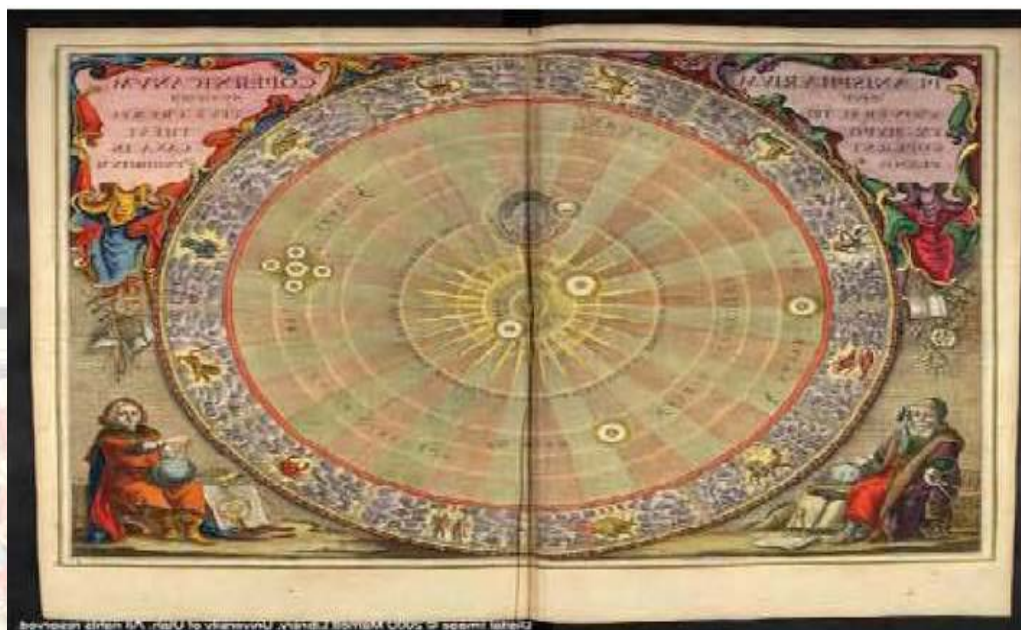


Some Remarks about Marriage and Relationship According to Vettius Valens Part 2

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After several considerations about the happiness or bad fortune in marriage and relationships, Vettius Valens, in his Book 2, Project Hindsight Edition, page 6, addresses marriage in a different way.

Here he calculates a different Lot of Marriage that we have never seen before:

For men it is calculated by adding the interval between Sun and Venus to the Ascendant. For women, it is the distance between Moon and Mars, which is added to the Ascendant.

The motive and reason of that Lot is insightful and even philosophical. For the first time, and perhaps the only time in traditional writings, Mars is referred to women's marriages.

In so-called modern astrology Mars is usually taken into consideration for women, and when I myself was a modern astrologer, I noticed that effectively, aspects of Mars were part of the picture when predicting women's marriages.

The reason is not the fact that Mars is a masculine planet, but lies much deeper.

It occurs because Venus and Mars are both destructive to the luminaries. The Sun exalts in Aries and has its fall in Libra, sign of Venus. The Moon, on the other hand, exalts in Taurus and has its fall in Scorpio, sign ruled by Mars.

We see that Mars and Venus form an opposition to light of the day, the Sun, and to the night's

light, the Moon, and the opposition is the trademark of the seventh house, the house of marriage.

I think Valens was very perceptive using Mars and Venus to construct a Lot to signify marriage!

For men he uses Venus, which opposes the Sun from a male sign, Libra, and for women he uses Mars with its domicile in Scorpio, opposed to Taurus, the Moon's exaltation.

So, to judge the legality and happiness of a marriage we must see if the described lot is in line with the Lot of the Spirit (which is solar) for men, and with the Lot of Fortune (which is lunar) for women.

Valens calls this new Lot the indicator of marriage.

If many planets provide testimony to that lot or are attached to it, polygamy will happen, but if the planets are connected with the Moon and Jupiter provides testimony, the couple will be legally married. If instead of Jupiter, the testimony comes from Saturn, the couple will be separated by death, or the motive of the marriage is orphanhood or the desire of the tutors (arranged marriage). But if Jupiter, in turn, gives testimony to Saturn, it happens legally and sometimes there is noble offspring.

