

The Professional Significator _ Some Traditional Point of Views

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In this article we will focus especially on the native profession, the work, duties and their strength and power to perform deeds and actions in the world. The delineation of the native's profession according to Medieval sources which will be addressed reveals a skill that is the native backdrop for a lifetime.

You cannot always unleash that talent, there may be periods in which the native does another type of job, but the talent, the mister, will always seek an expression.

To outline the type of profession that appears in the natal chart following the Medieval technique is quite different from the simplification that occurred in astrology in the nineteenth century.

Nowadays if you just outline the ruler of the MC and see if there are planets looking to this place can talk about the profession, when in fact the procedure is much more complex.

Delineating the ruler of the 10th house and the planets in aspect to it is only part of one of the techniques, a second choice.

Firmicus says that the 5th House and the 11th may indicate the profession if Venus is in them, but other authors does not agree with him providing other techniques to discover the profession. I will describe hereafter in what they are based.

Bonatti gives attention mainly to the rising sign to be the most important house of the chart, but also because the Ascendant can perceive whether the native will have the corresponding body to some type of work. For example, a warrior or a weight charger should show an Ascendant with the necessary body complexion to carry out such tasks.

Everything must be connected, also, as the temperament and the primary motivation until we get to the occupation. The chart should be read in conjunction to reach some point toward the way the native will express himself or herself professionally.

In practice we have to determine whether the native conformation of the body is masculine, feminine or neutral, if the temperament is mental, emotional, vital, for example. We will not address these issues here, but just remember that they provide important informations.

This is why Bonatti tells us to use the Ascendant in the first place: if there is a planet there it should be used as a significator of the native's profession. If there are no planets in the first house, we have to look at the 10th house and if there is a planet there it must as well be considered in relation to the profession of the native.

If we do not find planets in the first house or the 10th house, we look at the fourth and the seventh house. Planets in 7th house mean that the native has several small jobs or is employed sometimes and not regularly, and his profession is not something solid. The 4th House is considered stronger than the seventh if we are looking for the professional significator.

So if we have planets in angles we can use them to evaluated and discover the native's professional choice.

Bonatti says that if there are planets in these four angles we have to make an Almuten of these angles and observe if this planet has dignity in the 10th house as lord of domicile, exaltation, triplicity or term.

It is important for these significators to be eastern to the Sun and western in relation to the Moon. This strengthens them, but if that fact does not

happen, does not prevent the planet of being the professional significator, only shows that it is weaker.

The next step, if no planet was found so far, is to observe the planet to whom the Moon will first apply after the SAN, if the nativity is diurnal and if the nativity is a nocturnal one we have to observe the first planet that will join to the Part of Fortune.

Note also that a planet can be used if it is coming out of the Sun's rays, but further away, no more than 20 degrees, especially if this planet is Mars, Mercury or Venus.

Notice if this planet or any planet which is in the angles is aspecting the Moon.

This initial list points to the fact that there are several positions that indicate a planet as professional significator and if we find a planet with two of these conditions we can get it as the professional significator.

Reviewing what you should consider:

1- Planet in House 1st – or 10th or in the angles (use whole signs, according to Bonatti).

2 - If the planet is eastern to the Sun and aspects the Moon it has preference.

3 - If it is the first planet aspecting the SAN in a diurnal nativity or the Part of Fortune in a nocturnal nativity.

4 - If a planet is coming out of the sun's rays, no farther than 20 °.

5 - If a planet is eastern to the Sun in a diurnal nativity or western to the Moon in a nocturnal nativity.

If we find a planet with one of these conditions we should consider it, and outline the native's profession from it, especially if it is Mercury, Venus or Mars and if it has any dignity in the 10th House. The dignity of face or decan is very weak and is not used.

If one of the three mentioned planets are in aspect to the Sun and Moon, or even more strongly, if a reception is intervening means that the native will have a profession and a job, will go ahead and will use it with ease, the profession will be able to give him sufficient financial resources.

