A new traditional technique to predict correctly events of the year

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"Nothing is hidden that will not be made known, or secret that will not come to light. What I tell you in the dark speak in the light. And what you hear in a whisper, proclaim in the house tops" Yehoshua ben Joseph, also known as Jesus Christ, from Hiran Key, by Knight, C. and Lomas, R., Ed. Arrow

Who is engaged in the study of Vettius Valens will face sooner or later his Book V.

According with Robert Schmidt statements in the foreword of Valens’ Book V, a project Hindsight edition, there was certain resistance in publishing the present book.

In fact, the Book V is especially hermetic and obscure in their explanations and the impatient reader tends to give up, confused.

Point to those who persists in the attempt of extricating the enigma: Valens presents a technique completely new, of easy application and extremely useful, although wrapped up in a package difficult to open.

Schmidt is of opinion that Valens had a purpose in making the text so difficult, using obscure language and expressions in a way to avoid vulgarization of the hermetic content of the Book. We have no doubts that Valens believed that the astrological knowledge should not fall in hands of no initiated people. For him astrology was like a religion and the reason of his life, being something to be transmitted by tradition only to the initiated inside closed circles. There is a lot of the Greek-Egyptian heretics’ philosophy in his work.

However, being Valens a difficult author, the text forces the reader to accomplish great effort, and that moves away the incautious ones.

Schmidt considered that only the serious students, the true astrologers, would penetrate the mystery. In fact Valens is a master with a big knowledge in stock, but it is up to the student to transform the matter in food for thought.

In that way, there is a big gap between publishing the book and transmitting Valens´s knowledge to all.

The teachings contained in the Book V of The Anthology are unique, valuable and extremely elegant, behind the apparent obscurity.
We owed him the citation of techniques and authors' ancient fragments that only arrived to us through his work, for example, Nechepso and Petosiris, Abraham and Critodemus, only to mention some of them. Valens´ Chronocrators technique, for example, came from Abraham, who we never heard about from any other author except Valens.

Mark Riley, a scholar linguistic living in Sacramento, California, wrote an excellent survey on Vettius Valens's. He also translated the entire Anthology, but having found problems in the original text he did not publish it. We can read Mr. Rileys´s article at:
http://www.csus.edu/indiv/r/rileymt/PDF_folder/VettiusValens.PDF

In the quoted article the author says that in Liber Hermetis there is a similar technique to the one we will present here but, as a matter of fact, it was a not an organized chapter, and it only makes some sense to those who had contact with Valen´s explanation.

In Guido Pelegrini´s translation of the Liber Hermetis, published by Publisher Mimesis, 2001, page 46, we found indeed a not explained chapter, where the planets are summed up in an arbitrary way. Knowing Valen´s explanation we can perhaps imagine that both may refer to the same subject, but it is impossible to say if it was the same thing.

But it is possible that Hermetia and Anthologiae have come from the same source, maybe Critodemus or even Hermes. Anyway the name of Hermes is never mentioned by Valens.

After the above digressions we are going to present the subject of this article, i.e. a new, exotic and useful teaching to predict certain year.

The technique presented here fills out a gap in the predictions done through Profections by the signs, called by Valens natural profections, when there is no planet or ingress in the profected sign.

Why we fail in our Predictions?

Like Valens, every astrologer has already asked that question! Part of Book V is dedicated to this subject, and the author asks specially why in certain years, when the astrologer expected positive events, they did not happened at all, and the year was full of crisis.

On the other hand, sometimes we predict a stressful or climacterical year and ...nothing happens.

My understanding of Valens reasoning is that the technique he present is a tool to give us more feedback in order to correctly judge the year, especially when it has many signs or houses without planets “handing over” or “taking over”.

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Valens presents a complimentary technique besides the natural profection by signs, taking into account the distance among the planets in the natal chart to construct a rule.

I’m departing from the point that the reader is familiarized with the profections technique which give to every native’s new birthday a house (or a sign) as the profected Ascendant, in a way that during the 12th, 36th, 48, 60th, 72, 80th, etc, the annual profection will fall in the first natal chart, the Ascendant.

We already explained and analyzed such technique with illustrations in another article, so if the reader has any doubts go to http://www.astrologiahumana.com/profectionsvalens.pdf to read it.

We had already explained that the native chart rotates on its axis in a way that, for example, in the 13rd year of the nativity the second house lands in the Ascendant, and the planets situated inside it in the radical chart receive the influence of the planets located in the natal Ascendant if it has some.