However, if instead of Jupiter, Saturn or Mercury receive Mars' testimony, the partner will be mutilated or sterile.

If the Moon is with Venus, or Venus is near the part of marriage, the man will connect with lascivious women, and there may be fights but also companionship. If the Moon is with Mars, the native will marry a woman with a past.

If the Sun and Zeus provide witness, the marriage will have a good reputation.

Valens explains this in a general manner, but then he stresses the importance of the Lot of Spirit for men's marriage and of the Lot of Fortune for women's marriage or relationship questions. Thus it is necessary to examine the Lot of Fortune and the Lot of Spirit, their squares and oppositions, as well as their rulers, to see if they are benefic or malefic, and whether they belong to the same sect or not. We also have to take into account the relationship with the marriage indicator described above.

What is amazing in the text is the familiarity the author had, two thousand years before our time, with issues considered taboo until today. Valens is as objective and descriptive as a coroner dissecting guts. Matters like inter-racial relations, rape and sexual intercourse stemming from war or relationships with children or relatives, all are related to special astrological configurations.

As for women, if the Lot of Fortune is related to the Moon and Mercury, which can be a very malicious planet (and that is almost unknown to modern astrology), the woman will marry with a slave or a freedman. If Jupiter provides testimony being in the children's place (the fifth house) and Saturn giving its testimony as well, the woman will be with a child or with someone who has the position of a child. If the Moon has the regency of the Lot of the Fortune and Saturn is the indicator of marriage, she will hate her husband and will live an unfortunate life.

But if, instead of Saturn. Mars is the marriage significator, it will be unstable and may be the result of a rape.

If Venus rules the Lot of the Fortune and the Sun is present near the Lot, with Saturn providing testimony, she will have sexual intercourse with a parent or stepfather..

But if the Sun occupies the Lot of the Father (day: $ASC + Saturn - Sun$, at night $ASC + Sun - Saturn$) the woman will marry someone as old as her father.

If Venus rules the Lot of Fortune and Mercury the seventh house and Saturn provides testimony to them, the woman will be promiscuous or live in a brothel. If Jupiter is absent her life will be shameful and one of great suffering.

Summarizing, in the context of relationships all the planets may be villains of the story. unless they are witnessed by Jupiter or by the Sun.