If we have more of a professional significator, we prefer those with more dignity in the place where it is.

If the chart do not meet any of these conditions and in a diurnal nativity there is no planets aspecting the Sun or if we are dealing with a nocturnal nativity there is no planets aspecting the Moon, or if she is not linked to any planet, the professional significator must be investigated looking to the planet from which the Moon was separated recently or

from the master of the house where the POF is located or from the one which fits best.

If the planet that resulted from all this study is fortunate, in good condition and even more if it is aspected by Mercury friendly, it means that the native will be good at his profession, versed in the science of numbers and writing or mechanical work, and has good intellect and progress in his professional life. If Saturn is making nice aspect to the planet found and is in good condition and well prepared it means that the native can benefit from farmlands and plantations and if Saturn aspects it from the tenth house means that the native will rise to large regencies and responsibilities , but with lots of hard work .

If Jupiter is aspecting the planet found or if reception intervenes it means that the native will be honest and wise, or a writer, and will rise and live with princes, kings and great men.

If Mars is aspecting the significator or he is the significator indicates that the native is prone to medicine and surgery, but also to theology and will have a mind that will be applied without difficulty to these things , he will be smart and resourceful.

Abu Ali says in Persian Nativities, Ben Dykes' s translation at page 56 : If the Sun is aspecting the planet and it is with it in the same sign not burning you have signs of a great profession that will rise to a great height .

If Venus is aspecting the professional significator indicates that the native will connect women of kings and nobles, and among them will have power..

If Mercury witness the significator, the native will be able to know and write well, being good at numbers and commodity exchange.

If the Moon is aspecting it, it means that the native's knowledge and fortune will be achieved quickly.

But if one of the evil aspects happens it means work and effort in this profession. If the evil aspect comes from Mars or if Mars is in the Ascendant or in the 10th house and the nativity is by daytime it means that the native will incur danger because of his profession and he can be arrested for it, or may be sentenced.

If Saturn is ill placed in the Ascendant or in the 10th house if the nativity is a nocturnal this means that the native will be limited and goaded or imprisoned or hanged and tortured.

In practice the three significators that lead to professions are Mercury, Mars and Venus .

According to Masha'allah in Persian Nativities, in the Book of Aristotle, translated by Ben Dykes, we read that if the Ascendant gives signs of a blind native he will be deprived of having a profession.

In addition , we should pay attention to some important points to disentangle the native profession:

- 1 - Venus, Mercury and Mars are important because they govern crafts.
- 2 - The application of the New or Full Moon before the Nativity of these three planets should be considered.
- 3 - The orientality or westernization of the three planets should be considered .
- 4 - The local of the Part of Kingship should be considered .It is constructed from Mercury to Mars by day and the result is added to the Ascendant (ASC + Mars-Mercury) and from Mars to Mercury in nocturnal nativities (ASC + Mercury-Mars).
- 5 - The nature of signs in which the three planets are must be considered.
- 6 - Consider the angles and planets in them: Ascendant, 10th, 7th House and 4h House.
- 7 - Consider the signs after the angles and also the sixth sign, as said by Abu Bakr based in Paul of Alexandria and Rethorius .

But Ptolemy , Dorotheus and Hephaistio have prioritized the 10th house, the 4th house and the Ascendant plus the location of the Lot of Fortune and checked if Mercury , Venus or Mars was in one of those places . If this were not the case, they recommended to look if one of the three was near the Moon or the Sun, and if you do not find any plante able to give professions, they warned to observe the sixth house and then the second. Since that the traditional astrology delineates the native's profession taking into account Venus, Mercury and Mars, their houses and terms or whether they were Eastern or Western, or if they are aspected by benefics or harmful planets the authors took into consideration also the Lot of Work or Kingship, verifying if its ruler was configured to Venus, Mercury and Mars .

If Venus , Mercury and Mars are not aspecting the Ascendant or the Midhaeven in any way the native would not have skill or profession.

