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Essential Dignities

Exaltation. While Mercury functions well in Aquarius, Mercury is not exalted in Aquarius.

Triplicity. Use Dorteian triplicity rulers.

Bounds. Use Egyptian bounds. Other systems including Ptolemy's do not work. See *A Rectification Manual*, Appendix A and *America is Born*, Appendix D. Bounds are one of the most important recoveries from the traditional astrology movement. I would go so far to say if one doesn't use the Egyptian bounds, one should really not bother practicing astrology at all.

Decans. For physiognomy, use Hindu decans; Chaldean decans do not work. If Chaldean decans have an application in natal astrology I have not yet found it.

Calculation Assumptions

Lots. The Lot of Fortune is reversed for nocturnal natiivities. Ptolemy was wrong to keep the 'day-only' formula for nocturnal natiivities.

Nodes. Compute Nodes using the 'Mean Node' not the 'True Node.' Given the accuracy of transits and directions of Nodes to the angles in rectification, this single assumption can determine whether or not rectification is even possible.

Prediction Methods

Firdaria. For nocturnal natiivities, the Nodal subperiods should be inserted between the major periods of Mars and the Sun. Abu Ma'shar was wrong to tack them onto the end of the series.

Profectons. For annual profectons, profect 30 degrees per year from each significator. Do not profect 1 house per year based on quadrant house cusps.

Primary Directions. So far I have found merit in zodiacal directions using systems of Ptolemy and Regiomontanus. I have found zero merit in Placidus' system of mundane directions. I use Ptolemy's key of 1 degree = 1 year exclusively but very recently have found a few instances where Placidus' key has given more precise results for directions with the Moon as significator. For aspects, use both zero and the full latitude of a planet's position. Computation of two dates, using zero and full latitude, produces the bookends of what I name the **Primary Direction Sequence** which is my own innovation. Often the time interval between the two directions times a series of related events. Converse directions (moving the celestial sphere backwards in time) are acceptable.

Solar Arc Directions. Both direct and converse directions are valid. One can discard the assumption that only hard aspects work in solar arcs; sextiles and trines work just as well.

Relationship between Primary Directions and Solar Arc Directions. Solar Arc Directions seem to work better for horoscopes with at least one of the primary significators in Leo, especially the Ascendant sign or Moon sign. Solar Arcs appear to time events or a more public nature relative to primary directions which need not be public. In stating the **The Solar Arc – Primary Directions Proposition** I suggest a relationship between solar arcs and primary directions based on the same set of significators and promisors (See *America is Born*, Appendix E).