We will now look at some Illustrations

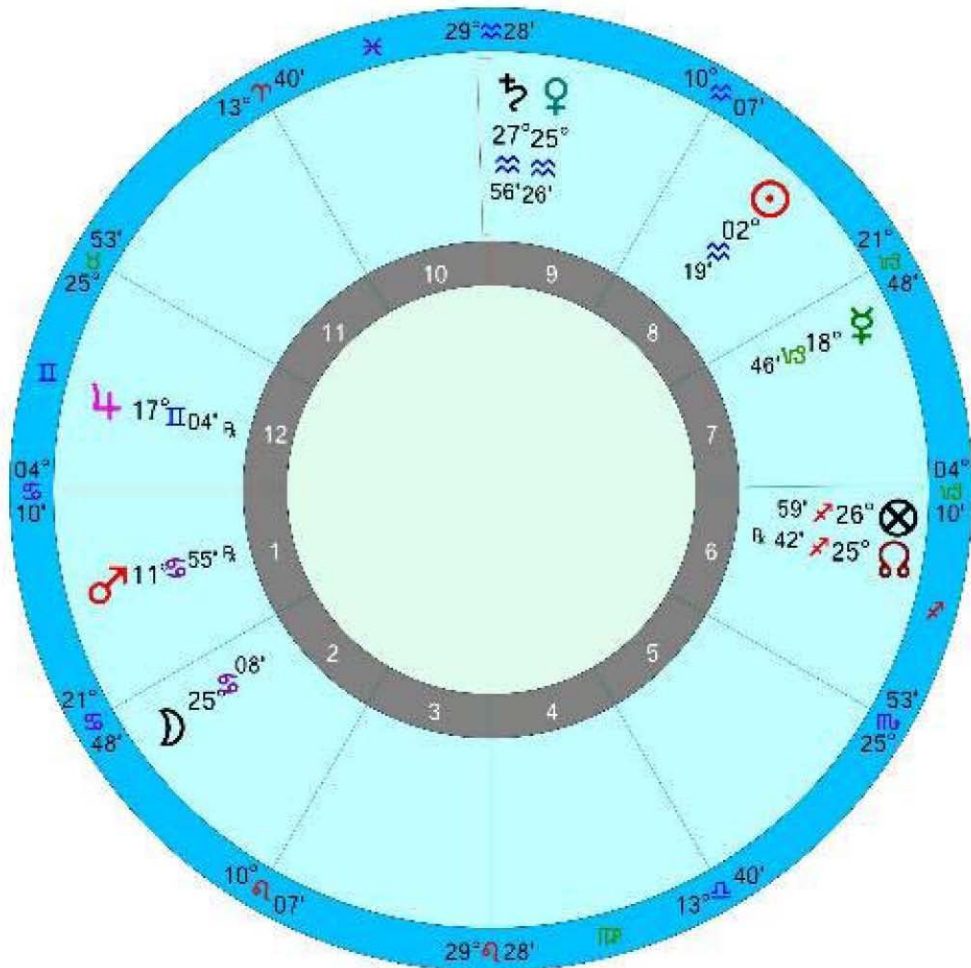
1-Birth chart of Lord Byron

(from Astrodatbank) :

English nobility, one of the best English romantic poets, was born with a deformed right foot. After the death of his father, at age 3, he was raised by his erratic mother He became famous for both his literary gifts and for his libertine life. He had homosexual relations and incestuous relations with the half-sister. It's known that the nurse May Gray awakened the sexual instincts of the boy at 9 years old.



Lord Byron
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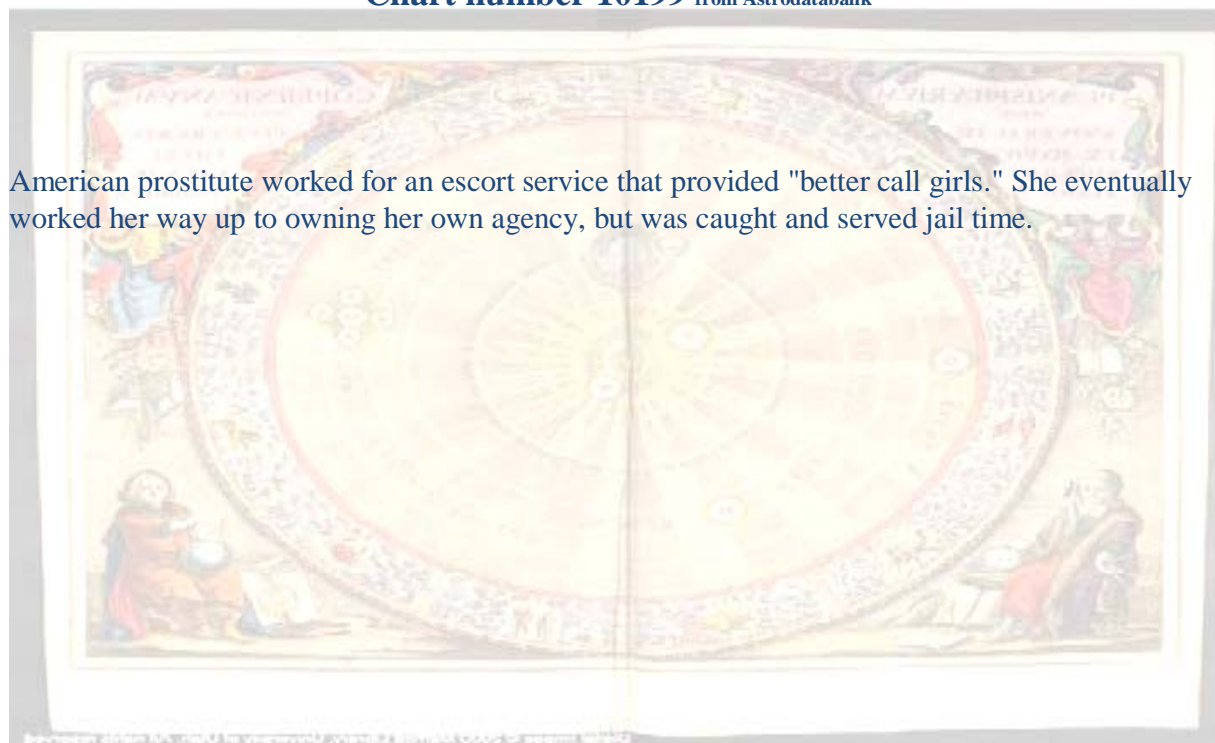


The Part of Spirit is at 11° of Capricorn and its exaltation ruler, Mars opposes the part. The Moon is by "whole signs" in the same sign of Mars and rules the ascendant. The part of the significator of marriage, ASC + Sun - Venus is at 10° degrees and 53' of Gemini in the 12th house, the house of hidden things. The presence of Saturn in conjunction with Venus corrupts Venus. Venus is the ruler of the 5th house.

