver, or other property was entrusted will be dissipated in profuse outpourings. The natives are in some kind of administrative post, or, in accordance with the signs, teachers, geometers, or astronomers who measure the stars. They may also be managers of wrestling schools or leaders of wrestlers.

10. If Mercury in this house comes into aspect with the waxing Moon, the man's whole body will be marked with white spots or he will be involved in afflictions and illnesses according to the nature and quality of the signs. The waning Moon with Mercury in this house indicates the most disgraceful sicknesses and will often make the native turn away from the right path of life in monstrous attacks of madness.

11. Mercury in the sixth house will pile up the greatest prosperity for the native either from his facility in speech or from law or business or as a gift of the gods, especially if another planet is found in the tenth house while Mercury is in the sixth.

12. Mercury in a morning rising, in a nocturnal chart, in the sixth house makes interpreters, fishermen, bird catchers, or sculptors, if another planet is in the tenth. If there is no planet in the tenth house the natives will be malicious authors of evil counsel, thieves who enviously desire others' goods and who rejoice at the accidents of others; informers who persecute their relatives and neighbors with bitter hatred; sluggish and mentally short-sighted men displaying all kinds of malevolence.

13. But if Mercury is in an evening rising in this house he will make the natives intelligent, sober, secretive; in charge of such activities as money-changing, granaries, storehouses, or construction, and from these professions they will gain much profit. If Mercury receives the influence of the Moon moving toward him, he will make scribes of judges or of high officials or of the Senate, or (men) who are made teachers by the emperor, or are ordered to manage at their own discretion the affairs of their superiors. This is especially true if the Moon or some other planet is in the tenth house.

14. Those who have Mercury in the seventh house, that is, on the descendant, in a diurnal chart are always burning with sexual desires and are involved in serious vices. They will be the lovers either of boys or young girls. They are allotted debased women for wives and often undertake the care and guardianship of men of ill repute. But this is in accordance with the nature of the signs. For Mercury in this house in signs in which he does not rejoice—that is, in the signs of Mars or Saturn or in others in which he is humiliated—will make pimps and whoremasters, soiled by the scandal of that ill fame. If Mercury is with Mars or if Mars is in opposition or on the MC in this house a short life is predicted. The natives will be consumptives, fugitives, exiles, or condemned prisoners.

15. Mercury by night in the seventh house makes caretakers for rich women, who attain the greatest good fortune through love affairs. They are also discoverers in mathematics or music or in different kinds of writing or obscure languages. I have personal knowledge that Mercury in this house has often produced jugglers.

16. Mercury in the eighth house in an evening rising by day makes the natives sluggish, never wishing or daring to do anything, always hindered in difficult undertakings, stupidly malicious and never successful. If Mercury in this house is in the sign or terms of Saturn, he makes the natives deaf; especially if he is also aspected to Saturn in some way.

17. But in an evening rising in this house by night, the natives will inherit a stranger's property or find hidden treasure. They will be lucky but weak in body and worn out with long-continued illnesses. In a morning rising in this house he predicts an indefinite increase in

possessions and the greatest enterprises. Some are faithful and dependable guardians of various activities or constructions or inheritors of another's wealth.

18. Those who have Mercury in the ninth house without influence of another planet are quarrelsome, contentious arguers, claiming that they themselves know whatever is suggested to them, malevolent, and never able to finish anything carefully.

19. Mercury in this house in a morning rising makes priests, *haruspices*, augurs, astrologers, astronomers, physicians, and such as gain their livelihood from that kind of skill. These predictions are stronger if Mercury is protected by a benefic planet. For then he makes the natives lucky, with great powers and all good fortune. But if malefic planets are in unfavorable aspect the natives will be impious, irreligious, spoilers of temples, indicted and condemned; always in flight in alien lands or oppressed by sentence of exile.

20. Mercury in this house in an evening rising will make priests, magicians, physicians, craftsmen of such talent that they gain their livelihood from these skills and learn through their own efforts whatever is not handed down to them by tradition.

21. Natives who have Mercury in the tenth house in a morning rising are admirable and famous in all activities. If Jupiter is in trine or sextile aspect in a diurnal chart, they will be given great powers, handling the business of great states or of emperors or powerful men—faithful, benevolent, wise, sober. Venus in aspect to Mercury in this house in a nocturnal chart will have the same effect as Jupiter in a diurnal chart. But if Mars is in opposition or in square aspect, the natives are persecuted, going and coming, by various difficulties. Because of this they will often be exiles or sentenced in some other way. The Moon in any aspect to Mars will produce violent death.

