



Figure 21: Example 12, A diurnal nativity with the tenth degree [and] seventh minute of Cancer ascending

The⁶¹ Sun in the twenty-fourth [degree] of Aries, the Moon in the seventeenth [degree] of Libra, Saturn in the twenty-seventh [degree] of Libra, Jupiter in the seventeenth [degree] of Sagittarius, Mars in Sagittarius, the Lot of Fortune in the eighteenth [degree] of Sagittarius, the Head in the seventeenth [degree] of Scorpio. The fortune of this native [was being signified] by the Lords of the triplicity of the Sun (for it was a diurnal nativity). And the Sun, the first Lord of the triplicity, was in his own exaltation in the Midheaven, applying to Saturn, nor received by him; and Jupiter, the second Lord, and [Mars,] Lord of the Midheaven, were cadent in the sign of the 6th. But Saturn, the third Lord, in his own exaltation, was signifying prosperity for the native at the end of his life. Moreover, I looked again at the Lot of Fortune, and I found it in the sign of the 6th, joined to Jupiter, and the Moon in the Midheaven from the Lot of Fortune,⁶² which signified fortune from the middle of life up to its end.

⁶¹ This corresponds to *Nativities* chart 12. See *Nativities* and the Appendix to Holden's *JN* for more on the dating controversy.

⁶² According to the positions given, this is not true (she is in the eleventh from the Lot). But the Lot cannot be in the given position anyway: it should rather be at 16° Capricorn, in which case the Moon would be in its Midheaven, but the Lot would no longer be joined to Jupiter.

And so much for the examples, now we will return to the rules themselves:

[Middling fortune]

If the Lord of the triplicity of its luminary which has the dignity, were impeded, look at the Lot of Fortune: which if it were in the angles, and the fortunes and bad ones aspected it equally, it signifies a middling amount of fortune and prosperity.

Moreover, look at the Lords of the triplicity of the Sun (in diurnal nativities) and the Lords of the triplicity of the Moon (in the night): which if they were in the angles, they signify greatness and excellent fortune. If however they were in the succedents, they signify a middling amount of fortune. Which if they were cadent, they signify labor and a bad condition.

[The falling of fortune]

Which if some one of the bad ones were in the eleventh sign from the Ascendant, or with the Lot of fortune, or [with] the Sun in diurnal nativities or with the Moon in nocturnal nativities, it signifies the fall of fortune, and especially if it did not have dignity in [that] sign.

And⁶³ if the Lot of Fortune or its Lord did not aspect⁶⁴ the Ascendant or the Sun (in diurnal nativities) and the Moon (in nocturnal nativities), it signifies the fall of fortune, and especially if it⁶⁵ did not have dignity in [that] sign. Yet the Moon in nocturnal nativities signifies the fall of fortune in this way: if the Moon were separated from the bad ones, and were applied again to bad ones, it signifies a fall of fortune.⁶⁶ And if the *kadukhūdḥāh* were in a bad place, and the bad ones aspected it, it signifies the fall of fortune.

⁶³ Cf. this condition with Māshā'allāh's topic [2.8] in *BA* Chs. III.2.0 and III.2.2.

⁶⁴ The text reads as a plural, suggesting that the rule holds if *neither* of them are configured to the Ascendant.

⁶⁵ Probably referring to the Lord of the Lot.

⁶⁶ This would be the case if the Moon were besieged, as in *BA* III.2.2, topic [2.10].

[Advancement after labor]

Moreover, if there were bad ones in the angles and the fortunes in the succedents from the angles, they signify labor in the beginning of life, and fortune in its end. And if the Sun (in nativities of days) and the Moon (in nativities of nights) were separated from bad ones and applied to good ones, it signifies the goodness of the native's condition, and his exaltation after labor. And if the Lords of the lunar triplicity (only if she had the dignity [of the time]) were cadent, applied to planets appearing in their own exaltations or domiciles, they signify the native's fortune after labor. And if the luminaries were impeded without the aspect of the fortunes, they signify the goodness of the native's condition, after labor.