In this way let’s admit that Jupiter is located in the natal ASC and the Moon is in the 2nd house.

In the 13th year (as well as in the 25th, in the 37th etc.) Jupiter hands over to the Moon. To hand over has a meaning of to give room or apply to. For further details refer to the above quoted article.

Below we have the table of the natural profections.
Now we will take a look at the following radical theme:
First of all we have to explain that we are using Regiomontanus´ system of houses.

Secondly, we are projecting the chart by Houses, according to Robert Zoller. In our practice it gave better results.

Quoting the author:

Zoller, R. A Medieval Astrologer Looks at Rantzau’s Nativity, Booklet 2004, page. 32:

“He also at issue here is How you prefect. Do you reckon 30 degrees of longitude per year or count houses? In the above, I have been counting houses. Strictly speaking this is not
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exactly what Bonatti and Abu Mashar enjoin. They say: give 1 year to every 30° of
elliptical longitude.

Doing things this way, using whole sign houses, the 11th is Virgo. Its ruler, Mercury, is
in the 5 from the Ascendant. At 56, the 11th would be Aries, containing Mars. Since the
Ascendant/Descendant remains the same, Mars in Aries is in the 6th house/sign (8 from 1
the 11th, death of the 10th child). The Profected Ascendant at 56 is the 9th house/sign.
The 9th house/sign from the Ascendant is still Cancer and the Moon will still be in
Pisces but now in the 5th house (child). So, the accidents the native will confront at 56
will have to do with 9th house, 5th house, 11th house and 6th house matters-ie with
religion, travel, his children and, specifically with the death of a child signified by the
11th house.

Therefore, doing things "by the book" or my way, I get the same results."

Then, if we look at our example chart we will see that in the 7th year of life the
profected Ascendant falls in Gemini, where there is no planet: the sign is empty. The
same happens in the years 19th, 31st, 43rd, 55th, 67th, etc.

There are many other empty houses in the referred year: the third, the 4th, the 9th, the 11th
and the 12th. All of them don’t have planets in the profected year or in the radical chart.

Now, the Medieval astrology uses to delineate the year according to the houses’ rulers, using
them as significators and linking their meaning with the planets that by chance receive or
make an aspect with the first ones.

Vettius Valens, however, states that, when we found that kind of situation, an empty house,
the forecast of the year in not clear, leading to mistakes.
Anyway, referring to houses that are not empty using traditional profection or when it happens an ingress we are advised by Valens to use them preferentially instead of the new method.

Let us observe the 7th year of life in our example chart, having Gemini as the profected Ascendant. Therefore, the lord of the year is Mercury.

The only houses having a “handing over” and a “taking over” are:

1- The 6th profected house, i.e. the radical Ascendant, where we have the Sun, Mercury and Venus “handing over” to Jupiter and

2- The 7th profected house where the Sun, Mercury and Venus as planets in the 7th by whole signs are handing over to the Moon.

We would expect a year with troubles related to the 6th and the 7th house, moreover because Mercury, the ruler of the profected Ascendant is in bad shape in the natal chart and now it is doing part of the handing over and of the taking over.

Venus that hands over (with Mercury and Sun) to the radical Jupiter and Ascendant is not helpful: it is in its detriment and under the sun’s beams. Also, Jupiter is retrograde in the natal theme.

The only planet giving support in the present year is the Sun, ruling in the natal chart the 11th house.

So the houses 8th, 7th and 6th are promising problems, as well as the Ascendant.

We can expect some stress in the 9th and the 12th, too, since they are ruled by Mercury in the natal chart.
As a matter of fact when the native was 7 years old, important facts happened forcing her to change house, school and neighborhood.

In an interval of three months his grandfather and great grandmother died. Her grandmother was the owner of the house where all the family lived together, and she refused to stay there.

Suddenly the family moved and to a seven year-old girl such a change might have represented a change of city: the entire atmosphere was totally different.

It is difficult, thought, to predict the loss of so closer relatives departing from the natural profection as described above.

The technique of Valens when the Profection falls in empty zoidion

When the matter is to forecast events about a house that falls in an empty zoidion, Valens says that we have to use another technique.