Masha'allah considered Jupiter and Saturn as professional signifiers. My opinion is that they can bring a new dimension to the profession.

The greatest glories would be coming from the position in angles and the orientality or westernization of the planet .

The beneficial planets indicate luck and wealth and the evil ones threaten with poverty and starvation.

Abu Bakr said the following, which I will translate freely; " The ancients did not concede dominion over the profession other than to 3 planets (Venus , Mercury and Mars) , and rightly so, because Saturn, Jupiter , the Sun and Moon do not mean professions without the partnership of these planets . The Sun which means royalty and kings , high officials and traders that have slaves below them, so they themselves take care of the king. Saturn is the master of laziness, greed , weight, madness and sadness and so if Saturn is peregrine in the nativity without a good aspect of the 3 planets that signify professions or if he is aspecting badly that three planets , the native will suffer injuries and be disapproved because of his profession and he will not seek rest for his sake , but because of his misery , and if some planet is helped by Saturn in a powerful aspect , the native can still work the land , channel fill , bury the dead and move from place to place or work in fields and vineyards as a slave miserable or doing trade.

Since that Jupiter is the lord of religion and prayer and so if he is without the help of other which give professions in certain nativity that means that the native will be freed from secular things and will mediate those things between God and men, and will let the world behind and will have a poor life .

The Moon is the lady of weakness, fast, light and of low intellect response and his great work is to come and go. It means working with your hands and feet and this according to the reception and respect to the other three planets. If the Moon is not fortunate in a nativity the native will move without good fruits, and if it is strong it means carrying luggage and heavy things or working with the hands. Furthermore, it indicates those who bring discord among others for doing gossip" .

Therefore, Jupiter, Sun, Moon and Saturn are not themselves indicators of professions, each for one reason, but they can give to the profession a special feature insofar the professional significator was in aspect with them and in good or bad condition, fortunate or not, or if mutual reception intervenes.

To discover the professional significator can be one of the most difficult tasks in astrology. It often deceive us , because if the significator was for example , Mars , which represent warriors , is close to a star of the nature of Mercury , the native may make war with words. The same if Mars is in water sign and is aspected by Mercury.

Abu Bakr follows Rethorius and Paulus and says that the quality of the significator will reduce or give potential to the profession.

In addition, observe the Lot of Fortune and its ruler, the Moon's orientality or its westernization after seven days of birth. Also see if there is a planet that signifies profession in your own domicile, which speaks of a great profession. As if you find Mercury, Mars or Venus 1-in their domiciles and houses conducting to business it can be said that the native will have a high profession, 2-if the planet is domiciliated, in his home if it is in its term, even greater 3-if in its exaltation, he will be famous and renowned.

But If it is retrograde subtract half of its potential and if peregrine it withdraws $\frac{3}{4}$. If it is also combust it subtracts the whole profession because the native will not get anything from it.

The profession means working according to the nature of the sign in which the significator is in and according to the sign that rules the significator. If a planet do not have dignity in the sign in which he is located we can join this nature to the planet that rules the sign.

If this significator is in its depression this will give very little work and wealth, unless it is helped by a planet in good condition

With the fortunes aspecting the professional significator the career is estimated and the native will persist in it . But if infortunes aspects it, especially Saturn, the native will have a profession in pain and serious work, and will finish for leaving the profession behind. If Mars aspects the professional significator it can bring infamy, but also a great mind. However, if Mars is unfortunate, profession is unhelpful and the native eventually abandons it .

As we said earlier, look to see if the Ascendant is able to a particular job. It is also important to note the third or ninth house to see if there was a break in the education of the native, i.e. if his/her education was carried to term, in which case the career expects a larger scale. In fact, if Mars is, for example, is the professional significator, it can result in an engineer or a construction worker depending on the quality of the 3rd house and 9th house. All this depends on the eminence of the chart, which is another matter.

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