

106 **The fifth book of Dorotheus, on interrogations.**

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful; where is my success save in almighty God?

V 1
1,2 This is the book of Dorotheus, King of Egypt. There are five books; he wrote four of them on nativities in which he mentioned every good and evil, and misery or happiness that men may attain from the beginning of their situation till its end, and he wrote one of them about the matter of commencements, and it is this book, which is called the fifth book, in which he mentioned the condition of every action which is begun, whether its limit is determined or it is not determined where the beginning of this action or its middle or its end will end up and
3 what of good or evil will happen in it. He says in his book that he is following the tracks of the learned men who practised from among the learned of Babylon and Egypt since they were the first who looked concerning the science of the stars and their calculation and the revolution of the sphere and the motions of the seven stars and the rising-times of the twelve signs so that he might extract this from their books, then give this to himself as an example in his following [them].
4 He says that, wherever he looked concerning what they dealt with and arranged of the science of the stars, he followed the best of their science and acquired it and explained it and collected it and extracted it from their books as he made it an example for himself in his following their tracks, and he made it this book like a bee when it follows the most delicious of fruits, and the best of it is made into honey; then he began to write for this book a comprehensive introduction in which he mentions the power of the seven and the twelve, and their soundness and their corruption.
5 He said: look concerning the commencing of each matter you desire at the straight in rising from among the signs and the crooked, and the tropical and the twin from among them, and at the position of the star which is in the ascendent in the commencement of each action,
6 [to see whether] its end will be good or bad. It is necessary if you commence [something] to know what is the nature of the signs straight
7 in rising and crooked. I shall make clear to you [those] of them that
8 are straight and crooked. The straight among them are Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, and Sagittarius because each one of these six

rises in two hours and a part of an hour of the equinoctial hours, which are the hours [of the nycthemeron] in which the night and the day are equal; the length of each of these hours is fifteen [equatorial] degrees. The crooked among them are Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces, 9 Aries, Taurus, and Gemini, because each one of these six rises in less than two hours of the equinoctial hours.

| Judgment according to the crooked and the straight.

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Look concerning each commencement there is to the sign which is 1 rising at that hour, whether it is one of the straight in rising or one of the crooked. If it is one of the straight in rising, then this action will be 2 difficult [and] slow, in which there will be misery and misfortune and trouble. Then look at the positions of the seven in the places because if 3 one commences an action while the ascendent is one of the crooked signs and any one of the benefics is in it or any of them aspects the ascendent, it will remove the burden and help bring this action to a successful conclusion, if God wills. If the ascendent is one of the signs 4 straight in rising and there happens to be in it any one of the malefics or they aspect it, slowness occurs in this action and trouble and pain. If you find the benefics and the malefics together in the ascendent or 5 they aspect the ascendent, then know that this action will be middling with a mixture of good and evil in it.

Judgment according to the tropical [signs].

V 3

If you find the ascendent to be a tropical sign, then it indicates the breaking off of the end of this action before it is finished, and it indicates that he will commence this action a second time.

Judgment according to the twin [signs].

V 4

If you find the ascendent to be a twin sign, then it indicates that 1 that action which he commences at that hour will not be finished until an action other than this occurs in it, and it [the second action] will be finished before the first action is finished; it happens thus in every action in which the ascendent is a twin sign.

Look at the diurnal and nocturnal signs; I will make clear to you 2 the diurnal among them and the nocturnal. The diurnal among them: 3 Aries and its triplicity, Leo and Sagittarius, are diurnal, and Gemini

4 and its triplicity, Libra and Aquarius, are diurnal. The nocturnal: Taurus and its triplicity, Virgo and Capricorn, are nocturnal, and Cancer and its triplicity, Scorpio and Pisces, are nocturnal.

5 If one commences an action by day, then the strongest of what is [possible] is if the ascendent is diurnal and the Moon is in a diurnal sign, and [if] it is by night [if] the ascendent is a nocturnal sign and the Moon is in a nocturnal sign because this is what is best in calculation, especially in that [one] who desires a journey or desires to board a
 38 ship as this commencement | will be easy, fortunate, convenient, if God — be He exalted! — wishes.

5 The corruption of the Moon.

1 Then he mentioned the condition of the Moon and its corruption in which a commencement is not to be made in an action or anything when you find this until the condition of the Moon and its lord is
 2 ameliorated. I will make clear to you its corruption if it is eclipsed, and worse than this if its eclipse is in the sign in which the Moon was at the birth of this native or its eclipse is in trine of the sign in which
 3 the Moon was when this native was born. If the Moon is under the Sun's rays [and] its light is destroyed and it is not seen, then it is corrupted but it is beneficial for one who desires theft or treachery or something which is kept secret against him, and for every hidden or secret action which its master does not wish to be made public.