Valens, V. The Anthology, Book V, page 28, edited by Project Hindsight:

“I am putting these things together after having tested them myself. For often, even though no governorship was found in a familiar manner, nor pretence of rulership, nor another teaching giving proof of activity, great causes of good came about which were unexpected, and sometimes dangerous and death-bearing circumstances followed closely thereafter, which
very things I grasped from the releasing of the stars. “ (the underline is mine)

Observe again our example chart:

We will develop our reasoning based on the planets and on the number of signs they are separated from each other.
We will use topical houses as well as whole signs. This in an important innovation presented in the Book V: **Valens gives, for the first time, importance to dynamical houses.**

Then, Valens says that the division for twelve, used in the profection is natural because the signs are twelve, so we count houses year by year changing signs in the order of the radical chart. But, he says, we have to give to the planets the same importance.

In short, we have to count how many signs exist between each one of the seven planets and the others.

The patient reader is advised to take a pen and count with us:


**From Jupiter/ASC to Saturn/Mars** we have 10, factor of 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 or 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006, 2016, 2026, 2036


From the **Moon** to **Saturn/Mars** we have 9, factor of 18,27,36,45,54,63,72,81,90 or 1955,1964,1973,1982,1991,2000,2009,2018,2027,2036

From the **Moon** to **Jupiter /ASC** we have 12, factor of 24,36,48,60,72,84, or 1958, 1970, 1982,1994,2006,2018,2030


From **Sun, Mercury, Venus** (in the 6th house) to **the Moon** we have 9, factor of 18,27,36,45,54,63,72,81,90 ou 1955,1964,1973,1982,1991,2000,2009,2018,2027,2036


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From Saturn/Mars to Sun, Mercury and Venus (in the 6th house) we have 9, factor of 18, 27, 36, 45, 54, 63, 72, 81, 90 or 1955, 1964, 1973, 1982, 1991, 2000, 2009, 2018, 2027, 2036

From Saturn/Mars to Sun, Mercury and Venus (in the 7th house) we have 10, factor of 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 or 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006, 2016, 2026, 2036

We can observe that we don’t have any planet distant 3 signs or 11 signs from another one. In order to explain how to use the technique in this kind of cases we will provide some examples.

If we want to know about the 22nd year of life, for example, we are immediately able to note that 22, besides being 2x11, is as well 11x2. It is a number that has 2 as factor, and we have to look for the harmony of the 2 (see above).

We have to pick in this case the number that Valens calls the “substratum”. In fact, in the present case we see that the year has to do with the releasing of Jupiter/ASC to the Moon. It’s a further indication to understand what is going on. We also can, and Valens makes that kind of thing very often, remove 12 as many times as we can until we get a number smaller than 12. In the present case we will obtain 10.

Now, in her 22nd year the native met her future husband through the number 10 and got great professional prominence. Let’s see how we got the present result:

From Jupiter/ASC to Saturn/Mars we have 10, factor of 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 or 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006, 2016, 2026, 2036
From Saturn/Mars to Sun, Mercury and Venus (in the 7th house) we have 10, factor of 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 or 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006, 2016, 2026, 2036

The times concurred to this good profit; she was in a Firdaria of Jupiter, sub ruler Mars, so the handing over of Jupiter to Mars, the ruler of the 7th was repeated in the profection using the 10. Saturn is acting as a malefic, freezing the feelings and allowing a marriage of convenience.

In the case of Saturn/Mars handing over to Sun, Mercury and Venus from the 10th to the 7th, we can only see that the year would be full of fortunate things, since malefics are handing over to benefics with power to act in the 7th house, meaning marriage.

The natural profection was of the 11th house, a fortunate house, ruling the hopes and the future, ruled by the Sun, natural significator of a man.

In the 33rd year, other multiple of 11, we have to remove 12 as many times as necessary, until that we reach 9, and we have

From the Moon to Saturn/Mars we have 9, factor of 18, 27, 36, 45, 54, 63, 72, 81, 90 or 1955, 1964, 1973, 1982, 1991, 2000, 2009, 2018, 2027, 2036

From Sun, Mercury, Venus (in the 6th house) to the Moon we have 9, factor of 18, 27, 36, 45, 54, 63, 72, 81, 90 or 1955, 1964, 1973, 1982, 1991, 2000, 2009, 2018, 2027, 2036

From Saturn/Mars to Sun, Mercury and Venus (in the 6th house) we have 9, factor of 18, 27, 36, 45, 54, 63, 72, 81, 90 or 1955, 1964, 1973, 1982, 1991, 2000, 2009, 2018, 2027, 2036

We can see that 33rd was a mixed year: the Moon handing over to Saturn and Mars is really difficult. The Sun, Mercury and Venus from the 6th house handing over to the Moon is middling, because the Moon is not in a good shape in the radical chart. Finally from Saturn/Mars handing over to Sun, Mercury and Venus we have some psychological relief, even if the Sun and Venus can’t be of much help in the 6th house.
In the 44th year, other multiple of 11, we reach the harmony of the 4:


The releasing of Sun, Mercury and Venus from the seventh house to Saturn and Mars on the MC, is powerful and it is supposed to bring professional worries and concerns, meanwhile the releasing of Saturn and Mars to Jupiter/ASC acts as a kind of protection, but not enough to bring happiness, since the planets that are handing over carry part of their meaning on them.

