Medieval Astrology Profile for Emperor Akihito of Japan

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Introduction to delineation of appearance and character in natal astrology. The following document is a hand-written analysis of **Emperor Akihito** using the principles of medieval predictive astrology. The discipline of natal astrology focuses on the fate of an individual based on a horoscope cast for the moment of birth. Within natal astrology, the 1st house occupying the eastern horizon at birth describes the native: physical vitality, appearance, and character. Between the Hellenistic and Medieval eras several specialized models were developed to assess these characteristics. They include **longevity** (vitality and length of life), **physiognomy** (form and shape of the face and body), **victor of the chart** (overall life purpose), **manners** (social conduct, including ethical behavior), and **temperament** (elemental mix of fire, earth, air, and water, with applications in medical astrology). Prior research has presented models and results for longevity (*A Rectification Manual: The American Presidency*, Chapter 4) and physiognomy (*Astrological Physiognomy: History and Sources* & *Astrological Physiognomy: Empirical Tests of the Leo Rising Decan*).

Victor of the Chart. Included are two competing models for computing the victor of the chart, said to be the single most powerful planet in the horoscope. According to Plato's follower Porphyry, by configuration in the natal horoscope the planet signifying the victor of the chart shows the life choice made by the soul prior to incarnation. Plato explains the details of his soul model in *The Myth of Er*, found in the closing pages of his work *The Republic*. Porphyry and his peer Antiochus offer specific rules for determining the victor of the chart. The method of Antiochus/Porphyry is compared to a later method for determining the victor suggested by the Jewish Rabbi Abraham ben Meir ibn Ezra, a philosopher and astrologer active in the 12th century. For a discussion of these two models, see the companion paper *Victor of the Chart: Testing Methods of Antiochus/Porphyry and Ibn Ezra*, which serves as a key to what is presented here.

Manners. Plato was not alone among Greek philosophers in conceiving models for the soul. Aristotle's model of vegetative, sensitive, and intellective soul levels (assigned respectively to the plant, animal, and human kingdoms) was taken up by Ptolemy, who found a correspondence between the sensitive and intellective soul and Moon and Mercury in the natal horoscope. Configuration of the Moon and Mercury, with special emphasis given to their rulers, is a second method for analyzing the soul. Ptolemy introduces this model in *Tetrabiblos III.13*, "Of the Quality of the Soul." Subsequent authors refer to this model as "Significators of the Soul" or "Manners." A summary template for the Moon and Mercury is presented in the paper and will be further developed in future versions.

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Birth Data
Emperor Akihito, December 23, 1933, 6:39 AM PM, Tokyo, Japan.
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Emperor Akihito

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Emperor Akihito (December 23, 1933 – living)

Born during a climate of heightened Japanese militarism in the 1930s yet named Crown Prince on November 10, 1952 following Japan's defeat in WWII, it seems appropriate that Akihito's life has proven a balancing act between tradition and change. Still leading a life of ceremonial duties as the Japanese Emperor, Akihito has attempted to bring the royal family closer to the Japanese people. Nevertheless, in an age where a growing minority questions the relevance of the royal family to modern Japanese society, Akihito's inroads to Japanese society have been relatively small.

Little has been written on Akihito in the western press; one of the more detailed articles was a *New York Times Magazine* piece written immediately prior to Akihito's coronation on November 12, 1990. In this article we glean more details of a lonely childhood shrouded from contact with peer children by the household staff of the royal family. After WWII, one ray of light by the name of Elizabeth Vining did help unlock the child within. In 1946, Akihito's father Hirohito decided his son should have an American tutor: Vining was recommended and first met Akihito during October 1946. This relationship would prove transformational in Akihito's development. Initially planning to stay for a single year, Vining eventually lived with the royal family for four years, tutoring Akihito's sibling and the Empress Nagako in English as well. After her departure, Vining remained one of Akihito's life-long friends. Visits and contacts continued until Vining's death on December 1, 1999.

His marriage to Michiko Shoda, the daughter of the President of Nisshin Flour Milling Company, broke with tradition. Shoda was not a member of the royal family; she was a commoner. Akihito's decision to marry outside the royal family drew protests from within the royal family. Outside the royal family, some Japanese opposed the continuation of the royal family which the marriage represented. On the day of their wedding, April 10, 1959, a student threw a rock at the bridal carriage, and after missing the target proceeded to climb aboard with the intent of dragging the Prince and his bride from the carriage into the open. He was promptly arrested and no harm came to the royal family. The student had grown up hating the royal family since having been forced to bow in the direction of the Imperial Palace from his earliest days in grade school.