22. Mercury in an evening rising in the tenth house will make travelers who constantly change their place of abode and will also involve them in public business. Watery activities are indicated if Saturn is in opposition or in square aspect from any degree. Then duties will be either near rivers, lakes, or the sea. Illnesses and weaknesses from abundance of fluids is also predicted.

23. Mercury in the eleventh house will make the natives intelligent and effective in all kinds of professions, men to whom important enterprises are entrusted. Higher positions are indicated if Jupiter is in favorable aspect to Mercury.

24. Mercury in the twelfth house will make the natives intelligent. In a morning rising he involves them in important affairs or makes them administrators of public business so that even if others are endangered by these affairs they themselves will have a prosperous outcome. In an evening rising Mercury in this house will make the natives stir up or discover important enterprises. Wise men, not without reason, have

noted this house and have made it the house of child-bearing.

25. The sixth house is compared to the twelfth so that all planets in these houses have sluggish action. But Mercury in this house will make learned men of letters, orators, geometers, teachers. They constantly sell their orations or defenses or come to the aid of men in trouble with the protection of their oratory and free them from danger. They seem to be more intelligent than all others and have great learning. This happens only when Jupiter is in aspect, or Mercury is not attacked by malefic planets.

26. If Mars is in opposition or square aspect or in conjunction, this will make informers, misers, and malicious tricksters, also malevolent poisoners. Through these activities they incur serious charges. Or they will be condemned as forgers. For they falsify records of public deeds and for this are condemned to death. There is also danger through slaves or because of slaves.

27. The waxing Moon in aspect to Mercury and Mars in this house will produce violent death, but by sentence of the court. If the Sun is found with them without aspect of Jupiter the native will be burned with flames. But all these things are indicated according to the nature of the signs.

28. But since we have said that Mercury joins himself easily to other planets and indicates good with good planets and evil with evil, we must explain what he indicates with individual planets. He indicates greatest good fortune, for instance, if with Jupiter and the Sun in favorable houses, but direst calamities if found with Mars by day. By night the situation is reversed. He is favorable with Venus, the Moon, and Mars, but with the Sun he indicates the greatest evil and misfortune. To show this more clearly we must explain every detail. But first look carefully at the duodecatemorian of Mercury and the terms of the duodecatemorian so that you may find the secrets of the chart.

VIII

MERCURY AND THE SUN

1. Mercury together with the Sun on the ascendant by day will make powerful kings and leaders; but if found together in this house by night they make the fathers of low class and low occupation. The natives will work for the government but in obscure and wretched jobs according to the nature and quality of the signs.

2. Mercury with the Sun in the second house indicates an increase in possessions and control of some kind of activities.

3. In the third house they produce *haruspices*, dream interpreters, physicians, priests, augurs, astronomers, astrologers; those who predict the future and whose skill and training are well-known.

4. In the fourth house, that is, on the IMC, Mercury with the Sun

makes the natives of low class, skilled in secret and illegal arts but sober and honest. If they are together in this house one must especially investigate what sign they are in and who is the ruler of the sign. For Mercury is particularly dangerous in this house if it is the house of Saturn.

5. Natives who have Mercury with the Sun in the fifth house will be high-born and accomplish everything easily. But they are involved in dangers, do not have continual good fortune, and easily deceive others.

6. Mercury with the Sun in the sixth house makes the natives low-born or slaves, sluggish, involved in troubles; their fathers are unknown or they are orphans. If no other planet is found in the tenth house, they never accomplish anything. But if another planet is found, they attain riches, high position, and fame, especially if a benefic planet is in the tenth house.

7. Mercury with the Sun by day in the seventh house will entrust the natives with power and great affairs, but they will perish by a violent death. If found thus by night the natives will suffer many evils, laboring and seeking daily bread by low-class occupations. Their skills will be sordid or filthy or of a dreadful odor or requiring constant wakefulness, such as the occupations of tanners, leather makers, fullers, wool workers, millers, cooks, and the like. The natives themselves will have stomach diseases or other illnesses at an early age.

8. Those who have Mercury with the Sun in the eighth house will be sickly, easily cheated, often mad, and suffer violent death.

9. Mercury with the Sun in the ninth house will make exorcists whose arts free men suffering from possession of demons. They attain great profit from those skills.

10. If Mercury is together with the Sun in the tenth house, that is, on the MC, if in a sign in which he rejoices or in his exaltation by day he will make the natives masters of the whole earth, or by their own merits put in charge of many of the greatest and most powerful provinces, especially if Jupiter is in favorable aspect.

