

ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

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These are charts erected for a specific purpose or event. You elect or choose to get married, move, buy a house, take a new job, start a business, go on a trip or any other important matter you decide on. Remember that Astrology is always Astrology and the tried and true Keywords always apply.

GENERAL RULES

Only use **applying** aspects – by the time the aspects separate, the elected event may be over.

The **Moon** is the primary consideration in electoral charts. A difficult or “afflicted” Moon precludes ease in doing the specific thing you elect to do.

Therefore **avoid squares from the Moon**. Oppositions are less troublesome than squares, as are quincunxes (inconjuncts), though they can signify delays as well as the need for some changes.

A **waxing Moon** is always considered more advantageous than a waning one, but stay away from the exact New Moon – wait at least 12 hours.

A **Void of Course Moon** rarely brings the desired result in an electoral chart – unless you are opting for a non-occurrence, such as mailing your income tax so it will NOT be audited.

Most of the astrological calendars in use, such as Maynard’s or Llewellyn’s, have daily lunar aspects, making your life relatively easy.

Except for Saturn ruled affairs (builders, printers, administration, etc.) try to keep **Saturn** out of the angles. Cadent houses are best. The same principle applies to **Uranus**, and under certain circumstances, to **Mars**.

Choose a **Rising Sign** that benefits the matter you are electing.

Most electoral charts benefit by having the **Sun, Moon, Venus** and **Jupiter** above the horizon.

In Electoral Astrology the **North Node** is considered favorable, whereas the **South Node** is judged as rather unfavorable.

Cardinal Signs are best for new ventures and events that require initiative and energy. They are not good for events that need sustained effort. **Fixed signs** have a lasting quality while **Mutable Signs** are flexible.

Remember the nature of the planets, and especially with flowing aspects, they can describe in what events they would be helpful. If you want to be a talk show host or a car salesman, you would look for a strong **Mercury**; artistic pursuits would favor a prominent **Venus**; if rock climbing or emulating Evel Knievel is your forte, look for an angular **Mars**; **Jupiter** in high focus promises travel benefits; a strong **Saturn** is necessary for most businesses since it affords discipline and organization; **Uranus** is wonderful for ventures that are unique as well as businesses that involve computers or novel gadgetry; a 1st or 10th house **Neptune** can be wonderful for the film industry or anything where charisma, glamor, or creativity are meaningful, but not too helpful for other matters; the intensity of **Pluto** needs to be handled with care, but it can be very beneficial in areas where power play is called for.

Electional Astrology is one of the few times where your natal chart takes second place to the Electional chart. Look for favorable aspects between it and your natal chart **after** you have fulfilled the other “rules.” The Electional Chart is the birth chart of whatever event you choose; as such it should benefit that event first and be compatible with your chart second. Yet your natal chart by progression, direction or transit should indicate that you wish to get married, open a new business, move, or whatever the case may be.

You can strengthen even challenged planets by placing them in good aspect with the angles or angle rulers. (Mars square the Sun and quincunx Mercury, but trine the Ascendant or Ascendant ruler).

MOST IMPORTANT: THERE IS NO PERFECT CHART. You will always have to make concessions along the way.

MARRIAGE

One of the most frequent requests calling for an electional chart is: “Please find me a good time to get married.” To save you untold hours of work, be sure to ask for certain perimeters, such as a definite month, and better yet, the week-ends in that month, and best of all – just one or two possible dates. With too much leeway, the responsibility is awesome and the time needed unpayable. The marriage starts with the first “I do.”

Here are some of the positions to look for – and remember, **perfection is impossible**:

1. No **squares from the Moon** and no **void of course Moon**. Try for a **waxing Moon**.
2. **Fixed signs** on the **Ascendant** (long lasting relationship). Of the other signs, Libra is best, though both Cardinal and Mutable could be short lived.
3. **Sun** and **Moon** in good aspect to each other.

