

MODERN HORARY ASTROLOGY

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INTRODUCTION

I was born in 1960 in Los Angeles, California. I mention the year because I want you to understand I was at “ground zero” for what was the “birth of the new age movement”. Just going to the supermarket, the magazine racks were chock full of astrology and paranormal magazines. The first book I know that hit, and hit big, was Linda Goodman’s “Sun Signs” on astrology. That book must have been on every coffee table in town because I saw it EVERYWHERE.

Because everyone was reading it, of course I had to read it also. I devoured that book like a man who was starving to death. Since I’m a Leo by sun sign, I of course related to everything the book had to say about Leo’s. Soon I joined the fad of asking people, “What’s your sign?” before even asking their names. At first, I really could see how people were very much like their sun signs as portrayed in this book.

When Linda came out with her next book, “Love Signs”, I couldn’t wait until I got my hands on that book. I must have memorized every single word. The idea you could know the way to a person’s heart by just knowing their birthdate was very appealing to a young single girls such as myself. I had just started to like boys about the time this book came out, so I started trying to see if their sun signs really did tell you about their romantic leanings.

But as I was just entering my teen years then, I was soon learning that what a man’s romantic leanings were like was not the same as their sexual life. This is when I began to see some of the flaws in sun sign astrology itself. I mean how could everyone on the face of the earth be divided up into just 12 categories? Human beings are much more complex, and contradictory, than this.

Being raised as Christian also, I was having a lot of conflict over the typical church’s condemnation of astrology with the story of the Magi. To me, if three astrologers could know not only when and where Jesus was going to be born in time to arrive there on foot basically, and loaded with gifts, but also know what his birth was to mean – that just didn’t jive with the idea I was hearing from the church that astrology was a “work of the Devil”.

I was also studying any and all religions at this time. I was the only teenager I knew who was excited to get my hands on one of the first copies of the “Dead Sea Scrolls” for example. Living in Los Angeles, we were surrounded by Hare

Krisnha's back then. They used to patrol the airports handing out flowers and booklets to anyone they could get to talk to them. LA had a Buddhist center which used to teach meditation. So I was begging my mom to take me to check out the sunrise Hare Krisnha prayer and breakfast they'd hold on the beach on Saturday mornings. I was also studying about faith healing at the just opened "Hands of Light" center which had opened in Glendale, while hearing talk of the psychic surgeon "John" who supposedly was healing people using nothing but his hands and a pair of rusty scissors.

The more I dove into sun sign astrology as far as describing what people were like, the more disillusioned I was getting. I was also frustrated because I couldn't reconcile sun sign astrology with the story of the three Magi. I wanted to know how those astrologers could know who Jesus was to become, as well as how they knew when and where he'd be born. THAT was the kind of astrology I wanted to know how to do. But as this was the world before the internet or computers, all I could find to work from was books. We had a mainstream bookstore back then called "Crown Books" where all I could find was these "fluffy" astrology books like Linda Goodman's books.

As my own psychic abilities made themselves manifest, and of course more of a problem, my mother decided to move us closer to UCLA. Dr. Thelma Moss was a researcher who had just opened up a paranormal research department at the university. After I had an episode where I became angry and literally every light bulb, TV set and radio in our house blew up at the same time, (with what TV sets cost back then this was a very expensive episode), my mother decided I needed professional help. So she got me enrolled in their program where first I was to be subjected to tests to see what was going on with me both from a medical as well as a psychiatric background on top of the testing for intuition and the paranormal. If you've seen the film, "The Entity", the university and professors portrayed in that film was this department led by Dr. Moss.

Living now in Tarzana, and going back and forth to the events being held by this department – brought me in touch with all kinds of people who were "big" in these fields. People such as Uri Geller, Jeane Dixon, Sydney Omarr, and the list went on of psychics, astrologers, mediums, etc. I was even lucky enough to attend one of Arthur Ford's last events – one of the world's most famous mediums.

That's when I got introduced to the Bodhi Tree Bookstore. This bookstore was in the heart of Hollywood and carried really hard core books on anything to do with astrology, numerology, spiritualism, ESP, alternative medicine, UFO's, runes,

palmistry – you name it and they had the most amazing books. They would carry the popular ones such as when Billy Meir released the first photo book on his UFO encounters, as well as books on astrology dating back to the 1600's. This is when I started doing professional readings and seances as my after school job, and then spending every penny on books on astrology.

That's when I started getting these astrology books written in archaic language which made them almost impossible to decipher. So I knew there was a whole other world out there about astrology than just horoscopes, but I was really struggling trying to teach myself using these books which were like handing someone barely learning how to do addition a book on calculus. I honestly was just lost for a time.