11. An increase in good fortune over a period of time is indicated by Mercury with the Sun in the eleventh house.

12. Mercury with the Sun in the twelfth house will make paupers or wretched slaves. They always perish on a journey.

IX

SATURN AND MERCURY

1. Those who have Mercury and Saturn together on the ascendant in a diurnal chart will be misers, lawyers, men skilled in the law, or scribes; but they will be sluggish and quickly fail. If the chart is nocturnal the natives will be captives or handed over to be slaves of powerful men. If Saturn and Mercury are in a feminine sign they will make eunuchs, impotent men, base, degenerate, disreputable, immodest male prostitutes.

2. Saturn with Mercury in the second house in a diurnal chart will make botanists or physicians who bring health to mankind. They will be rich and famous from their activities. Often, according to the quality of the signs, they will be orators or agents of powerful Men. If it is a nocturnal chart they will be madmen, naked beggars, or temple slaves. Often they will be accused and taken into custody. They are frequently in mourning, lacking children, afflicted in some part of the body.

3. Mercury together with Saturn in the third house will make divers who raise water from wells, gardeners, managers of small estates; corpse-washers, funeral managers, watchers of dead bodies, or door-keepers of tombs.

4. In the fourth house these two will produce students or teachers of secret or illegal skills, but wicked, who seek their daily bread from evil arts. Some will be condemned or in prison. All these predictions vary according to the signs and the positions of other planets.

5. Frequent change of dwelling is indicated by Mercury with Saturn in the fifth house. Natives will be in charge of grain markets or storage of grain and other such places or in charge of pearls, perfumes, or metals. They may also be sculptors of sacred images.

6. Mercury and Saturn in the sixth house make the same prediction. If Mercury and Saturn are found by day in this house, the natives will be knowledgeable in many skills. They wish to know everything which pertains to human affairs; are truly malevolent and envious, and are involved in afflictions and illness. Mercury and Saturn by night in the sixth or twelfth houses will make authors of false writings, criminal, malevolent, poisoners. They are always in great trouble and great evil. If it is a diurnal chart, if Mars is in square aspect or opposition, they will be involved in unescapable evil and punished by public death.

7. Those who have Mercury and Saturn together in the seventh house, that is, on the descendant, will inherit from women and be great lovers of women. They will be burning with desire for great enterprises. But if the two planets are found in this house by night, the natives will be miserable in all life experiences, owing enormous debts, also weak and afflicted with illnesses. They will be malicious; some will be accused and taken into custody.

8. Mercury with Saturn in the eighth house predicts an increase in possessions and position over a period of time. Some inherit after the death of a stranger. But they will suffer from bladder stones or illness of the stomach. Saturn and Mercury in this house by night make the natives sluggish and wrinkled; also paupers or proscribers. They will die by sentence of the court if the waning Moon is moving toward Saturn or the full Moon toward Mars.

9. Prophets, dressers of holy statues, or carriers in divine ceremonies are indicated by Mercury with Saturn in the ninth house.

10. Mercury with Saturn in the tenth house, that is, the MC, will make

inheritors of a stranger's money or important inventors. Sometimes they will be scribes or agents of powerful men. If a benefic planet is in aspect they will be orators of divine talent, teachers of the art of oratory or men of letters employed by some great power; or they will be masters of the census or students of the heavens. Some keep records; others are teachers or students of obscure languages.

11. Mercury with Saturn in the eleventh house means the same as in the fifth.

12. Mercury and Saturn in the twelfth house mean the same as in the sixth.

X

MERCURY AND JUPITER

1. Mercury together with Jupiter on the ascendant in a diurnal chart will make the natives famous and glorious, in charge of states or the first ten in great states; or they will be judges who restore the law to provinces and states and who always delight in just processes of law. In this house by night they make overseers or managers of business, sometimes scribes of powerful men, or keepers of records, accounts, storehouses. They will be clever and talented and achieve the greatest good fortune because of their keen intellect.

2. Mercury and Jupiter together in the second house in a diurnal chart will make heirs of a stranger's money or children adopted by strangers. They will be managers of many institutions and stored goods and in the course of time achieve great increase in possessions. In a night chart the natives will be somewhat stupid, not enjoying constant good fortune, and frequently deceived in the course of life.

3. Those who have Mercury and Jupiter together in the third house will be successful and renowned magicians; hymnwriters, or carriers for the gods or guardians of temples, or those who initiate men into cults or managers of sacred contests; diviners who predict the future by messages from the gods. These same predictions are made by Jupiter and Mercury together in the eleventh house.

4. Those who have Mercury and Jupiter together in the fourth house make discoveries in mathematics or in machines. They also undertake the care and guardianship of children or women. Some discover something by chance; others find their way to hidden treasure and from this gain great happiness.