4 If it is an action which its master wishes to keep secret, commence it when the Moon is immersed under the Sun's rays as there is good for him, and it will be more concealed if he commences it at the withdrawal of the Moon from the Sun and [its] appearance from under the
 5 rays. If the Moon is in the dodecatemoria of Mars or Saturn and if the Moon is in the middle of the equator descending towards the South and if the Moon is in opposition to the Sun, then it is bad and it indicates the accession of quarrels and that the younger of the two will be the
 6 winning antagonist. If the Moon is with a malefic or aspecting it and if there is withdrawal of the Moon from the Sun in longitude and latitude and if the Moon is in its least motion, that is if it is decreasing in its counting and its motion in a day and a night is less than twelve
 7 degrees, then this motion of it is like the motion of Saturn. If it is thus, then in the action which he commences at that hour will occur
 8 difficulty and slowness. If the Moon in its motion is in the path which

the learned call "the burned path" (the burned path is the middle of the equator, which is Libra and Scorpio) and if the Moon is in the last degrees of a sign, then it is according to this in the term of Saturn or Mars, and none of the terms which are at the end of the signs are harder than the terms of these two. If the Moon is cadent toward the 9
 ninth from the cardine [which is] the house of government [the tenth] and it happens to be in a double place, then the action which he commences at that hour will be nullified and will not remain in one condition, and a transformation and disturbance will occur in it.

| Understand when you think about what I wrote for you of the
 corruption of the Moon and do not commence anything in it as the matter will stop for which it is not fated that it linger on till the condition of the Moon is ameliorated. Let Jupiter or Venus be in the 11
 ascendent or in the house of government [the tenth]. Look concerning 12 the condition of [these] stars and their positions as, if they happen to be under the [Sun's] rays or are retrograde in their motion or happen to be in a bad place that is double, which is when it is cadent from a cardine, then they will not have much power. If any of the malefics is 13 with them in one degree, or they aspect it from trine or quartile or sextile or are with it in one sign, then it indicates that this action will have no strength. If the planets are in the signs which the learned 14 call "the dark", then they will have no power, nor will their rays if they are thus.

Look concerning the totality of every commencement in the manner 15 of Valens the Philosopher; then take into consideration his words as he was making a brilliant [and] learned investigation concerning [these] matters. He said: Look concerning the commencement of 16 each action at the Sun and the Moon and the lord[s] of the two signs in which the two luminaries are, and together with this look at the ascendent and midheaven. Commence the commencement and action 17 when the Moon is in the ascendent or midheaven or another of the cardines; and [if] the lord of the Moon's sign happens to be in a double place or cadent, withdrawing from a cardine, then the beginning of this action will be good but its end bad [and] from this calamity will befall him and whatever he doesn't desire. The Moon is the indicator 18 of the base of every action and the lord of the sign in which the Moon is is the indicator of its end. If you find the lord of the Moon in a good 19 place while the Moon is in a bad place, then the commencement of

that action is bad but its end is good [and] he will benefit by it, if God
 20 — be He exalted! — wishes. If you find the lord of the Moon in a strong
 place and the Moon in a double place, then it indicates that the be-
 ginning of this action will be difficult [and] slow, with no good in it,
 21 but [its] end will be good [and] it will come to him as he wishes. If the
 Moon and its lord happen to be in a strong place, then it indicates
 that the beginning of that action and its end will happen according to
 22 what he desires. If the Moon and its lord happen to be in a double
 place, then the beginning of this action will be bad and its end worse
 23 than the beginning. If the lord of the Moon happens to be in [one of]
 the signs which follow the cadents, which are difficult, then it indi-
 cates that that action which he commences will have a delay in its
 beginning and slowness in its end.

25 Look at which of the stars the Moon is flowing [from]. If you find
 it flowing from the benefics, then it is good for every action which he
 commences except for one who wishes to flee from the government or
 26 from his land and a fugitive from | his master as the condition of
 these is the best of what is [possible] if the flowing of the Moon at
 that hour is from the malefics, and nothing more suitable is fated for
 27 them. Together with this look at the lord of the navāmsā and at [the
 planet] which the Moon conjoins with as the consideration concerning
 the commencement of a matter in this way and its end is not correct
 until you look concerning its commencement at the lord of the lot of
 fortune and [concerning] its end at [the planet] with which the Moon
 28 conjoins. This section is described in the chapter in which he mentions
 the matter of flight and theft.

28 He said: Look at the Moon and the lord of the house in which it is
 and the star with which the Moon conjoins and how you find the
 position of the Moon and of the star with which it conjoins and the
 power of these two in the cardines as these two are the indicators of
 29 this. If the Moon is with two malefics in one sign and the Moon is
 immersed between the two in this sign while the benefics aspect it
 from quartile, then the misfortune and misery in which men suffer
 30 at that hour they will escape from and get rid of. If the Moon happens
 to be positioned [where] the lords of its triplicity are benefics, and
 none of the malefics is in opposition to the Moon, and benefics and
 malefics aspect it from quartile, then it indicates that they will escape
 from what happens in it, but they will fall in a second misfortune be-

fore they get rid of their first misfortune, [and] then they will escape
 if God — be He exalted! — wishes. If you find the Moon in trine of 31
 the benefics while the malefics aspect it from quartile, then it indi-
 cates the like.