The marriage produced three children: two boys and a girl. The eldest son, Naruhito, was named Crown Prince on February 23, 1991 as the heir apparent to the Japanese throne.

After the marriage and children, there was very little media attention given to Akihito in the western press. Akihito did make a historic televised appearance on March 16, 2011 in the days following the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami and the Fukushima nuclear crisis, urging the Japanese not to give up in the face of the disasters. More recently, Akihito's health has declined with a bout of pneumonia in late 2011 and heart bypass surgery on February 18, 2012.

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Research Interests

Japan Mundane Astrology, primary directions.

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Rectification

Available Birth Data

Astro-Databank cites the New York Times for the birth time of 6:39 a.m.

Proposed Rectification

Emperor Akihito
23-Dec-1933
6:39:14 AM
LMT -09:00:00
Tokyo, Japan
139e46
35n42
ASC 27SA38'00"

As this rectification represents only a slight tweak of 14 seconds to the official recorded birth time, I depart from my usual full presentation of the three stages of rectification and limit this discussion to transits and directions which support the proposed rectification.

Transits

As stated in *A Rectification Manual*, 3rd ed., p. 234, transits of the Lunar Nodes to the angles are one of the most reliable transits for rectification purposes because they link individuals to the world at large. It is with this background that one immediately sees these two transits for Akihito's investiture as Crown Prince on 10-Nov-1952 confirm the accuracy of the birth time:

tr. North Node 16AQ50 trine MC within 3'
c. tr. North Node 27AQ16 sextile ASC within 26'

Solar Arc Directions

23-Oct-1942. *d.s.a. MC square Mars*.
24-Oct-1942. *c.s.a. Mars square MC*.
Very near the turning point of the Allied offensive by US Marines on Guadalcanal.

9-Jun-1950. *d.s.a. Lot of Fortune square Mars*.
17-Jun-1950. *c.s.a. Mars square Lot of Fortune*.
Immediately prior to the outbreak of the Korean War on 25-Jun-1950.

18-Jan-1960. *d.s.a. MC square Saturn*.
14-Feb-1960. *c.s.a. Saturn square MC*.
Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the US and Japan signed on 19-Jan-1950. Protests followed.

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21-Sep-1988. *d.s.a. Saturn opposed Lot of Fortune*.
12-Jan-1989. *c.s.a. Lot of Fortune opposed Saturn*.
Brackets father's collapse on 19-Sep-1988 and death on 7-Jan-1989.

22-Jan-2012. *d.s.a. Jupiter square Lot of Fortune*.
22-Aug-2012. *c.s.a. Lot of Fortune square Jupiter*.
Open heart bypass surgery, 18-Feb-2012. If correct, LOF appears the empirical hilāj.

Primary Directions

PT	D	Venus/Capricorn	P	Moon (l=Mo) c. => Venus	26-Nov-1958
PT	D	Venus/Capricorn	P	Moon (l=Mo) c. => Saturn (l=SA)	28-Nov-1958

This pair of directions is consistent with both the happiness (Venus) of the betrothal announcement and the opposition to marriage of a commoner by the royal family (Saturn). Note the distributor Venus/Capricorn is a planet/sign combination concerned with social status.

PT	D	Mercury/Scorpio	P	Dex. square Venus c. => Sun	30-Oct-1988
REG	D	Mercury/Scorpio	P	Dex. square Venus c. => Sun	2-Jan-1988

Death of father, 7-Jan-1989. By quadrant houses Venus rules both the 10th (king) and the 5th (death of the king). By whole sign houses, Venus rules the 11th (death of father). Timed final illness and death on 7-Jan-1988.

PT	D	Mars/Sagittarius	P	ASC d. => Jupiter (l=JU)	20-Dec-2002
REG	D	Mars/Sagittarius	P	ASC d. => Jupiter (l=JU)	13-Apr-2003

These directions bracket surgery for prostate cancer in January 2003.