5. Jupiter and Mercury together in the fifth house, both by day and by night, indicate the same thing in a similar way. High position and many powers are predicted for the native in the course of time. They will be successful in all their activities and easily attain their goals. The same is predicted by the two planets together in the eleventh house.

6. Jupiter and Mercury together in the sixth house by day and night

indicate the same things in the same way if they are in a morning rising. They make the natives sensible men, successful in business affairs. They will be in charge of law suits, business affairs, certain contests, or religious rites. In the last case they will find great opportunities in the revenues of the gods, especially if some other planet is located in the tenth house while Jupiter and Mercury are in the sixth.

7. But if the Moon is moving in such a way that she comes into aspect with these two planets when she is in the tenth house, the natives will be affluent, controllers of much money, and receive high interest from their holdings. They will be fortunate and happy; have the affairs of kings under their control; be managers of the royal treasury or the privy purse, or in charge of provinces or states.

8. If no planet is found in the tenth while Mercury and Jupiter are in the sixth, the natives will be mediocre in life, inheritance, and profession. But if it is a nocturnal chart they will be interpreters, fishermen, augurs, or sculptors. Or they will be weighed down with laborious tasks and servile occupations or involved in squalid or odorous crafts such as that of fullers, leather workers, shoemakers, millers, wool-workers, and the like.

9. Mercury together with Jupiter in the seventh house, that is, the descendant, by night and day indicate the same things. Great good fortune in this case comes from women. The natives are in charge of public works, or chiefs of states or tribes, or the first ten in states. They have a long life and a happy old age, are of good counsel and habits, and always desire useful things. But these predictions are diminished in a nocturnal chart if Saturn is in square aspect, opposition, or conjunction with Mercury and Jupiter in this house.

10. A mediocre life is indicated for those who have Mercury with Jupiter in the eighth house by day. A livelihood is derived from some kind of discoveries. Some natives are of ill repute in youth but in the course of time receive a moderate increase in income. With Mercury and Jupiter in this house by night they either discover something from which they make great profit or inherit a large income. In the course of time they achieve the greatest good fortune. Nevertheless they are sluggish and weak in body.

11. Mercury and Jupiter together in the ninth house mean the same as they did in the third house.

12. Mercury with Jupiter in the tenth house indicates great activities and great powers according to the computations of the chart.

13. Mercury with Jupiter in the eleventh house mean the same as they did in the fifth house.

14. Mercury with Jupiter in the twelfth house, if in a morning rising, will make scribes of kings or of the Senate, or secretaries chosen by princes to be caretakers of great states. But they often offend someone and in later life meet with misfortune or, if it is a nocturnal chart, with a violent death. In a diurnal chart they continue in their positions and duties and

do not often act offensively. Mercury as an evening star in this house with Jupiter makes the activities more sluggish and indicates misfortune. Some natives are engaged in laborious tasks for the government.

XI

MERCURY AND MARS

1. If Mercury and Mars are found together on the degree of the ascendant in a diurnal chart, they will make the natives spit up blood or suffer from stomach trouble. They are short-lived and unlucky. They will be condemned either from some experience with women or from illicit loves or secret writings or forgery. This may lead to a violent death.

2. Together on the ascendant by night these two planets make men in charge of great religions, generals, heralds, or guards, and followers of emperors; or great administrators to whom the outcome of battles brings great good fortune. By night if Saturn is in opposition or square aspect they are involved in dangers and are often cheated. They are hindered in all their activities, for Saturn in this position makes men inert, without skills, weighed down by every burden of misfortune.

3. Mercury and Mars in the second house in a diurnal chart will make the natives exposed,⁵⁶ or, if they are nursed, makes them fugitives in some way; they will frequently be exiles, sometimes captives, and often stripped of possessions by proscription. Some are involved in serious illnesses or afflictions. Others die a violent death if Mercury and Mars are in aspect to the full Moon. But if the planets are found in this house by night, the natives are timid, malicious, obscure, of evil mind, not bold, easily cheated in all their dealings. But their occupations are varied. They will be either publicans, tax collectors, or spies. Some become insane.

4. Those who have Mercury with Mars in the third house make their living from fire or occupations concerned with iron. They will be able to predict the future, spend much time in temples. But they are fearsome to others in everything they do, even if they know nothing and do nothing. In the course of time their fortune increases.