Valens refers that the present technique is based on the planets, different from the technique of the usual profectio ns, based on the releasing starting from the first house up to the 12th house.

Illustrations

In our example chart, the 7th year of life happened in 1953, that is a year of the number 7.

Recalling:


Jupiter and Ascendant were handing over to the Sun, Mercury and Venus in the 7th house, and the opposite also happened: Sun, Mercury and Venus, starting from the seventh house, release to Jupiter and to the ASC.

Now, 7 is the number of the opposition and it supposes a confrontation. The emphasis is put in the axis of the 1st and the 7th houses which are exchanging its places. The chart can be seen upside down, where Capricorn occupies the MC and Saturn and Mars in Cancer the IC, the house of the end of the things and immovable properties.

The grandfather, being her mother’s father, is represented by the sign in the native ASC, that is, Libra and Jupiter, and the great grandmother, an old woman, was ruled by the universal significator of old persons, Saturn. Saturn as well is the ruler of the 4th house, representing the grandmother’s mother.

Using this method it becomes clear that the native would lose close relatives and that she would move to another house in that year.

According to the harmony of the planets we can see that a bunch of unfortunate things may occur that was not seen in the natural profection. Even if the profection falls in cadent houses without planets, we have another tool to fill the gaps.

Now, depending on the “times” or of the “time lords” (Chronocrators of Valens, or the Persian Firdars used by the Medieval astrology), the years of 7 can be bad, mixed or very difficult. It also depends on the house where the traditional profection will land.

Again, empty houses are filled by planets doing ingress. Valens is not clear if the ingress is supposed to happen in the Solar Revolution or in any time of the year, but the last hypothesis seems to be the correct one.
Another Nativity

Now we will try to predict the year and its issues using only the technique exposed above.

With some practice we can do almost immediately the calculations.
Verifying the current age of the native, that is, 33 years, the first thing we can see is that 33 is multiple of 11 and of 3.

Does the native have planets distant 3 or 11 signs from other ones?

Yes, Venus and Moon have 3 signs of distance from the Sun and Mercury. They are in the 12th house meanwhile the Sun and Mercury are in the 2nd. We can imagine that the year will emphasize the financial life dealing with matters relating to restrictions and feminine figures.

The same number 3 is related with the signs between the planets Jupiter and Mars. Jupiter is in the 5th house, determined to the 5th house matters. Besides to be in the 5th house it rules the 5th house cusp. Jupiter is handing over to Mars in the 7th, from a house where it is received by Mars.

We can say that the year will deal with partnership, the 7th, and that probably we can wait a difficult year since Mars is a malefic with accidental power but not essential dignity. However, the reception turns it less harmful.

Also, Mars and Saturn have 3 signs among them. Mars is in the 7th and Saturn is in the 9th, related to voyages and religion. Mars, partnership, will hand over to Saturn. So we can say that voyages will take the place of partnership.

Besides all those releasings, showing a year plenty of happenings, we can see that between Sun/Mercury and Venus/Moon there are 11th signs.

So, the Sun and Mercury are taking over from Venus and Moon, signifying again that financial issues will occur dealing with occult enemies, possibly a problematic woman.

This is what we can see with the new technique, remembering always that the planet that receives an aspect, a releasing or a handing over is the one which will take over, i.e. take the
responsibility for acting, or in another words it becomes responsible for the “eidós” the formal aspect of the matter.

Summarizing, we can see that the native’s partner will deal with sex and children. We can say also that the native financial life will deal with occult enemies, possibly women.

Now let’s see if something else can be predicted using the natural profections by the signs.

The profection falls at the 10th house, Leo that is empty.

We have several empty houses in the present year, but the 12th profected house is not empty: observe that the Moon and Venus from the 12th natal house are handing over to Saturn in the 9th. Again we see the same meaning that we obtained using the harmony of the planets: a stress in the 12th house. The 9th is the 12th profected house, so we can see that the native will deal with restrictions.