PT	D	Venus/Libra	P	dex. square Mars (l=MA) c. => Sun	6-Nov-2010
REG	D	Venus/Libra	P	dex. square Mars (l=MA) c. => Sun	19-Feb-2011
PT	D	Venus/Libra	P	dex. square Mars c. => Sun	15-Mar-2011
REG	D	Venus/Libra	P	dex. square Mars c. => Sun	7-Jul-2011

The two latter directions timed the most significant periods of radioactive fallout from the Fukishima Nuclear Disaster. The first two directions are not relevant, but provided for comparison. Note that Mars rules the 12th and is placed in a sensitive degree area of the zodiac known for nuclear events (see *America is Born: Introducing the Regulus USA National Horoscope*, p. 236). On 16-Mar-2011, Akihito made a rare television appearance appealing for the people to work together and not give up hope. The tone of the television announcement matches the character of Venus/Libra as Distributor.

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Template for Computing Victor of the Chart a/c Ibn Ezra

Total Victor Scores for 12 Model Variations

			☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄	Victor
Emperor Akihito of Japan	Chaldean	IA	6	13	19	12	17	33	16	Jupiter
Emperor Akihito of Japan	Chaldean	IB	12	7	9	15	23	36	19	Jupiter
Emperor Akihito of Japan	Chaldean	IIA	6	19	19	19	17	31	16	Jupiter
Emperor Akihito of Japan	Chaldean	IIB	12	13	9	22	23	34	19	Jupiter
Emperor Akihito of Japan	Chaldean	IIIA	12	22	19	25	20	34	25	Jupiter
Emperor Akihito of Japan	Chaldean	IIIB	18	16	9	28	26	37	28	Jupiter
Emperor Akihito of Japan	Triplicity	IA	8	13	19	13	17	31	15	Jupiter
Emperor Akihito of Japan	Triplicity	IB	14	7	9	16	23	34	18	Jupiter
Emperor Akihito of Japan	Triplicity	IIA	8	19	19	20	17	29	15	Jupiter
Emperor Akihito of Japan	Triplicity	IIB	14	13	9	23	23	32	18	Jupiter
Emperor Akihito of Japan	Triplicity	IIIA	14	22	19	26	20	32	24	Jupiter
Emperor Akihito of Japan	Triplicity	IIIB	20	16	9	29	26	35	27	Jupiter

Breakout Scores for Triplicity – IB Model

1507 Version, In-sect triplicity ruler, Triplicity decans

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Sun	00CP37		3	2		4		6
Moon	19PI08		1		4	5	5	
ASC	27SA38	1				2	8	
LOF	9LI06			5	6			4
Syzygy	24SA44	1					8	2
Superiors – Oriental						0	2	0
Houses		12	3	2	6	12	11	6
TOTAL		14	7	9	16	23	34	18

KEY

Rulerships: *house=5; exaltation=4; in-sect triplicity=3; bound=2; face=1*
Houses: *H1=12; H10=11; H7=10; H4=9; H11=8; H5=7; H2=6; H8=5; H9=4; H3=3; H12=2; H6=1*
House system: *Alchabitius semi-arc with 5 degree offset rule*
Superiors – Oriental: *helical rising to sextile=3; sextile to square=2; square to 1st station=1*

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Investigating the Victor of the Chart a/c Antiochus/Porphyry – Stage I – Identify