4. Rulers of the **Ascendant** and **Descendant** in good aspect to each other.
5. Avoid an angular **Saturn**, cadent is best, succedent next. Avoid approaching difficult aspects to Saturn – that includes conjunctions.
6. Avoid an angular **Uranus**, especially keep it out of the 1st and 7th houses.
7. Try to get the **luminaries** as well as **Venus** and **Jupiter** above the horizon.
8. Try to get good aspects between **Venus and Mars**, between the **Ascendant and Venus**, **Ascendant and Jupiter**, **Moon and Venus**.
9. A **strong**, well aspected **Venus** is very helpful.
10. Avoid **Moon in Scorpio**; best position is probably Moon in Libra.
11. Avoid **Sun or Moon opposite Uranus**, it can indicate a separation or divorce.
12. The **10th house** will show what can happen to the couple, the **4th** indicates the end of the marriage.

MOVING INTO A HOUSE

1. Erect a chart for the moment you move the first personal object into the house.
2. Most of the general rules apply, with a good **Moon** being imperative, a waxing Moon most helpful.
3. Unless this is a temporary residence, try to get a **fixed Ascendant**.
4. The **rulers of the 1st and 4th houses** should be in good aspect to each other.
5. Avoid **Saturn** or **Mars** in the 7th house.
6. **Elevated Sun, Moon, Venus** and **Jupiter** are helpful, as is a cadent Saturn.
7. Unless you want a really exciting homelife, try to keep **Mars** and **Uranus** out of the angles.
8. Whereas you should not buy a house while **Mercury** or **Venus** are **retrograde**, it does not seem to affect the move into the house.

BUYING A NEW CAR

1. Keep all the usual rules for the **Moon** in mind; additionally opt for a **fixed Moon** unless this is a temporary car.
2. When buying anything, the **Ascendant** and its ruler describe the **buyer**, the **Descendant** and its ruler denote the **seller**.
3. Rulers of the **3rd** (car) and **2nd** (money) houses should be in good aspect to the Ascendant (you).
4. If this car is a long time investment, try to get a **fixed Ascendant**.
5. With an expensive car be sure to avoid a **retrograde Venus**.

6. Never sign any kind of contract, including buying a car on an installment basis, when **Mercury is retrograde**.
7. Don't buy anything mechanical or relating to machines (includes cars) while **Mars is retrograde**.

BUYING A HOUSE

All of the above applies, also for **buying land**, and add:

1. Look to the **4th** to describe the house or land itself.
2. Try to strengthen this astrological **house and its ruler**.
3. Avoid hard aspects from **Mars** and **Uranus**.
4. Be sure the **Moon** is in good aspect, and if possible in **Cancer** or **Taurus**.
5. Good aspects between the **1st** and **7th** houses are very beneficial.
6. Avoid rulers of angles being **retrograde**.

LAWSUITS

1. The **Ascendant**, its ruler and planets in the **1st** house denote the person who initiates the lawsuit.
2. The **Descendant**, its ruler and planets in the **7th** house denote the other side.
3. If you wish the initiator to win, let **Aries, Scorpio**, Sagittarius, Capricorn or Aquarius **rise**, particularly the first two are helpful.
4. Try to have a **chart ruler** that is stronger than the **Descendent** ruler, by dignity, aspect, high focus and so on. The reverse of course if you wish the Descendent person to win.
5. Never start a lawsuit with a **weak** or **afflicted Moon**.

TRIPS

No special chart ever seems to work, since you cannot reliably predict the time of departure from the airport.

You can look at the aspects of the day as they relate to your natal chart, and how the transits relate to each other.

Squares to the Moon are best avoided, but many successful trips have been taken while the Moon squared certain planets. Just count on annoyances, possible small problems, unexpected run-ins with people, etc.

Retrograde Mercury is quite benign when leaving on a trip, it seems to always get you back home.

SURGERY

In most cases surgery is not optional but must be performed and nearly always at the convenience of the doctor, hospital and surgical team. Even if you have a choice, such as the doctor saying: “Sometime next week” or “within the next few days” don’t get too excited: the carefully chosen 2:35 pm may not fit the doctor’s or hospital’s schedule. The promised 8:00 am often turns out to be 8:45 am. Therefore it may not be worthwhile to erect an Electional Chart.