Look concerning the commencement of every matter at the ascen- 32
 dent and the Moon. The Moon is the strongest of what is [possible] if 33
 it is above the earth, especially if this is at night; the ascendent is the
 strongest of what is [possible] if the Moon is under the earth by day.
 This is what he says in the introduction of his book, then he writes 34
 for each action which people commence a chapter commensurate with
 it in which [are recorded] the power of the seven and the twelve and
 on which day and hour the master of that action because of the seven
 and the twelve must commence each action.

A chapter. One who wishes to build a building.

V 6

It is best to lay the foundations of a building if you build it when the 1
 Moon is increasing in computation and in light and is in the middle of
 the zone which is the equator, ascending toward the North while
 Jupiter or Venus is with the Moon or aspects the Moon from a strong
 place. If Saturn is with the Moon or aspects it from a strong place, 2
 there occurs in this work difficulty and dissension and slowness or | P. 11
 trouble and misery. If Mars is with the Moon or aspects it from a 3
 strong place, then a conflagration or injury from fire will reach that
 building.

A chapter. If you wish to demolish a building.

V 7

It is necessary that you begin this when the Moon is leaving its 1
 elevation, descending towards [its] low point. It is necessary concern- 2
 ing this situation also to look at the strength of the benefics and
 malefics as the benefics indicate ease and success while the malefics
 indicate slowness and difficulty and misery.

A chapter.

V 8

If you want to hire something or let out for rent some cultivated 1
 land or trees or vineyards or houses or anything like that, then the
 ascendent indicates the condition [in] which you will hire these things
 or take them for rent, and the seventh sign indicates the owner of
 these things, and the tenth sign indicates the rent and the price, and

the house of fathers [the fourth] indicates the outcome of this action.

2 If you find any of the malefics in the ascendent, then he who desires to hire these things or take them for rent will withdraw from that and
3 take none of them. If he does hire them or enters in one of them, then whatever he enters he will deceive him [the owner], desiring that sin
4 and debauchery occur in it. If you find any of the malefics in the seventh place or aspecting the seventh place, then the owner of these things will withdraw from that and will not let out any of them for
5 rent or a price. If he does do it, there will occur debauchery or prostitution and deception in it. If you find malefics in the tenth sign or
6 aspecting it, this matter will not be proper, but there will be a pile of 7 coins in the rent. If you find malefics in the fourth place or aspecting it, then, even if this matter is proper, its outcome will be bad [and] from
8 this there will occur in it misery and what is not desired. The flowing away of the Moon and its conjunction indicate these things [also].

9 A chapter. Buying and selling.

1 If you want to sell something or to buy it, then look at the position of the Moon as the star with which the Moon conjoins indicates the buyer and the price, and the star from which the Moon flows indicates
2 the seller, and [the Moon] indicates | the commodity which you sell or
3 buy. So look at the Moon and at the star from which the Moon flows
4 or with which it conjoins. If you find the malefics with the Moon or with the star from which the Moon flows or [with which] it conjoins, or [if] the malefics aspect it, then it indicates that misfortune or
5 misery occurs in the matter which is attributed to the Moon or to that
6 star from which the Moon flows or with which it conjoins. If the benefics happen to be in one of these positions, then joy and happiness and success in [his] desire occur to the master of that action which is attributed to this star or to the Moon, if God wishes.

5 I will make clear to you this subject also from the four cardines,
6 and I will explain it to you. The ascendent indicates him who buys, the seventh him who sells, and the tenth indicates the price, and the house of the fathers [the fourth] indicates the commodity which is
7 sold or bought. Look in these places according to what I wrote for you in the matter of the Moon in the first section as whenever the benefics and malefics happen to be [in it] or aspect it, there will occur loss or gain in the matter which is attributed to this cardine.

A chapter. The buying of land.

V 10

If you desire to buy land, then look at the condition of this land from 1 the house of the fathers [the fourth], and from the house of the government, which is the tenth, at what is in this land of trees, and from the seventh at what is in this land of grass or herbs or plants, and from the ascendent [at] the cultivation of this land. If the house of the 2 fathers [the fourth] is one of the watery signs, then it indicates that this land is near a river or on the sea or in a place abounding in water; if it is a twin sign, then it indicates that this land is not in one direction, but from it the condition Look with regard to the rest of these 3 cardines according to what I wrote for you of the strength of the malefics and benefics.

A chapter. The buying of slaves.