Chapter 8: On the time of the native's fortune

Know that if the planet which signifies fortune were oriental, above the earth, it signifies fortune in the beginning of life; and if it were occidental, under the earth, it signifies fortune at the end of life.

Moreover, you will consider even the application of the places: since the ascending sign (and the second one) signifies the beginning of life and adolescence; but the 10th and the 11th signify youth; the 7th and 8th old age; the 4th and 5th a decrepit age and the end of life.

Moreover, the Lot of Fortune signifies the beginning of life, and the Lord of its domicile the end of [life]; and the one which was in a luckier place and condition will signify the goodness of the native's condition in its own time.⁶⁷

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Moreover,⁶⁸ you will even investigate the time of the native's prosperity or misfortune or mediocrity, namely from the direction of the planets, which will signify this by the distance which there was between them and the fortunes and the bad ones in the signs, by degrees and minutes. However, you will direct the Lot of Fortune to the bodies both of the lucky and malefic stars, and to the rays of the same [planets]. Because if it were conjoined or applied to Jupiter or Venus, it signifies fortune in that time; and if it were

⁶⁷ This sounds like a use of planetary periods.

⁶⁸ This paragraph corresponds to the end of *BA* III.2.4.

conjoined or applied to Saturn or Mars, it signifies the loss of the native's money, and the sacking of his home.

Chapter 9: On the knowledge of the reasons for the native's prosperity

Look at the reason for the prosperity and substance from the Lot of Fortune:⁶⁹

Which if it were in the exaltation of the Sun, [the native] will be made fortunate from the association of kings and princes.

And if it were in the exaltation of Jupiter, his fortune will be from the association of nobles and great and religious men.

But if it were in the exaltation of the Mars, his fortune will be from the association of generals and bellicose men.

If however it were in the exaltation of Venus, his fortune will come from the friendship of women and effeminate men.

Which if it were in the exaltation of Mercury, his fortune will be from learned men, scribes, and wise men.

But if it were in the exaltation of the Moon, his fortune will be from the association of slaves, the masses, and legal witnesses.

Lastly, if it were in the exaltation of Saturn, fortune will come to the native from the association of male and female slaves, farmers, and old men.

In fact you will judge in a like manner from the bound and domicile where the Lot of Fortune was, and especially if its Lord aspected it.

If the Lot of Fortune were in the angles, it signifies greatness of fortune; and if it were in the succedents of the angles, it signifies a middling amount of fortune; but [in] the cadents, labor and difficulty in acquiring a thing.

⁶⁹ Reading *a parte fortunae* for *apertae fortunae*.

Moreover,⁷⁰ even the place of the Moon in the circle and her establishment with the planets must be known: to be sure, she has a strong signification with the planet with whom she is commingled.

If she were in a domicile of Venus, conjoined or applying to her, it signifies that the native will value joy, games, delights.

And if she were in a domicile of Jupiter, with him either regarding her or present [with her], it signifies that the native will have a great mind, and he will have friendship with kings, and he will be religious and fortunate, famous and praised among all.

And if she were in a domicile of Mars, joined or applying to him, it signifies that the native will be bold, and a lover of quarrels and war, and he will be a man of labors and foreign travel, most hardy, and he will mingle himself with bellicose men, and he will be fortunate with them.

And if she were in a domicile of Mercury, commingled with him (whether by body or rays), it signifies that the native will be clever, ingenious, wise, experienced in the law of inheritance and [in] contentions, and he will obtain fortune and good from them.

But if she were in a domicile of Saturn, conjoined or applying to him, the native will have a cold complexion, sad, having much labor and anxiety in readying his livelihood and resources, unless Saturn were oriental: for then real estate, resources, [and] many new buildings will flow to him.

Which if she were in the domicile of the Sun, conjoined to him, it signifies the malignity of the native's substance, and the shortness of his life, and a multitude of infirmities. But if she applied to the Sun from out of the trigon or the sextile aspect, it signifies that the native will obtain good from high men, or he will be [one] of their number, and made fortunate.

⁷⁰ This whole list might be an expansion of topic 1.6 in *BA* III.2.1.