	Significator	Position	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
	MC degree	16 LI 53							
*	MC degree - sign ruler					1			
	MC degree - bound ruler							1	
	MC degree - dwad ruler	22 AR 38					1		
*	Planet in MC sign							1	
*	Planet in MC bound							1	
	Asc degree	27 SA 38							
*	Asc degree - sign ruler							1	
	Asc degree - bound ruler						1		
	Asc degree - dwad ruler	01 SC 36					1		
*	Planet in Asc sign				1				
*	Planet in Asc bound								
	Moon degree	19 PI 08							
*	Moon degree - sign ruler							1	
	Moon degree - bound ruler						1		
	Moon degree - dwad ruler	19 LI 43				1			
	Sun degree	00 CP 37							
	Sun degree - sign ruler								1
	Sun degree - bound ruler				1				
	Sun degree - dwad ruler	07 CP 29							1
	Pars Fortuna degree	09 LI 06							
*	Pars Fortuna degree - sign ruler					1			
	Pars Fortuna degree - bound ruler				1				
	Pars Fortuna degree - dwad ruler	19 CP 21							1
	Pars Spirit degree	16 PI 09							
	Pars Spirit degree - sign ruler							1	
	Pars Spirit degree - bound ruler				1				
	Pars Spirit degree - dwad ruler	13 VI 50			1				
	Syzygy degree	24 SA 44							
	Syzygy degree - sign ruler							1	
*	Syzygy degree - bound ruler								1
	Syzygy degree - dwad ruler	26 VI 48			1				
	Planet Phases								
*	Rising within 7 days								
*	Setting within 7 days								
	Acronycal rising								
*	Station within 7 days								
	Total (Sign only)		0	0	0	2	0	4	1
	Total (Bound only)		0	0	3	0	2	1	1
	Total (Dwad only)		0	0	2	1	2	0	2
	Total (Sign + Bound)		0	0	3	2	2	5	2
	Total (Sign + Bound + Dwad)		0	0	5	3	4	5	4
	Total		0	0	6	3	4	7	4

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Investigating the Victor of the Chart a/c Antiochus/Porphyry – Stage II – Evaluate

SECT	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Diurnal planets: Is the chart diurnal?							
Diurnal planets: Placed on same horizon as Sun?							1
Diurnal planets: Placed in masculine sign?						1	1
Nocturnal planets: Is the chart nocturnal?		1		1	1		
Nocturnal planets: Placed on opposite horizon as Sun?							
Nocturnal planets: Placed in feminine sign (except Mars)?		1					
Is Mercury diurnal on diurnal chart, or nocturnal on nocturnal chart?							
SOLAR PHASE	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Velocity	1.02	13.46	1.48	0.7	0.78	0.13	0.1
Latitude	0	2.46	0.37	-1.1	-1.2	1.25	-1
Superiors oriental or inferiors occidental?				1		1	
ADVANCED: SUPERIOR PLANETS							
Superior: Cazimi - Conjunct Sun							
Superior: Oriental - Combust							
Superior: Oriental - Under sunbeams							
Superior: Oriental - Rising to waxing sextile							
Superior: Oriental - Waxing sextile to square						1	
Superior: Oriental - Square to 1st station							
Superior: Oriental - 1st station (retrograde)							
Superior: Oriental - Retrograde to acronycal rising							
Superior: Acronycal rising							
Superior: Occidental - Opposition to 2nd station							
Superior: Occidental - 2nd station (direct)							
Superior: Occidental - From 2nd station to waning square							
Superior: Occidental - Waning square to sextile							
Superior: Occidental - Sextile to sinking					1		1
Superior: Occidental - Under sunbeams							
Superior: Occidental - Combust							
ADVANCED: INFERIOR PLANETS							
Inferior: Cazimi - Retrograde conjunction							
Inferior: Oriental - Retrograde combust							
Inferior: Oriental - Retrograde under sunbeams							
Inferior: Oriental - Rising to 1st direct station							
Inferior: Oriental - 1st direct station							
Inferior: Oriental - From 1st direct station to sinking			1				
Inferior: Oriental - Direct under sunbeams							
Inferior: Oriental - Direct combust							
Inferior: Cazimi - Direct conjunction							
Inferior: Occidental - Direct combust							
Inferior: Occidental - Direct under sunbeams							
Inferior: Occidental - Rising to 2nd retrograde station				1			
Inferior: Occidental - 2nd retrograde station							
Inferior: Occidental - From 2nd station to setting							
Inferior: Occidental - Retrograde under sunbeams							
Inferior: Occidental - Retrograde combust							

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Investigating the Victor of the Chart a/c Antiochus/Porphyry – Stage II – Evaluate - CONT