V 11

If you want to buy a slave, then, if the Moon is in Aries, it indicates 1 that this slave will be a runaway and will not get used to [his] station and will be incompatible with his master. If the Moon is in Taurus, 2 then the slave which is bought will be a worker, patient, strong, obedient, sticking to the work of a slave | with his whole self, a humble p.118 man. He will also be thus if the Moon is in the last degrees of Gemini. 3 If the Moon is in Cancer when you buy a slave, then he will be weak, 4 lazy, unreliable, [and] putrid [?]. If the Moon is in Leo, then the 5 slave which is bought will be a master, trained for [his] craft, educated, good in the goodness of his upbringing, except that he will be wrathful, abounding in food, and he will be frivolous and a pain in [his] belly and stomach will not cease happening to him because of this, and he will be an embezzler of things. If the Moon is in Virgo, then 6 the slave which is bought will be uncommon, a custodian, a worker, a sincere adviser to his master. If the Moon is in Libra, then the slave 7 which is bought will be dedicated to his work, knowledgeable in the work, a legist with respect to religion and quarrels. If the Moon is in 8 Scorpio, then the slave which is bought will be a thief [and] a runaway. If it is in Sagittarius, then, as for the slave which is bought, the basis 9 for buying him will not be good, but he will be a master in whom [there is] vanity and admiration for himself. If the Moon is in Capri- 10 corn, then the slave which is bought will be a liar and will not cease himself changing over from [one] situation to [another] situation, and there will be some of them who will make a habit of running away. If 11

the Moon is in Aquarius, then the slave which is bought will be a lover of work, a good man, and this is because Aquarius is in the figure of a man. If the Moon is in Pisces, then the slave which is bought will be a slanderer and will conceal in himself disloyalty to his master and callumny to him. If the ascendent at the buying of the slaves is one of the signs in which I wrote of the location of the Moon, then it will indicate like this. This is what the ascendent or the Moon indicates when neither benefics nor malefics aspect the Moon or the ascendent or are with them in a sign. Look concerning the condition of the seven and their power as they are far stronger than the signs.

7 12 A chapter. The buying of animals.

1 If you want to buy an animal, then look; and if the animal is tamed and used, then buy it at the hour in which the ascendent is Aries. If it is obedient, if the Moon is in Aries also, then it is better. If the ascendent is Taurus and the Moon is in it, then it is good. If the animal is not tamed and not used, then buy it at an hour when the ascendent is in the last degree[s] of Leo while the Moon is in it, or in the last degrees of Sagittarius while the Moon is in it.

7 13 114 | A chapter. If you want to free a slave.

1 Look before everything at the condition of the Moon and its location in the places which I made clear to you. If you find it free of the misfortunes which I wrote of in the beginning of my book, then it will be good. Then look also at the conjunction of the Moon and its flowing away as, if you free [a slave] at an hour when the Moon is flowing from the benefics and conjoining with the malefics, then the slavery in which this slave is is better for the slave than the freeing which happens to him. If it is different from what I mentioned, then be concerned differently from this; if you find the Moon flowing from the malefics and conjoining with the benefics, then it will be good for that slave as they will escape from evil and misfortune and will meet with good and joy.

5, 6 Look concerning this matter from the four cardines also. The ascendent indicates the master of the slave, the seventh indicates the slave who is freed, the house of the government [the tenth] indicates the reason for which the slave is freed, and the house of the fathers [the fourth] indicates the outcome of the matter. Look, and if the Moon is

in the seventh place with the malefics, then it indicates that this slave, even if he has escaped from slavery, will return into it. See from the rest of the cardines the condition of what is attributed to each one of them according to what I wrote for you, if God—be He exalted!—wishes.

A chapter. If you want to ask from a ruler or from a man for a request or a gift or other than this.

Ask for this when the Moon is in the ascendent or in quartile to the ascendent or in trine to it while the Moon is increasing in computation and in light or the lord of the ascendent is direct in [its] motion [and] not retrograde and is with the Moon in one sign and the Moon conjoins it. It will be better if the Moon is in its house or aspecting its house while Mercury is with Jupiter. If you ask for a request when Mercury is with Saturn or it aspects it from a strong place, then he will neither grant nor confer that request. If you ask for the request when Mercury is with Venus and his desire is in front of women and is something pleasing him and he is amused by it, then he will grant [it] in this. If the request and desire are in front of kings and nobles of men and leaders, then you will be disappointed if you ask for this at an hour when Jupiter is retrograde or at an hour when Saturn aspects Jupiter. If the request is in front of traders or in front of scientists and people of culture | and masters of calculation, then ask for this at an hour in which Mercury is strong. If the request is in front of a man having years or a man with no children or a man caught in a crime or in front of slaves, then ask for this in an hour in which Saturn is strong.

A chapter. If you want to write to a man or you want to teach a man a science or writing.

Let this be when Mercury is with the Moon and none of the malefics is with it or aspecting it while Mercury is eastern and is not under the [Sun's] rays or retrograde in [its] motion and the Moon also is free from the misfortunes which I wrote of [and] untroubled.

A chapter. Marriage and matrimony.