Then I got a teacher. He moved into our house and exchanged astrology lessons with me for room and board while dating my mom. His name was Peter Stapleton and many people feel he was responsible for ushering in the age of "sidereal astrology". The kind of astrology I'd been learning with Goodman was "tropical" or western astrology. To put it simply, Sidereal astrologers believe the planets have moved since the time of Christ and they want to use astrology like astronomy. In other words, based on where the planets really are at this moment in time. According to their beliefs, I'm therefore not a Leo, but actually a Cancer.

I couldn't accept I was a Cancer because I just didn't seem to have any of those traits. This period of debate between Peter and I as to which method of astrology was the most "accurate" led me to a very fascinating period of study. He felt the fastest way to tell which method or system was more accurate was to use it at the horse track or casino. If we could tell who was going to win the next race, then this was the fastest way to determine which method was in fact the most accurate.

This was when I was introduced to the idea of horary astrology for the first time. Peter would take me on subjects to learn and we'd work on them until I mastered them. One subject was on the idea you could actually tell what someone on the other end of the phone was like, as well as what was on their mind simply by the time of their phone call. To learn, as well as test this theory, I ran an ad in a local newspaper offering to tell the caller their question without them asking.

Peter had been a computer programmer for IBM before I met him. In fact, he was one of the first people to program astrology programs that could cast charts. Back when we had to use books to calculate charts, it would take an hour sometimes to cast a chart. Making this very difficult to even do horary astrology. But Peter had

got a program working that would do a printout of the charts for every minute of the day. This allowed me to actually “time” a phone call to the chart allowing me to see the actual chart of the person’s call. Based on this, I was taught how to describe the caller and also know what their question was before they even opened their mouths. Knowledge I use to this day when I want to know what’s on someone’s mind when they call me for anything.

But the world has changed today. I see the young wanting to learn astrology and they don’t want to struggle through expensive books on astrology which are also hard to understand at first. Nor do many of them have access to someone who can literally spend the day teaching them astrology either as I did for a time. The internet seems to be bombarding the world now with sun sign and Vedic astrology while the true ancient forms of astrology which can be used for so many important things such as medical astrology as but one example seem to be getting lost.

I started up a Facebook group recently to help others learn horary astrology. Daily I’m getting people coming in who have no idea what it even is. Some are even acting like I’m making up the system – accusing me of “making up the rules”. If these people don’t even know how to cast a horary chart – I fear this great system could get lost in all the noise.

Which is why I’m writing this book in the hopes of making it something easier to master for the modern astrologer. Your feedback is welcome so I can modify this book to help it become as useful as possible.

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WHAT IS HORARY ASTROLOGY?

Most astrology is natal astrology. It takes the time you take your first breath and that becomes your natal chart. For example, I was born on August 1, 1960. Using sun sign astrology in the Tropical system, I'm therefore a Leo. The exact time of my birth was however 12:45 pm in Los Angeles, California. This means my "rising sign" or my "ascendant" is therefore 15 degrees of Scorpio. So my natal chart is calculated using the moment I took my first breath, as well as where that first breath was taken.

In horary astrology, they believe that the moment a question is asked, and this question is then comprehended by the astrologer doing the reading is like a "birth" of said question. It's crucial to understand that simply "thinking" the question is not the same thing as one person asking the astrologer a question, and then the moment of the astrologer comprehending that question is what's used as the time you cast the chart to be read to know the answers to this question.

To not get this time right would be the same as not using the time of the first breath to cast a natal chart. If you were to instead just pick a time after birth and use that as the natal chart – you're not going to get an accurate reading. Why is that? The more I learn about quantum mechanics – the more I do believe this "rule" of when to cast the chart has to do with the second person "comprehending" the question because that's when a second person is then "connected" to this question.

To me it's like an invention. Is something "invented" just because someone has an idea about it – or is it "invented" when someone actually draws out the plans, applies for the patent and then produces this invention? An invention is not just a thought in the head. Same as if I have an idea to build a shopping mall. It's just a thought until I actually go out and start shopping for land, getting plans drawn up on building the mall, etc. There is a difference between when something is just a thought in the head versus the moment something comes into our reality in other words.

Before the internet, when you go back into the history of astrology, astrologers were usually people who dedicated their lives to this. Going back to the story of the Magi, these men were King Herod's astrologers. That was their job and their very lives. As the King's astrologers, they felt this Star of Bethlehem, or this configuration, meant a rival for the King was about to be born. In fact their warning to the King was just that – that it appeared another King was about to be born. This is why to "cut off the competition" the King ordered all males less than

two years of age to be murdered. The Magi didn't just go to where Jesus was born just to honor him, but also to warn his family of the King's plans to have him cut down before he could even grow up.