5. Mercury with Mars in the fourth house, that is, on the IMC, will make the natives sluggish and humble in all occupations and fortune. They are involved in constant hostilities either with parents or relatives, or make great plots against their relatives. They will be professional witnesses and from this occupation will incur many dangers and finally arrive at poverty and humiliation. When this happens to them they will become leaders or followers in illegal practices or as accessories be caught and sentenced by the court. Some who are involved in these calamities are oppressed by long-drawn attacks of illness, especially if Mars and Mercury in this house are in opposition or square aspect to the Moon. But if the Moon is with Mars and Mercury in this house by night, the natives will be

tribunes, generals, powerful administrators, but will perish in a violent death.

6. Those who have Mercury with Mars in the fifth house will be brave and manly, unconquered athletes in all contests. They will live in various pleasant places and get a living from public funds or the privy purse. In all contests they will be superior to and feared by their adversaries.

7. Mercury and Mars together in the sixth and twelfth houses indicate the same things in a similar way. By day in this house they indicate afflictions and illnesses. The natives will be arrested, will be familiar with prisons, and will be condemned by some kind of sentence; or they are sought after and indicted on false charges. Slaves or servile men are brought as witnesses against them, and they perish under great torture with violence and atrocity, especially if Mercury and Mars are in aspect to the Moon in any way.

8. But if Mercury and Mars are found by night in the sixth or twelfth houses, the natives will be involved in debts and interest payments to usurers. They will have violent emotions and be cheated by embezzlers; be sluggish in all occupations and suffer serious accusations and ill will from slaves or on account of slaves. Some are crucifiers of slaves or wear out their own slaves by famine, torture, disease, or constant toil. They never continue in one occupation but are constantly changing from one to the other.

9. Mercury together with Mars in the seventh house, that is, the descendant, by day compels the natives to kill their women or wives with their own hands, or they kill themselves or another because of a woman or because of monstrous desires in love. They will be imprisoned and condemned for some such crime.

10. In general, those who have Mercury together with Mars in this house become involved in death or homicide, according to the nature and quality of the signs. They become rioters, bandits, assassins, pirates, or the like and, apprehended for these crimes, are punished with a severe sentence.

11. If it is a nocturnal chart, they will be cheated by unjust acts of a woman, or be married to a shrew and have children from her, or be always involved in important afflictions.

12. Those who have Mercury with Mars in the eighth house are never able to attain their desires, are always in danger, and lose altogether their whole inheritance. Some will be insane and raving, others are thrown into prison, condemned, and often meet a violent death.

13. If it is a nocturnal chart the natives make some kind of a living from evil skills and practices; day by day they grow more wicked. They will be thieves, housebreakers, or steal what was entrusted to them on credit; or they are planners or executors of wicked crimes. Mercury together with Mars produces torturers, executioners, betrayers of their own people; they make much gain from these activities but they suffer a violent death

with severe torments, or they die from insanity.

14. Mercury together with Mars in the ninth house makes impious, unjust perjurers; but even with that defect they become servants of the gods. But also they despoil and strip the gods they serve and prey on temple gifts. Mercury and Mars indicate these things especially if they are far from the influence of the Sun or if, on the other hand, they are in the terms or the house of the Sun. The effects will be stronger if the full Moon is in opposition or square aspect.

15. The natives are wretched and unsuccessful if they have Mercury and Mars in the tenth house. They will take delight in constant sea voyages and will be fond of gymnasiums. They sell their lives for the sake of some vice to powerful men or kings. The kind of vice they practice will be in accordance with the nature of the signs.

16. Mercury together with Mars always locates the native in public business, administration, or public professions, but they never remain long in these professions. They are either arrested, accused, and sentenced, or oppressed by false accusations. From such misfortunes their possessions are so dissipated that they are at the mercy of usurers.

17. If Jupiter is in any aspect to Mars and Mercury in this house or if he is found together with them, the natives will be great in all activities and occupations. They are in charge of important affairs and in a similar way lose their income and seek another. If Venus is in any aspect or is found with Mercury and Mars, she makes managers for emperors in charge of the public revenues or the privy purse; they are logical reasoners, accustomed to handle important affairs.

18. Mercury with Mars indicates many different kinds of occupations and administrative posts. If the planets are located in the house of Mercury or in his terms, the natives are fond of the gymnasium or are athletes in public games. In the signs or terms of Mars they become fighters, lovers of arms, soldiers, hunters, caretakers of wild beasts, heralds or couriers of kings. But if Mercury and Mars are in the house or terms of Venus they become linen-workers, weavers of tunics, craftsmen with feathers, dyers, perfumers, or jewelers. But in the house of Jupiter or his terms they make the natives tribunes in charge of regions or states; in the house of Saturn or his terms they involve the natives in wicked crimes and evil occupations; they become torturers, executioners, butchers, informers, betrayers of their own people. But if Mars and Mercury are in the house of the Sun or Moon, the natives will be metal-workers, sculptors in brass or iron, manufacturers of leather hides, making their living from fire and iron. The change of signs indicates professions of this varied kind.