Look at the condition of the man from the Sun and the ascendent and the Moon's departure from it, and at the condition of the woman

from Venus and the seventh sign and the place with which the Moon is conjoined, and [from] the house of the government [the tenth] to whatever of agreement or irritation or good or evil will occur between the man and the woman, and from the house of the fathers [the fourth at] the outcome of this matter and what is handed over to them of a dowry or other than that. If, when they begin this, you find the Sun injured and Venus with Jupiter or Jupiter aspecting it [Venus], then it indicates that this marriage will not be useful for the man, or a misfortune will reach him, but the woman will attain joy and happiness and benefit. If Venus is with Mars or with Saturn or the two [malefics] aspect Venus, then it indicates that misery and misfortune and shame will come to the woman, and the two [spouses] do not delay that there should be separation and estrangement between them. If you look concerning the matter of a marriage and you find the Moon injured, then evil and misfortune occur to these two together, the man and the woman, from this marriage. If Mercury is with the benefics or they aspect it, then it indicates that a child will soon be born to these two. If the Moon or Venus is in a tropical sign, then the marriage will have no good in it as it indicates that this woman is a whore, a harlot who will secretly frequent the beds of men. If the Moon is in a tropical sign, then this marriage will not be good for the man or for the woman as there will be no agreement between these two and [their] association will not last long.

I will make clear to you the condition of the Moon in the twelve signs. If the marriage takes place when the Moon is in Aries, then the marriage will have no good in it. If it is in Taurus in its [Taurus'] beginning or at its end, then the marriage will have no good in it as it indicates that the woman will be disloyal to her husband; if the Moon is in the middle of Taurus, then it will be good for the marriage. If the Moon is in Gemini in the first half, then it will not be good, but [if] it is in the other half it will be good. Avoid marriage when the Moon is in Cancer. If the Moon is in Leo, then it will be good for the marriage except that each one of the man and the woman will not maintain the property of his companion, that he will spoil and waste it, and the two of them will bring down the level of the property of others. If the Moon is in Virgo, then marriage to a widowed woman will have good in it, but as for a virgin it will not be good. If the Moon is in Libra, then the marriage will not have good in it, but

courtship and requesting will be good in it. If the Moon is in Scorpio in the first degrees, then it will be good, but it will not be good at the end of the sign as the association of these two will not last long. If the Moon is in Sagittarius, then it indicates many kinds [of things], and it will be good for some of the things, but it is better if they postpone this marriage and do not begin it. If the Moon is in Capricorn in its beginning, then the marriage will have no good in it, but it will be good in its [Capricorn's] middle and at its end. If the Moon is in Aquarius, then the marriage will have no good in it. If the Moon is in Pisces, then the woman will be spoiled [deflowered] and will not cease wronging her husband, but it will be good in the rest of things.

Look concerning the matter of marriage at the condition of Venus as there is no good in a marriage when Venus is with the malefics in it or the malefics aspect it [Venus], and Venus and the Moon together are more powerful. The marriage will be good if Jupiter is overcoming Venus, which happens when Venus is in quartile of Jupiter from its left and Venus is in the tenth sign from the Moon so that Jupiter according to this is in opposition to the Moon, as it indicates that these two [spouses] will be properly blessed with children in this marriage, and it will be good in the rest of things also. If the Moon and Jupiter and Venus are some of them aspecting the others from trine, then it will be good for the marriage, but it will be better than that if they are in triplicities or in signs which abound in children and progeny. If Venus is in trine of the malefics, then in the marriage which occurs according to this he [the husband] will be blessed with children, but he will be blessed with this child when in the revolution of years the benefics arrive at the place of the malefics in the base[-nativity] or aspect it.

[It is necessary with regard to a marriage that you look at the nativities of the man and the woman as, if in the nativities of the two of them together one of the benefics is in the house of government [the tenth] of both, then the two of them will obtain a child in the year in which they come together. If the house of the government of both of them is a sign abounding in children, then the woman will conceive on the first day in which she and her husband come together, if God—be He exalted!—wishes. Because agreement and love are necessary in a marriage, it is necessary that you look concerning this subject [at]

28 what indicates love and agreement. If in the nativities of the man and the woman you find a benefic in the same place, then it indicates the
 29 love of each one of the two for his companion. It is thus if, in the nativities of two men or of two women, a star from among the benefics is in the same sign as it indicates that there will be brotherhood and love and agreement between the two.

30 Look concerning the subject of hostility and hatred between the man and the woman and which of the two will be master of his companion and will subjugate him until he is obedient to his companion.
 31 Look concerning this at the nativity of one of them and at the sign
 32 which happens to be in the house of his misery [the sixth]. Then look at the nativity of the second, and if you find the Moon happening to be in the sign which was the house of misery for the first [native], then it indicates that he whose Moon happens to be in the house of misery of his companion will subjugate his companion and to-
 33 ver over him until his companion becomes obedient, [and] it is like the obedience of a slave to his master.