Saturn is a malefic, cadent, in bad celestial state, out of sect. It rules the 2nd so the restrictions may refer to financial matters and also matters relating to the 3rd and the 4th houses, the relatives and the father, all of them disposed by Saturn.

Also the 5th house is not empty: Jupiter from the 5th house hands over to the Sun and Mercury in the 2nd radical house, and the handing over occurs in the 6th profected house.

When we find some houses not empty, Valens prefers to use the traditional meaning then the ones obtained through the new technique.

For example, the house containing Saturn is not empty, so we will use the traditional handing over from Moon and Venus to Saturn and we are not supposed to give importance to the relationship related to the number 3 between Mars and Saturn, since the last meaning was obtained through the new technique.
Now, we are going to compare our analysis with the real situation that the native is living.

He is in process of divorce: his wife betrayed him and, besides this, she is a very unstable person, physically and mentally sick. They have a son and she is blackmailing him and making it hard to sign the divorce papers, demanding larger alimony for the son and extra money for herself. He says he is paying too much and the boy stays most of the time with his relatives and not with the mother.

The native met another woman and they are dating and planning to live together as soon as he gets the divorce.

During this time he is living with his family: father, mother and brother, and he counts on the mother to take care of the child when he needs to go out to see the girlfriend.

The ex wife is living in the apartment they lived together which belongs to his father, and he has not enough money to rent another one for himself, so he lost part of his freedom.

We can give to the ex wife the 12th house with Venus and Moon in bad conditions and the 7th house to the girlfriend, with Mars. The girlfriend has to deal with the native’s son problems that take his time and money, but it appears that she is doing well since Mars receives Jupiter by domicile.

Even if Valens prefers the predictions made through the natural profections when the house is not empty, we have to mention an interesting fact related to the 9th house and Saturn taking over from Mars in the 7th.

As a matter of fact the native will take a trip to Europe with his friends. They planned to attend the concert of a traditional band that linked the group since when they were teenagers. We can say that this is a kind of religion, linking the group of friends.

The girlfriend is not totally happy, but it was a situation planned before they met.
So, we see that the trip, Saturn taking over from Mars, refers to a real situation.

As we can see we describe a real situation and its meaning pretty well following the new technique. That is the reason we believe it is powerful and true.

**Conclusion**

As far as we can see the technique worked very well, sometimes opening our mind to things that we would not be able to see through the natural profections.

I hope the reader has found them as interesting as I did and feel encouraged to test them.

The new technique has a deep astrological meaning, since it refers to the distance between two planets in the natal chart, giving to that distance a harmonic relationship meaning that is fixed in every natal chart. Those aspects are not related to qualities sought from the division of the circle by two, three, four or six, like the oppositions, trines, squares and sextiles. To know the quality of a relationship between planets we have to take into account the qualitative meaning of the first planet and its house position, related to the qualitative meaning of the other and its house position in the natal chart.

It is a very ancient technique, mainly if we take into account the fact that it has a pale idea of it in the Liber Hermetis.

We don’t need to throw away the traditional techniques, but to sum up with the methods we are accustomed to using in our practicing.

But, it is impossible to use it in some native’s ages, as happened to us, when analyzing a client of 37th years old. Casting off 12 as many times as possible, we got 13, and discarding 12 we arrive to 1, i.e. the radical chart again, and no handing over or taking over was happening.
Valens supplies another technique, see Valens, V. *The Anthology*, Book V, translated by Robert Schmidt, Edited by Robert Hand, Project Hindsight, Greek Track Volume XIII, pages 50, 51, 52, to force the profected chart to give a handing over and a taking over. The technique is based on Critodemus’ Canon, but it is so far-fetched that we considered that it was not a good idea to mix it with the present practical and useful technique.

At last, to finish the article, we will quote some words coming from Valens, V *The Anthology*, Book V, translated by Robert Schmidt, Edited by Robert Hand, Project Hindsight, Greek Track Volume XIII, page 29:

> "Nevertheless, one must examine the motions according to degree by means of careful study of the canons relating to the phenomena; for, the general supports and time-descriptions are maintained by all the releasings. Whence if the majority are not known, since the issues are brought to completion through many releasings, they consider the knowledge to be unreal or incomplete or hard to grasp when they have continually attended to one sense of a teaching, but those who have introduced many senses of releasing with all exactitude and who will make use of a new natural teaching in accordance with the applicable sect of a nativity will have gained an actuality of effects which was easily grasped”

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