This story to me illustrates how just knowing something ahead of time doesn't mean you can change fate. It also shows how much "interpretation" matters. Jesus wasn't a rival to replace King Herod, but a "King" of a different type of kingdom. Despite this horrible massacre being ordered, it didn't stop him from becoming that King either.

Which to me says here is such a thing as "fate". This is what we're looking at when looking at a horary question instead of a natal chart. Let's say my natal chart shows I'm about to get married. I am in love with two different men and both of them want to marry me. My natal chart isn't going to really tell me which one I will marry however. Now I can look at both of their charts and tell if one of them also has marriage aspects and transits and that might be a way of telling me which one I WILL marry. But they still could wind up marrying someone else.

What if I wanted to know which one I'd marry? Just the act of wondering however is not going to give me a horary chart. Typically, I would reach out to ask the astrologer, "Who will I marry?" Then the moment the astrologer comprehends my question, that's when they would cast the chart that would contain my answer.

Why do I make a distinction about the "comprehension" of the question? In the olden days, people would write letters. Letters would sometimes take a year to reach their destinations. The astrologer reading this question would take the time they opened the letter and read the question, and cast a chart using that time and their location. You don't try and figure out when the question was asked in other words, or where. The chart is to be cast from where the astrologer is, and the time they understand the question.

In modern times, we aren't opening letters or messages sent to us by a messenger who carried the message to us by hand. We now have emails, texts and phones to use. But we don't use the time that the message is sent to cast the chart. It's the time the astrologer opens that email and reads the question, or hears the voice message. In other words, it's important for this question to reach this second person, the astrologer, and the chart is to be cast by the astrologer when and where they understand the question asked. That becomes the "birth" of the question. I believe it's because it's the moment that a second person "connects" to the question as to why that becomes the time of the casting of a horary chart.

Which is why I struggled a lot when I was trying to figure out how can I use this “rule” when I’m the astrologer asking the question of myself? I’ve spent years now trying to figure out how to do horary of my own questions and I have learned a few methods that do produce an accurate chart.

For example, if I am having a conversation with another person and I hear myself ask a question – I will write that down and use that to cast a horary chart. Let’s say I’m having coffee with the girlfriends and I suddenly ask out loud to the group, “I wonder if he’s cheating on me?” It’s that moment when ANOTHER person understands the question that I use to cast the horary chart.

This is why having people just call me off an ad would produce a horary chart so accurate I could even tell this person their question without them opening their mouths. It would also reveal to me the person asking the question as they become the “birth” of the question, or the 1st house or ascendant. I as the astrologer am typically the 7th house in a chart. As the person being asked the question also, I’m the 7th house. In horary astrology, the astrologer is always considered the 7th house – even if you’re the astrologer asking the question and reading the chart.

The idea that a horary chart has a right time to be calculated is so integral to horary astrology there’s even some “rules” about when a chart wasn’t cast right to even be read. Those universally accepted rules are:

1. If the moon is void – the chart is invalid to read.
2. If Saturn is in the 7th house. With the 7th house being the astrologer, and Saturn ruling “blockages”, it just means it’s an invalid or wrongly cast chart not to be read by the astrologer.
3. If the rising degree, or ascendant, is 0 degrees to 3 degrees, it’s asked too soon. If the rising is 27 to 30 degrees, then it’s asked too late. Either way these degrees on the ascendant, or rising, means it’s not to be read.

I have done horary charts for probably over 40 years now, and I’ve seen it over and over again that when it’s not being asked at the right time, or cast at the right time, these rules prove the chart isn’t to be read. Not if you want an accurate answer anyway.

Now these charts which may be “wrong” for horary, will tell you about the person asking the question. It will tell you about them and what they were thinking and doing at the time. But that won’t give you an answer. When horary astrology is done right, you can literally find a missing person, pet, object, etc. I mean the

chart will tell you when this person or thing will be found, where, and in what condition. That's how powerful horary astrology is when done properly. I myself have lost my own cat three times. Each time, the horary chart led me right to her and the chart had been accurate about her condition and where she was.