34 The marriage is best if its commencement is at an hour in which the ascendent is one of the signs of which I wrote that, if the Moon is in them, it is good for the marriage, while none of the malefics is in the
 35 ascendent or aspects it. If this marriage is at an hour when Venus is in a masculine sign and Jupiter is in a feminine sign, then it indicates that this marriage will be better for the man than it will be for the
 36 woman. If it is different from this, predict also differently from this; namely, if Venus is in a feminine sign and Jupiter is in a masculine
 37 sign, then this marriage will be better for the woman than it will be for the man. This is the strongest of what is [possible] if the Moon is
 38 increasing in light and in computation. If at the marriage any of the malefics is with the Moon or in the ascendent, then the two [spouses] will not agree on any matter and they will not be reconciled, and
 39 estrangement and discord will come between them. If in the nativity of the woman the Moon is in a sign which is facing the Moon of her
 40 companion, then there will come between the two of them estrange-
 ment and discord, and they will not be reconciled nor agree on any matter, and this [happens] if the Moon of one of the two is in the sign
 39 Aries while the Moon of the other is in Libra. As it is opposition, it in-
 40 dicates hostility. If the Moon in the nativities of both together is above the earth, it indicates that the two of them will come together

after the separation, and there will be peace and love between them so that they will be reconciled.

| A chapter. The courtship of a woman, and what occurs between a wife and her husband when she quarrels and scolds and departs from her house publicly.

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If you want to know, if she returns to him, whether he will profit 1 from her or will see joy and happiness or other than this in her, then look at the hour in which you are asked about this at the position of the Sun and of Venus. If you find the Sun above the earth in the 2 house of government [the tenth] or in the house of good fortune [the eleventh] while Venus is retrograde in its motion [and] western, then it indicates that this woman will return to the house of her husband and will not cease being obedient to her husband from the day she returns [and] she will not contradict [him], but the husband will be
 3 blessed with profit and good and joy from her. If the Sun is in the position which I mentioned while Venus is cadent from the cardines in a double place, then it is necessary that he be diligent in seeking the woman whom he courts as profit and joy will come to him from her. If the Sun and Venus are together in a strong place, then it indicates 4 like this. If you find Venus direct in motion, then it indicates that the 5 woman who departs from her house will subjugate her husband so that for this reason estrangement and separation will come between the two of them, and it indicates that the man will repent after the separation, and it will be thus in the case of the woman who is courted. If at the woman's departure from her house Venus is above the earth 6 in the house of government [the tenth] or the house of good fortune [the eleventh] while the Sun is below the earth or in a double place which is a cadent, then predict similarly about the weakness of the man and the strength of the woman.

If the woman's departure from her house and her discord occur 7 when the Moon is in opposition to the Sun, it indicates that this woman will not be devoted to her husband except after pain and suffering. If at the woman's departure from her house it is [a time] when 8 the Moon turns from opposition and approaches it [the Sun], then it indicates that the woman will soon return to her husband and her house in other than pain and without affliction.

9 If when the woman departs from her house Venus is retrograde in motion or direct [in motion] in the West, then her return to her house will be quick, [and] she will be cheerful but will repent for what there was of her departure and will experience great shame from this. If at this time you find Venus departing from the [Sun's] rays and it is western, then it indicates like this concerning her return because she will not cease repenting until she returns.

11 Look every time concerning the matter of marriage at the sign in which the Moon is. If the two [Moon and sign] are injured, then there will be shouting and discord and hostility and separation between the man and the woman, | and the two [of them] will not settle upon anything and will not be reconciled; thus it indicates the subject of friendship and love. Look concerning both of these things at the power of the benefics. If they happen to be in a strong [and] good position, the conflict and estrangement and evil will disappear and there will be peace and agreement and good between them, if God—be He exalted!—wishes.

V 18 A chapter. A pregnant woman, if her child will die in her belly.

1 If you wish to extract it from her belly, then it is necessary to treat this in the diminishment of the Moon from light and when the Moon is descending from the zone towards the South while Mars and Venus aspect from quartile or trine the ascendent and the Moon. This is best if the ascendent and the Moon are in an effeminate sign and the ascendent and the Moon are in signs straight in rising.

V 19 A chapter. Partnership.

1 If you want to form a partnership with someone in an activity or in property or in anything for which there is a need of a partnership of a man, then let this be when the Moon is in [one of] the signs of which I mentioned that marriage in it is good, and the Moon is free [and] devoid of the misfortunes which I mentioned. Then look, and if the ascendent and the Moon are in Aries, then a partnership will not be good in it because it will not last and there will soon occur estrangement and separation between the two. If the ascendent and the Moon are in Taurus, then a partnership will not be desirable with a powerful man [but] will be dangerous, and if it is with lowly people also, discord will occur between the two and there will be no good in the outcome

of this matter. If the ascendent and the Moon are in Gemini, then the partnership will be good and they both will profit from this and there will be agreement and the preservation of trust between them. If the ascendent and the Moon are in Cancer, there will occur betrayal and anxiety in these two, and each one of them will slander his companion. If they are in Leo, there will be profit and good reputation between them. If they are in Virgo, then there will be a good profit in it and wise men will praise them, and they will have affection among the people and will attain much profit in [their] trading, and surplus and joy will occur to them from it. If they are in Libra, then there will be no good in this partnership. If they are in Scorpio, quarreling and discord will occur to the two of them, and each one of them will conceal in himself disloyalty to his companion and slander for him. If they are in Sagittarius, then | it will be good except that each one of them will be overbearing towards his companion and will be arrogant to him. If they are in Capricorn, happiness and joy will occur to them both. If they are in Aquarius, misfortune and injury will occur to them both. If they are in Pisces, then it will be superior, elevated, good. The ascendent and the Moon indicate these qualities which I mentioned if neither benefics nor malefics are with them and they do not aspect the ascendent and the Moon.