19. Those who have Mercury with Mars in the eleventh house always perish in battle. They are lovers of the gymnasium, others of arms, but all are brave in counsel and attain great success.

20. Mercury with Mars in the twelfth house has the same meaning as in the sixth.

XII

MERCURY AND VENUS

1. Mercury with Venus on the ascendant in a diurnal chart will produce shield bearers or protectors of emperors who would guard the safety of the prince by their own death. Or they are ordered to manage at their own discretion royal money or treasures, and they are the kind to whom administrative duties are always entrusted. They will be musicians, dancers, composers of music; teachers, orators, men of letters, or writers of law or mathematics.

2. By night in this house they make the natives sharp, talented, easily attaining their goals. They will gain prize-winning wreaths, be in charge of sacred rites, or be bearers of sacred images, and will receive advancement over a period of time. They may be skilled in harmony or in charge of royal letters; their oratory and speech will be full of grace and charm.

3. Mercury with Venus in the second house will make the natives transact much business and be occupied in important activities over a long period of time. They are pleasant and charming in life and character, but oversexed and alcoholic. If Mercury is in a morning rising in this house the natives will seek a livelihood through their own efforts, but be fortunate, well-educated, and have some musical training.

4. If he is in an evening rising with Venus in this house, this indicates great opportunities and in the course of time allots great income and good fortune. The natives will be chiefs of states, administrators of laws, entrusted with control of the greatest provinces. Some discover something which is the beginning of their fortune; others receive a large inheritance.

5. Mercury with Venus in the third house will make victors in sacred contests, priests, prophets, dressers of the gods; or those who carry on important duties in temples, in charge of sacred rites; or managers or chiefs of states or ambassadors of good character, to whom the state with confidence entrusts its projects.

6. Those who have Mercury with Venus in the fourth house will be experienced magicians; philosophers who study the heavens, or cure suffering mankind, or who are of service to mankind in some way. If Mercury is in a morning rising with Venus in this house, this will bring the native out of slavery to freedom, and from a low station to splendor and high rank. But they will undertake the defense of wretched women, or old or slave women, or maidens under their guardianship, and will get into trouble in various ways for these actions. Their occupations and activities are governed by the nature and quality of the signs.

7. Mercury with Venus in the fifth house indicates the greatest good fortune over the course of time. The natives attain great rewards and gifts from women or wives and are familiars of powerful men.

8. Those who have Mercury with Venus in the sixth house make a

living from accounts or records, business computations, or teaching, or from revenue of the gods. If another planet is found in the tenth house, the natives will get a wife only with difficulty; they will be oversexed and because of this incur a certain amount of scandal.

9. If Mercury is found in a morning rising with Venus in this house in a nocturnal chart, the natives will sleep with slave women or widows or prostitutes and marry them. They will have servile occupations around water if no planet is found in the tenth house. But if a planet is found in the tenth house they will seek many things through their own efforts; for they will be travellers, salesmen, sea-captains, sailors, or goldsmiths.

10. Mercury in an evening rising with Venus in this house makes the natives intelligent, talented, musicians or machinists, or dyers of colors, or merchants of perfumes, jewels, or pearls. Some will be dealers in ointments or discoverers of medicinal drugs. They will often be workers in metal and will make great profit from this activity.

11. Mercury and Venus together in the seventh house indicate hidden illnesses. They cause liver trouble, madness, melancholia, or diseases similar to these. The natives will always be strangers to the affection of their wives and be of ill repute in the last period of their lives.

12. Great riches from women or wives are indicated by Mercury with Venus in the seventh house by night. Also great honors and good fortune, especially if Mars and Saturn are not in aspect in any way. If they are in aspect the prediction turns out to the contrary.

13. Those who have Mercury with Venus in the eighth house in a diurnal chart are ineffectual and accomplish nothing. They will always suffer and be involved in troubles; weak in mind and body, they achieve matrimony only with difficulty; they will be sterile and have no children. They will die of convulsions, a flux, apoplexy, or madness.

14. But if it is a nocturnal chart the natives will inherit a stranger's money or care for a stranger's property; they will be respectable, kind fathers of families, they will receive many things from women or wives. Some will discover something which will bring them income. They will have a sudden death without pain or torment.

15. If Mercury is in a morning rising with Venus in this house, the natives will know or teach many things or be discoverers who easily attain their goals and who in process of time receive increase in possessions.