But how could that be when I'm the astrologer? How can I ask myself, "Where's my cat?" Because what I would do each time would be to take the time I called someone and told them she was missing, or even when I said to my daughter, "Where's the cat?" I would use the time of when the question passed from me to a second human being who then understood the question. When I recognized a second person knew I was saying my cat was gone, that was the moment I used to cast the chart of how to find her. I'm still the 7th house as the astrologer when casting my own charts for my own questions, but I'm also the moon. In any horary chart, the moon will always contain your answers. I say this because in the ancient days, astrologers weren't able to always cast charts but they could read the moon.

That's not to say there isn't something I call "event astrology". Take a missing person case. Do you use the time someone says, "Where's Sally?" to cast the horary chart? You can. If you do, then you're using horary rules to find the answer to that question in that chart. You can also take the time of the 911 call however, and use that as an "event" chart. In astrology, when you start something is when you can cast an "event" chart. I can take the opening of a business to create a chart for this business and read it like a natal chart. That's an "event" chart. Now if I want to control the outcome of a business, I will CHOOSE a time to open this business. That becomes an "election chart".

The rules of coming up with your answer or prediction however are different for "event charts" over "horary charts". So it's important to know when you're doing a horary chart that it's actually a horary chart. Let's say I want to know who is going to win the Super Bowl that year. If I take the time the game starts and use that to predict the outcome, that's an "event" chart. But if instead I get a phone call from a reporter asking me, "Who do you think will win this year?" I can then use that question as a horary chart to determine my prediction.

I did this with the O.J. case. I did take the time of O.J. being taken into custody to be able to read through the progression of his trial to know that he would be found not guilty and released from his criminal charge. I took the time of the filing of the civil case against him to know he would lose that case, as well as it would cost him a great deal of money.

But when a reporter called me up asking if I thought he'd be released from jail, I took his call and cast a horary chart. When the horary chart showed me Mars had just popped out of the 12th house of imprisonment – I was able to tell him immediately I felt he'd be released.

Which is one of the great things about horary astrology when trying to read things you can't really read off a natal or event chart, or maybe you want to get a "second opinion". Let's say I see something that appears to be death in a natal chart reading. Since it's a lot of 8th house stuff, maybe it's surgery I'm seeing. If I have the person say to me, "Am I going to die soon?", then I can use that horary chart to help me sort out better what I'm seeing in the natal chart.

Same if I'm doing the event chart of the surgery. If the event chart of the time of the surgery appears to foretell of death – I may back this up with a horary chart to see if that's really what I'm seeing. I've learned that the charts are ALWAYS right – it's my interpretations which can be wrong.

In a nut shell, horary astrology is the astrology used for questions. The birth of the question being like the birth of a person, animal, business, or anything that's "born". The accuracy of its predictions I believe reinforce that something is "born" when an idea passes from one human being to another.

THE BASICS

Keep in mind that horary astrology is the astrology of questions, not thoughts. This means you should use the time one person asks you as the astrologer a question, or even you hear yourself ask a question of a second person. The moment of “understanding” between two people is the time you use to cast the chart. I’ve found Koch is the house system that works best with horary, and also any “real world” events. If you’re not sure if you did it right, there are rules to start with to make sure you’re even using the correct chart.

1. If Saturn is in the 7th house, it’s a void chart. Throw it out and start over with another time.
2. If the rising sign is 0, 1, 2 or 3 – it’s too soon and throw it out.
3. If the rising sign is 28, 29 or 0 – it’s too late and throw it out.
4. If the moon is void or void of course – throw it out. If the moon actually is going to change signs before making an aspect, then “nothing will come of it” is another way of saying it’s a void chart, or “nothing will come of” what you’re asking about.

When determining your answer in a horary chart, we use the “rule of 3”. Meaning you can’t just rely upon one single aspect for your answer. Unless you can see the same answer using three different aspects, then I wouldn’t rely upon it. The moon is also your true “guiding light” on what’s going on with the question.

The person asking the question is the 1st House. That means whatever is in the 1st House and also the 1st house ruler in the chart.

The astrologer, or the person being asked the question, is ruled by the 7th house, and also it’s ruler.

The next tricky part is determining the house that rules what you’re asking about. If you’re asking about a spouse, then the 7th house is your ruler. However, something stolen is also ruled by the 7th house. You need to know your rulerships in order to determine what is the house ruling what you’re asking about.

If you want an idea how the situation is going to turn out in the end, look to the 4th House and its ruler. That, and the planet with the highest degree as the last aspect made in the chart show you how it will all turn out in the end.

THE HOUSES

The first house is generally either the person asking the question, or who the chart is asking about. This includes general appearance of the querant, or the person asked about. It tells you all about the person asking the question, or asked about. You may have to look to planets in the house as well as rulerships to separate out one from the other if they are different people.