If Saturn aspects the ascendent or the Moon or is with the two of them, then they will not agree on advice, and whatever of love is between them will cool down, and they will discontinue in whatever years are between them, and there will be shouting and discord between them, and misery and separation and upheaval and slowness in work will occur to them both. If Mars aspects the ascendent or the Moon from a strong place or is with them both, then there occurs to them according to what I wrote of quarreling and fighting and discord. If Jupiter aspects the ascendent or the Moon from trine or is with them both, then profit and good reputation and prestige will occur to them from their partnership, and to the lowlier of the two in the matter debris will occur in this partnership, but as for the more amply provided of the two with a share and the mightier of the two in importance, he will gain two thirds from this profit at the end because the people of good luck and who possess importance are worthier of preferment over others. Every time that the benefics aspect the ascendent or the Moon from trine or the benefics are with

the ascendent or with the Moon, then this partnership will be good
19 [and] he will profit from it. If they aspect from quartile or from
opposition or from sextile, then it will be good, but this profit and
good will be less than when they aspect from trine.

V 20 A chapter. Debt and the payment for it.

1 If you contract a debt or pay it, consider the condition of the claim-
ant to whom the debt [is due] from the ascendent and the condition
2 tion of the borrower who seeks the debt from the seventh, and the condi-
tion of the borrower also from the Moon and Mercury. If the Moon is
with the benefics or they aspect it while one of the malefics injures
3 it, he will pay this debt, but he will also revert in this debt. If Mer-
cury is with Saturn, there will be confusion and deception and trickery
4 in the payment of this debt. If Mercury is with Mars or [Mars] aspects
it from a strong place, he will revert in this debt and there will occur
in what is between the two of them for this debt fighting and shouting
5 and quarreling. If the Moon is under the Sun's rays, then look at
what I wrote for you in which the consideration is from the condition
of the Moon and its position, and make your consideration of this from
the Sun and its position and its liberation from the malefics.

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p. 121 If the Moon is in the burned place, that is if the Moon is in | the
middle of the zone which is the equator, taking the direction of the
qibla towards the South, or [if] the Moon is in the first degrees of Leo
or Gemini or Capricorn, or [if] those degrees of which I wrote are the
ascendent, then it will not be good if you decide anything according to
7 this. If you wish, then borrow when the Moon is in Leo or in Pisces or
in Aquarius or in Scorpio or in Sagittarius while the Moon is decreasing
in light and Jupiter and Venus and Mercury are aspecting the ascend-
8 ent or the Moon. If they are aspecting together the ascendent and the
Moon, it will be more powerful.

V 21 A chapter. The journey.

1 If you want or someone wants a journey or the departure from his
land to another land, then look for the traveller from the ascendent,
and [for] the land which he desires from the seventh, and for the action
and for the necessity which he seeks in that journey from the house of
government [the tenth], and for the outcome of that matter from the
2 house of the fathers [the fourth]. Let his departure be when the Moon

is increasing in computation and Mercury is not under the Sun's rays
and not with the malefics, and the location of the Moon is neither in
the twelfth place nor in the sixth place from the ascendent, and the
lord of the ascendent and the lord of the Moon are not cadent under
the [Sun's] rays. If the Moon is in the sixth place or the twelfth from 3
the ascendent, then it indicates that misfortune and pain and misery
will happen to him on this journey. If the Moon is increasing in compu- 4
tation, then it indicates that he will come to the place which he
desires in comfort.

If the benefics are in the ascendent, then it indicates goodness with 5
respect to the condition of that journey of his. If the benefics are in 6
the seventh house, then it indicates his profit from his departure to
that land which he desires. If the Moon and Saturn and Mars are 7
together in the ascendent, or [the Moon and] one of them, or in the
seventh house, then it indicates that a severe pain and an oppressive
disease and damage and shouting and fighting will happen to him on
his journey and [in] the land which he comes to. If the lord of the 8
ascendent or the lord of the Moon is in [its] station, then it indicates
that his absence will be long and there will occur slowness and diffi-
culty in his affair. If any of the benefics is in opposition to the Moon 9
or [in] quartile to it or it [the Moon] conjoins with any of them, then
the commencement of this journey will be good. If any of the malefics 10
is in quartile of the Moon or in opposition to it, then the commence-
ment of this journey [will be] bad.

| A chapter. Departure from a journey.