16. Those who have Mercury with Venus in the ninth house will marry, will have advancement to positions of power; they will seek a livelihood from some kind of temple duties. They will be priests or diviners or haruspices, astrologers, augurs, magicians, or those who explain omens.

17. Public activities are indicated for the native who has Mercury and Venus in the tenth house. They will be honored by peoples and states but will incur ill repute from the behavior of their wives. In a morning rising, Mercury in this house with Venus will make musical composers, but

destined for the stage or public performances. They will be unfortunate in regard to marriage; for they will have prostitutes, public women, actresses, or disreputable women for wives; some will be lovers of boys, involved in licentious vices.

18. Those who have Mercury with Venus in the eleventh house carry on business with women or are entrusted with many possessions by women. Afterward they will be involved in reverses or great losses.

19. Mercury together with Venus in the twelfth house by day will make lovers suffering from the affliction of love, well-known for these difficulties. They will be informed against and sentenced for these troubles. It will make them perish in a violent death. In a nocturnal chart there will be many persecutions by unworthy women; or they are driven by lustful instincts to prostitutes. They will work at mechanical arts and in this profession appear to be occupied in many worthy activities. But they frequently fall from their position and are often cheated in their business or profession.

XIII

THE MOON

1. The Moon on the ascendant in a nocturnal chart, if she is full and in signs in which she rejoices, indicates the greatest good fortune. She makes the native advance before his brother, deservedly, at an early age. By day she makes captains of great ships.

2. But if Mars and Saturn hold any angle when the Moon is on the ascendant, that is, if they are in opposition, square aspect, or conjunction with the Moon, this will make pirates noted for their fierce cruelty and bestiality or judges in inaccessible places. If no benefic planet is in aspect to this combination the natives will be exposed; no time of life is predicted. They perish immediately in a violent death.

3. The Moon in the second house in a nocturnal chart will make the native famous and involved in well-known activities, but luxurious, given to voluptuous pleasures. They gain a greater income over a period of time.

4. But if she is found in this house by day, she either destroys the parents immediately or divides the native from them, or separates the parents by dissolving the marriage. She also diminishes the inheritance in various kinds of loss. Some, with the Moon in this house, are involved in constant journeys and divide their activities among many places. They will be subject to some alien power. If the Moon is waning in this house and Saturn is on the degree or in the sign of the ascendant, this indicates blindness from sudden wounds in the eyes. Mars on the degree or the sign of the ascendant will make pains in the joints, also hemorrhages and other illnesses.

5. The Moon in the third house will make the native's mother low-class

or tainted with some kind of scandal. If she has Jupiter with her in this house the native will be supported on public funds or by the privy purse. Mercury in aspect to this combination will make attendants on some great goddess, or priests of a powerful religion, or managers of public business. If the Moon is with Venus, this indicates occupations connected with paints, perfumes, wine, or flowers.

6. If the Moon is found in this house in a nocturnal chart with Saturn, the natives will be sluggish and never reach their goals. They incur the anger of the gods by uttering sacrilegious words. If the Moon is found in this house by day with Mercury and Mars, the natives will be sacrilegious, despoilers of temples, unjust, impious, and murderers.

7. If the Moon is in the fourth house, that is, the IMC, by day, the mother will be low-class and be survived by her husband. If Saturn is on another of the angles and Venus on the descendant, the mother will be taken captive at some time and made a slave. But the full Moon in this house by night will make the mother rich and provide constant increases in income to the native.

[Houses five through eight are missing].

8. The Moon in the ninth house forces some to cultivate rites of the most important religions. Others carry on business for women. But if the Moon is in this house by day, this will make travellers of humble class whose lives are disturbed by dangers and difficulties. Some exercise servile or low-class duties in temples, especially if a malefic planet is in aspect to the Moon in this house.

9. If the Moon is found in the tenth house, that is, on the MC, in a nocturnal chart in signs in which she rejoices or is exalted, if she is waxing and protected by a favorable aspect of Jupiter, this will make the greatest emperors and most powerful governors with power of life and death. Also she produces regularly-elected consuls. If she precedes or follows the MC but is nevertheless situated in nearby houses or degrees, she will produce generals, tribunes, and administrators. In general, if the Moon is located in the same sign as the MC, she indicates great power and good fortune. But if in this position she is moving toward Saturn, or if Saturn is on another angle, this often indicates enmities and misfortunes.