The first house also rules the common people, the general state of the kingdom or country and the physical description of the person asking the question.

The second house is generally regarding money, assets, a purse, jewelry, possessions, and wealth. This house also rules assistants, and money lent as well as profit and loss. It also represents ammunition.

The third house is siblings and short journeys. I've also found this to rule areas right outside the home like the garage, the backyard, the driveway, and things next to the house itself. This also rules messengers and travel.

The fourth house is parents, land, cities, towns, and the end of things. It also rules the less dominant parent and inheritances.

The fifth house generally rules children, gambling and romance that's for fun. Romance that's not going to wind up in marriage is the fifth house. Small house pets treated like children also tends to be the fifth house, whereas large livestock like cattle and horses tend to be the 6th house as they're also "servants" of the home. This also rules gambling houses, brothels, bars and taverns, places where people go to have fun and socialize.

The sixth house rules the health, sickness, livestock and employees and/or servants. This also rules day laborers and tenants. Police also fall into this house.

The seventh house is lawsuits, thefts, contracts, wars, fugitives, and marriage. It also rules the astrologer interpreting the chart. It rules thieves, spouses, partners, and doctors who are not surgeons as the 8th house rules surgeons.

The 8th house is death, sex, taxes and "other people's money" such as insurance money. It also rules things of the dead like museum and the money of a marriage, such as a dowry. This is also the house of surgeries.

The 9th house is higher education such as a college or university. It rules long trips and foreign lands. The 9th house is also religion and things that involve rituals such as a cult. This also rules long voyages or long trips. Books, learning and also foreign people.

The 10th house is the government, fame, the press, a business, and who is in command. This can mean the judge in a court case also. This rules any professional such as a lawyer or politician. It rules anyone in charge or royalty. It also rules one's reputation and/or fame or notoriety.

The 11th house is friends, groups, associations such as 12-Step groups or community groups, as well as the income of a business and the wealth of kings. Praise or support is ruled here and that also applies to a government or business as the people running the office or company are the 11th house – or those in charge of the company. This is why the military falls in this house for a country or government.

The 12th house rules hospitals, jails and any institutions. It rules private or hidden enemies (the 7th house is open enemies or the competition). This house also rules things hidden, secret sorrows, secrets, witchery, secret plots and banished men. Afflictions and gossip fall into this house.

Check your rulership books for more information on the houses.

QUADRANTS

From the 1st house to the 10th house is called the first quadrants. The first quadrant is called the Oriental, Vernal, Masculine, Sanguine and Infant Quarter.

The second quadrant is from the 10th house to the 7th house. It's also called the Meridian, Estival, Feminine, Youthful and Choleric quarter.

The third quadrants is from the 7th house to the 4th house. This is the Occidental, Autumnal, Masculine, Melancholic, Manhood, cold and dry.

The fourth quadrant is from the 4th to the 1st house. This is Northern, Feminine, old age, Winter and Phlegmatic.

We call the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th houses the “angles”.

The 11th, 2nd, 8th and 5th are called “succeedent” houses.

The 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th houses are called “cadent” houses.

Planets in the angles are always stronger, faster, and will come to light. Planets in the cadent houses are the weakest and most hidden.

When you have an Aries-Libra on the rising, and even Mars on the rising – there will be a quick next action. Things will move fast with this.

DETAILS

When doing horary, the more information you have on things such as what each degree means such as Sabian astrology, the Arabic parts, the Fixed Stars, asteroids, etc. all will have a shading on the color that becomes your reading.

Let's say you have a death of someone appearing and then you see 29 degrees of Taurus involved in the reading – this tells you “someone may lose their head” or death by hanging.

I did a horary chart when my cat had suddenly fell ill and I didn't know if I should take her to the vet or let her just calm down. Literally, I put the cat down and ran a chart and it showed pluto at 4 degrees in the 4th house – which is next to the “widow maker” degree of 4 degrees of Virgo. The pluto in the 4th house I knew as the “undertaker”. So I knew I wasn't going to make it to the vet and by the time I turned to pick her back up, she was already gone. My next call was to the “undertaker” as predicted as I called the place that comes to pick up your pet and cremate them after I realized she was gone. The chart told me she had a heart attack, which I later learned is common with older cats. She was 17 years old at the time this happened.

So the more information you have about what you're looking at, gives you more information upon which to draw a conclusion. This is why I collect all these old books on degrees, symbology, fixed stars, etc., to pull upon in my readings.

OTHER BOOKS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HORARY FROM

Christian Astrology by William Lilly

Horary Astrology by Ivy Jacobson-Goldstein