HOUSE POSITION	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Relative to Ascendant							
Whole Sign House Position (ASC): Angle		4	1				
Whole Sign House Position (ASC): Succedent	2				2	11	
Whole Sign House Position (ASC): Cadent				3			3
Relative to Lot of Fortune							
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Angle	4				4	1	
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Succedent				5			5
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Cadent		6	3				
Relative to Lot of Spirit							
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Angle		1	10				
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Succedent	11				11	8	
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Cadent				12			12
House of Joy							
Whole Sign House of Joy			1			1	
Quadrant Placement relative to Sex							
Masculine planets in masculine quadrants (4,5,6,10,11,12)						1	
Feminine planets in feminine quadrants (1,2,3,7,8,9)		1		1			
ESSENTIAL DIGNITY	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Dignity - Sign							1
Dignity - Exaltation					1		
Dignity - Exaltation degree							
Dignity - Triplicity - Diurnal							1
Dignity - Triplicity - Nocturnal							
Dignity - Triplicity - Participating		1			1	1	
Dignity - Bound						1	
Dignity - Decan		1					
Dignity - Fall							
Dignity - Detriment			1				
PLANETARY/NODAL CONFIGURATION	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Moon's configuration							
From which planet does the Moon separate?			1				
To which planet does the Moon apply?					1		
Reception							
Which planets are received by sign?			1	1		1	in
Mutual reception by sign							
Which planets are received by exaltation?	1				in	1	
Mutual reception by exaltation							
Which planets are received by bound?		1	1	1		in	1
Mutual reception by bound							
Position relative to the Nodes							
Conjunct the North Node by sign?				1			1
Conjunct the North Node within 12 degrees?				1			1
Conjunct the South Node by sign?							
Conjunct the South Node within 12 degrees?							
Square the Nodes within 5 degrees?							
TIME LORDS	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Day ruler				1			
Planetary Hour ruler		1					

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Template for Investigation of Manners

MANNERS	-------	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
MOON 19PI08								
Sign Ruler	♃♎							
Bound	♃♎							
Bound Ruler	♃♎							
Mubtazz Scoring - single point	♂♒		1		1	**1,1**	1	
Mubtazz Scoring – early medieval	♂♒ ♃♎		1		4	**3,2**	**5**	
Mubtazz Scoring – late medieval	♀♒		3,1		**4,3**	3,2	5	
Fixed Stars								
Mars conj Terebellium 0 16’ (Archer)	♀♄							
Venus conj Dorsum 0 39’ (Goat’s back)	♃♄							
Venus conj Armus 1 45’ (Goat)	☿♂							
MERCURY 15SA05								
Sign Ruler	♃♎							
Bound	♀♐							
Bound Ruler	♀♒							
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – single point	♃♎				1	1	**1,1**	
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – early Medieval	♃♎				3	1	**5,2**	
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – late Medieval	♃♎	3			2	1	**5,3**	3
Fixed Stars								
Jupiter conj. Foramen 1 56’ (Argo)	♃♄							

KEY – Mubtazz Scoring
Single point: assigns 1 point for each essential dignity
Early medieval: sign 5, exaltation 4, bound 3, primary triplicity lord 2, decan 1. Used by al-Kindī and Māshā’allāh.
Late medieval: sign 4, exaltation 4, triplicity lords (all) 3, bound 2, decan 1. Used by Schoener; taught by Zoller.

Fixed Stars from Janus 4.3 software. Criteria: conjunction within 2 degrees longitude.

Additional

Moon’s Configuration: Moon separates from Mercury and applies to Mars, nocturnal, preventional.

Moon-Mercury whole sign aspect? Yes. Moon square Mercury.

Do scoring methods agree? No. There is disagreement on scoring for the Moon with Venus, Mars, and Jupiter all candidates. The Moon’s application to Mars which receives the Moon by bound favors Mars over Venus and Jupiter. Accordingly, **Jupiter-Mars** are significators for manners.

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Model Summary

(for model details see www.regulus-astrology.com/research.html)

Physiognomy

Ascendant sign: Sagittarius
Ascendant sign ruler: Jupiter/Libra
Ascendant decan: Leo
Ascendant decan ruler: Sun/Capricorn

Sun/Capricorn rules the rising decan and matches the bony ovate/football shape of the face according to Willner's sign model.

Longevity: (living)

By policy, I do not delineate longevity for living public figures.

Victor of the Chart: Jupiter/Libra

Jupiter in its own bound, received by Venus (sign), received by Saturn (exaltation), oriental, near the MC degree, and ASC sign ruler is the overwhelming choice for victor. No other planet comes close. Ibn Ezra's method agrees. Jupiter's principal debility is that it is the out-of-sect benefic; this has manifested as Akihito's lack of political relevance as a ceremonial Emperor following post WWII constitutional changes.

Manners: Jupiter-Mars

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