10. The Moon by day on the MC makes the native mediocre in life and in all occupations. He is cheated in various ways. If the Sun is on the ascendant in his own house or exaltation or in the house of Jupiter, this will make governors of the most important provinces or states, or proconsuls, much feared in their administration. If Jupiter in this combination protects either the Sun or the Moon or both, this makes most powerful emperors, just and fortunate, universally regarded with terror.

11. The Moon in the eleventh house indicates the same as in the fifth house.

12. The Moon in the twelfth house in a nocturnal chart indicates a short span of life. But if Jupiter and Venus or one of the two is on the ascendant,

this indicates some kind of power and good fortune. If Mars and Saturn or one of the two is one the ascendant, this indicates serious misfortunes, serious accidents, illnesses, and afflictions for the native and his mother.

13. The Moon in the twelfth house with nothing on the ascendant indicates loss of inheritance, miserable occupations, and journeys. In this house by night she will make the native unhappy, low-class or born from a low-class or slave family, always suffering, and occupied in wretched tasks. Their body or mouth is foul with horrible odor. They are often cheated and in danger and contract some kind of illness from travel.

14. Look carefully at the duodecatemorian of the Moon and its terms. For whatever is concealed in the chart in the general combination of the planets is made obvious in the duodecatemorian and its terms. If you wish to set forth the whole essence of the forecast from the duodecatemorian you will not be deceived. The Babylonians attribute all the forecast to the duodecatemorian; but Ptolemy to the antiscia, and we to both.

XIV

THE MOON IN THE PART OF FORTUNE

1. If the Moon is found in the Part of Fortune⁵⁷ and moving toward Jupiter or together with him, this indicates leadership, governorship, fame, and good fortune. If Venus is in the Part of Fortune or the Moon is moving toward Venus, the natives will have grace and charm.

2. But if the waxing Moon in the Part of Fortune is moving toward Mercury or is together with him, she makes the natives fortunate, powerful, very intelligent. Through their good fortune and intelligence they attain honors and position, fame and large possessions. But if the waning Moon is moving toward Mercury in the Part of Fortune or is with him, illness, afflictions, and ill fortune are indicated.

3. If the Moon is in the Part of Fortune in a daytime chart and is moving toward Mars or is with him, the natives are suffering and wretched, seeking their livelihood from fire, iron, or some hard material. If this happens in a nocturnal chart the indication is for military power and leadership in war. Also it indicates athletes, according to the nature of the signs. They will be in charge of others because of their courage.

4. If the waxing Moon in the Part of Fortune is moving toward Saturn or is with him, this diminishes paternal and maternal inheritance. The mother is either a widow, or afflicted with illness, or destined to die an evil death. The natives themselves are miserable and hard-worked in early life, but fortunate at a later age.

5. If the waxing Moon is moving toward Saturn by day or is with him, the native will be orphaned by death of parents and forced to waste his inheritance, but in the course of time he receives good fortune and prosperity. A waning Moon in the Part of Fortune by night indicates the

same thing, but if by day the waning Moon is moving toward Saturn or is with him, the prediction is for sickness, affliction, misfortune, proscription, and evil death.

6. But if the Part of Fortune is found in the tenth house, that is, on the MC, or in the eleventh in which the MC is often found; and if the waxing Moon is there, moving toward Saturn or with him; and if the Sun is on the ascendant, this will make the natives fortunate, blessed, noble, with the greatest power. But it also indicates afflictions and illness.

7. If the Sun is not on the ascendant but the Moon is with Saturn or moving toward him, this indicates the same as above. But if the waxing Moon is moving toward the Sun or is with him, this indicates powerful leaders and judges. If Jupiter is in aspect in any way the prediction is for imperial power.

8. If the waning Moon in the Part of Fortune is moving toward the Sun or is with him, the natives will be of humble position early in life and easily cheated. But in the course of time they achieve fame, wealth, and very high position.

9. Whenever the Moon is found in the same degree with the Sun in the Part of Fortune or in other houses or signs in conjunction with the Sun, and does not free herself from association with the Sun, she involves the native early in life in dangerous and low-class occupations; but in the course of time, after serious losses, she predicts the possibility of winning wealth.

10. In all charts you must first observe the course of the Moon; not only on the first day on which the native begins the first steps of life, but with care the third day; notice what planet the Moon attaches herself to and with what aspect; toward whom and from whom she is moving. For on the third day the new-born infant absorbs his first nourishment. Thus, on the third day one must observe whether the Moon is diminished or full of light, and to what extent benefic and malefic planets are in aspect. For the third day, like the first, determines everything and in the same way. If this information is carefully collected we will never be confused or disturbed in explaining the fates of men. If anything seems to have been left out in this explanation we shall discuss it in our fourth book.