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Benefic / Malefic Relative to the Lights

Since we are back in the lights column, determining whether a planet's business is good or bad for the native is a matter of sect. If a planet is of the sect in favor it is considered positive, but planets of the contrary sect tend to be destructive of the native's wishes. Each planet has its job. It is not that a planet is inherently malevolent or benevolent, but in order for balance to exist in the universe, the sects have to be opposed.

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Joys Relative to the Horizon

These are the planetary joys with which the medieval tradition is familiar. If a planet is in its joy, then the business it conducts is seen as favorable for the native, but if a planet is not in its joy, it is not seen as unfavorable, but is merely neutral. Bill Johnston tells me that a planet is not "bummed out" if it is not found in one of these places. If it was true that it was, it would be bummed out approximately 11/12ths of the time.

Joys Relative to Sect on the Local Horizon

This condition is known as "being in ones own light" and in medieval astrology was one of 3 conditions that contributed to a planet being in hayz. Diurnal planets want to be on the same side of the earth as the Sun and nocturnal planets want to be on the opposite side of the earth from the Sun, so if the Sun is above the horizon, Jupiter and Saturn want to be above the horizon too. If the Sun is below, then they want to be below too. Nocturnal planets always want to be on the other side of

Joys Relative to Sect on the Planetary Horizon

While the last section dealt with joys relative to the local horizon, this one deals with the planetary horizon, otherwise known as the ecliptic. What we are primarily interested in here is whether a planet is on the same side of the ecliptic as the Moon (since the Sun defines the ecliptic). If so, then the business that the planet conducts is favorable for the native: if not then there is no testimony here about this subject.

Joys Relative to Sect on the Zodiacal Horizon

While the other 2 conditions had firmly established horizons, the zodiacal horizon is less well defined, just as the wind roughly defines the horizon, but not exactly so. Since this is still a sect related concept, what we are interested in is whether a planet runs with the same zodiacal wind as the light of the time (the Sun by day, or the Moon by night). Because we have another above and below concept, we are interested in whether the wind is north or south, not ascending or descending

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