If you want to know his return to his land and his home and his 1
house, whether it will be deliberate or difficulty and slowness and
length of time will occur in it, then look at the opposition to the Sun
and its quartile. If Jupiter or Venus is in any of these places, then he 2
will soon return from this journey of his safely. If any of the malefics 3
is in these places, then his departure will be delayed and will be slow,
and his departure will take place when the malefics leave their lo-
cation in which the malefics were and the Moon comes to be in oppo-
sition to the place in which the Moon was or in quartile to that place,
or his departure from that place of his will take place when the Sun
returns to the place in which it was at the beginning of the journey or
the Sun comes to be in opposition to the place in which it was at the

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beginning of the journey while the Sun is free [and] nothing injures it.

4 If he commenced the journey when the Moon was in quartile of the malefics or [in] opposition to them while the benefics did not aspect it or the Moon conjoined with some one of the malefics, or some one of them was in quartile of the Moon, then it indicates his departure from that journey of his to his land and his home [will be] in difficulty and
5 pain and misery, or because of illness he will not depart. If the malefics are not aspecting the Moon from opposition or quartile while the benefics aspect the Sun and the Moon except that the Moon conjoins with any one of the malefics, then it indicates that misfortune and a hideous, difficult matter and pain will happen to him because of this conjunction, but despite this if the benefics aspect the Sun and
6 the Moon, then he will return to his land and his home. If the malefics are in the sign which is on the right of the Moon and [in that] on its left, then the Moon in accordance with this will be squeezed between the malefics, and it indicates that a difficult, hideous pain will reach him in his journey, and it will be worse for these calamities if Jupiter is not aspecting the Moon; but if it is aspecting it, then it will diminish this misfortune and [these] calamities.

7 If you want to know the condition of his departure from this journey of his, whether it will be soon [and] deliberate or slow [and] remote, then it is necessary to consider concerning this if he has arrived
8 at the land which he desires. You should look at the sign in which the lord of the ascendent and of the second house, which is the house of property, happens to be at that hour. If the lord of the second sign is retrograde in its motion, then it indicates that his departure from this journey of his will be soon [and] quick, [but] bad [and] he will profit in nothing from his journey and will satisfy none of his needs but will
10 be rid of them. If the lord of this sign is in [its] station, then it indicates
11 his departure in slowness and a lengthy lingering. If | the lord of this
p. 123 sign is in [its] station, [then] departs from its station and is direct in its motion, then his departure will be middling, but with the satisfaction of [his] need and leisure from the business on which he was
12 travelling. If the lord of this sign is in the ascendent or in the house of government [the tenth], then it indicates that he will see in this
13 journey of his health and security from misfortunes. If the lord of this sign is in the house of the fathers [the fourth], then it indicates that there will be the fear of death for him in this journey of his.

If the Moon is with Saturn at the hour in which the man reaches his 14 land and his place which he desired, then it will be a sign indicating slowness and injury in property, and he will stay behind in that absence of his because of illness and he will persist in it. If the Moon 15 at that hour is with Mercury and Mars is in opposition to them both, then it indicates that there will reach him in this journey of his beating and breaking and injury and the rest of misfortunes. If Mercury and 16 Saturn aspect the Moon from opposition, then it indicates that there will happen to him in this journey of his slowness and estrangement, and he will conceal [his] perfidy and stealing and evil, but he will be suspected and seized on account of this and imprisoned, and his wealth will be destroyed. If Mars is in Sagittarius with the Moon or 17 aspects the Moon from Sagittarius, then it indicates that there will happen to him on this journey of his and [during] his absence beating and breaking and injury.

Look at the nature of the sign in which the Moon is injured. If it 18, 19 is one of the signs which are of the nature of beasts and the malefics which injure the Moon are also in signs which are of the nature of beasts, then this misfortune will reach him from animals or lions. If 20 they are of the nature of men, then this injury will be from men.

If the commencement of the journey takes place when Mercury 21 is with the Moon and Jupiter aspects them both from trine or from quartile, then it indicates that his business on this journey will be easy, favorable, [and] beneficial, [and] the departure will be quick in ease and well-being.

A chapter. Buying a ship or building it.

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If you want to buy a ship or to build it, then it is necessary to 1 commence this when Jupiter or Venus is in the cardine, the house of the fathers [the fourth], and they both aspect the ascendent and the Moon also. This is best if they both are in the house of the fathers [the 2 fourth] in a sign whose nature is moist, one of the watery signs, or a sign whose nature is the nature of the animals of the sea, or one of the houses of Jupiter and Venus. This is best if the ascendent is Taurus 3 when the Moon is in it, or Gemini or Cancer or Virgo | or Sagittarius p. 124 or Capricorn at the end of its degrees when the Moon is in it; the beginning of Capricorn is earthy and its end watery. If the ascendent 4 is Pisces and the Moon is in it, then also it will be good; the best of