But there are some things you can do, that is if you have the choice of at least the **day**. There are lots of things you can **avoid**. Most of them are based on some of the general rules quoted at the beginning, the rest are based on astrological knowledge.

1. Try and avoid surgery when the transiting **Moon** is in the sign of the part to be operated on. Heart/Leo, head/Aries, stomach/Cancer, throat/Taurus, prostate/Scorpio etc.
2. Transit **Moon** in Scorpio has proven to be unfavorable for any sort of surgery.
3. Transit **Moon** void of course may negate the surgery, in other words, nothing may come of it.
4. Full **Moon** by transit. Statistics show that more bleeding occurs during this time. The New Moon phase is good for many types of operation, but those involving veins, arteries or the heart are best performed when the Moon is waning.
5. Transit **Mercury** retrograde. Some part or all of the surgery may have to be redone.
6. Transit **Mars** retrograde. Mars rules the surgeon as well as the surgery – the outcome may be different than you expected, and often not favorable. (The surgeon can also be represented by the 7th house.)

What you **do want** is good aspects (trines and sextiles) to the Sun and Moon, to the planet ruling the surgery in question, to the ruler of the natal and progressed 8th house (surgery) cusp, and, if possible, a protective Jupiter.

Do not worry if transiting Mars is going through the natal 8th house, or if Mars is heavily involved by progression, direction or transit. That just shows the fact that surgery is indicated.

BUSINESS

This category is one of the hardest to pinpoint, since each business is ruled by a different planet and therefor different things must be looked for.

A business starts when you unlock the door, let the first customer enter, cut a ribbon, ring a bell or whatever official way you can think of which means you are now “in business.”

A corporation (any business that is incorporated) starts when the incorporation is approved by the state. In most states the exact time is hard to pinpoint and 12 noon charts have proven quite reliable.

In a business chart, more than any other, decide which planet rules the business and make that planet prominent and well aspected.

No squares from the **Moon**; but lots of other aspects from the **Moon** can be very helpful, especially to the **Sun**, the planet ruling the business and the **Ascendant**; no **void of course Moon**; if possible a **waxing Moon**.

No **retrograde Venus**. No **retrograde Mercury** if Mercury rules the business.

Try to get the **Sun** into the house that describes the goals of the business.

In all business ventures some good aspects to **Saturn** are important; but keep it out of the angles, unless the business in question is ruled by Saturn. **Sun** trine or sextile Saturn is particularly beneficial.

Sun sextile **Jupiter** is helpful for early success.

The **Ascendant** should be well fortified, but for most businesses, the **Midheaven** is even more important than the Ascendant.

Sun, Moon, Venus and **Jupiter** above are beneficial.

Try to avoid major applying aspects from **Pluto** or **Neptune** to the **Sun, Moon, Mars** or **Saturn** within the first two years. These two transcendentals can pull a young business down rapidly.

Try to use your astrological knowledge to meet certain situations. In electional astrology the **Moon** can become the significator of the chart and therefore its position by aspect and sign becomes doubly meaningful. A well aspected **Moon** in Taurus, for example, could help assure monetary gains as well as steadfastness. In **Gemini** it would be ideal for a bookstore but not so good for a business that thrives on repetition and routine. The Moon in **Leo** is fabulous for ventures requiring extravagance, one-man showmanship, or advertising. In **Sagittarius** for salesmanship; the Moon in **Capricorn** is tops for organization. These are just a few ideas to get you going.

Remember that every electional chart requires a different approach. Let's say you want to buy a house and therefore have the 4th house emphasized. You can't put the Sun there, since no self-respecting realtor will let you sign a contract around midnight. But you might get the Moon or Jupiter into the 4th.

Assume you wish to throw a large party but your favorite hotel or restaurant can only offer you three possible dates for the rest of the year. Work with it by reinforcing the 5th and 11th houses, by moving the start of the party to position the chart ruler as favorably as you can etc. and so on.