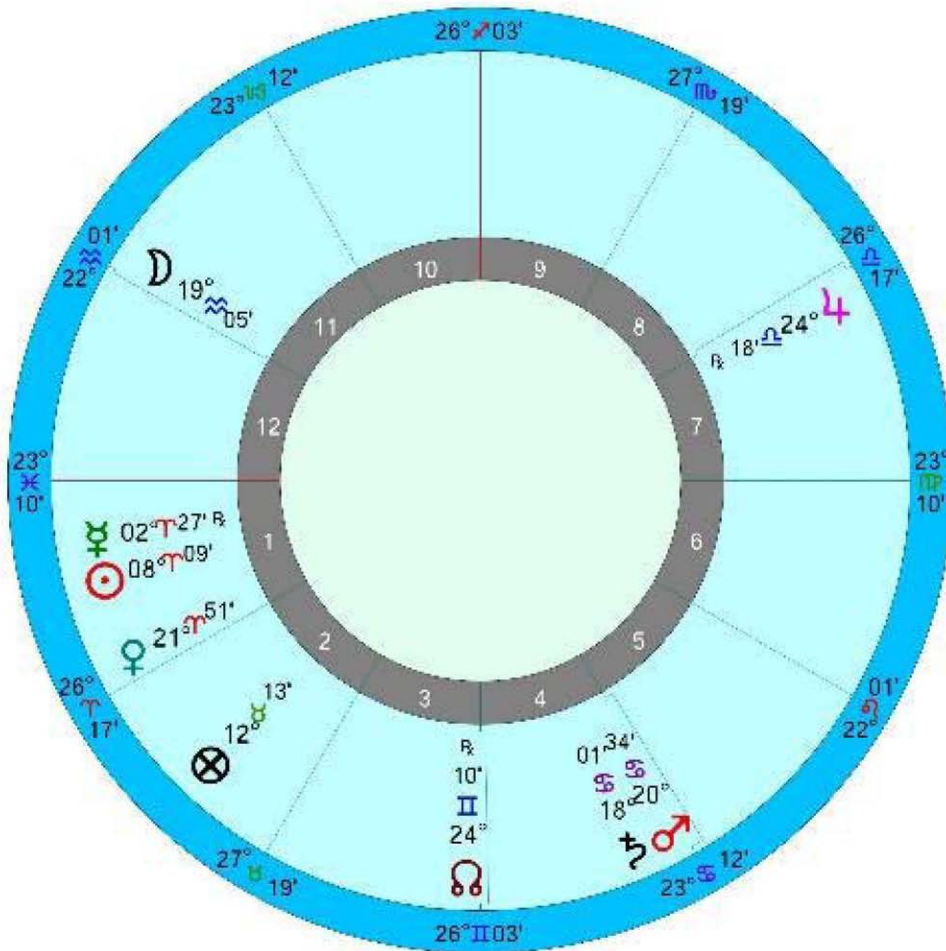
Mercury is in conjunction with the Part of Spirit and it is in opposition with Mars, which is configured with the Moon. Mercury is also the ruler of the Part of Marriage for men.

Birth chart of a Prostitute

Chart number 10199 from Astrodatabank



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I'll paste in Valens comments to allow the reader to compare them with the chart: Valens observations were absolutely perfect. Valens says on page 9, Book 2: " And if Aphrodite should be the ruler (of the Lot) while Hermes should occupy the place concerning marriage, and Kronos should bear witness to these, they will become promiscuous or will be placed in a brothel"

In the above figure we see the Lot being ruled by Venus and the 7th house is ruled by Mercury which is in the Ascendant. Saturn in Cancer gives testimony to Venus, by degree and is conjunct Mars, responsible for violence

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