Medieval Astrology Profile for Howard Unruh

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Introduction to delineation of appearance and character in natal astrology. The following document is a hand-written analysis of **Howard Unruh**, 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.

Acknowledgements

Birth Data Born Howard Unruh. 20-Jan-1921, Haddonfield, NJ, 11:00 PM.
Source: BC/BR in hand (Rodden Rating: AA). Provided by arrangement with Astro Dienst.
Birth Data Link: http://www.astro.com/astro-databank/Unruh,_Howard

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Howard Unruh

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Howard Unruh (January 21, 1921 – October 19, 2009)

A WWII veteran and expert marksman, Unruh was a loner who lived with his mother, improved his marksmanship skills in a basement firing range, and accumulated petty grudges against neighbors which culminated in a shooting spree in his Camden, New Jersey neighborhood. Twenty minutes later, 13 were dead and 3 injured. The apparent trigger for his rage was theft of a gate from a fence he had just made to further isolate himself from his neighbors. After asked by a policeman during his arrest "What's the matter with you? You a psycho?" Unruh famously replied "I'm no psycho. I have a good mind."

Unruh's diagnosis of paranoid schizophrenia rendered him immune from criminal prosecution. He lived out the remaining sixty years of his life within the walls of the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital. He recently died on October 19, 2009 after a long illness. Considered America's first 'mass murder' of modern memory, the Unruh case brought attention to the plight of returning WWII veterans suffering from mental illness.

Chronology

21-Jan-1921	Born, Haddonfield, New Jersey
Oct-1942	Enlisted in Army
20/27-Dec-1944	Fought in Siege of Bastogne during Battle of Bulge, WWII
1945	Honorable discharge from Army
6-Sep-1949	**Killing Spree, Camden, NJ, 9:20 AM**
9-Mar-1982	Court hearing for request to transfer out of psychiatric hospital (denied)
Jun-1985	Death of mother Freda E. Vollmer Unruh
1993	Transferred to a less restrictive ward in a geriatric unit
19-Oct-2009	Died

Research Interests

- American Spree Shooters
- Evil
- Mental illness

Rectification

Available Birth Data

Astrodatabank reports an AA-rated birth record with time of 11:00 AM. The proposed rectification is 27 minutes later.

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Proposed Rectification

Howard Unruh
21-Jan-1921
11:27:33 PM, EST +5
Haddonfield, NJ
75w02'17"
39n53'29"
ASC 17LI26'47"

As few events are available for study, this rectification exercise is speculative, especially since the ADB birth time yields the solar arc direction of Mars = DSC at the time of the shooting. It's difficult to argue with that type of measurement at first glance. For these reasons I depart from the full three stage rectification process and emphasize that this solution is very speculative.

Physiognomy

The shape of Unruh's face is a clear delineation match to Aquarius with the rectangular-shaped prominent forehead. Aquarius is the rising decan and both the Sun and Mercury are placed in Aquarius. My usual practice is for the sign placement of the decan ruler to indicate the shape; in this case Saturn/Virgo-rx. I don't' see any evidence of Virgo in Unruh's facial type so he appears to be an example where planets in the sign of the rising decan help to tip the physiognomy significator to the rising decan itself, rather than the ruler of the rising decan.

Sensitive Degrees

For the shooting spree of 6-Sep-1949:
tr South Node 18LI44 conj ASC, c. tr. Jupiter 17AR53 conj DSC

For the NYT profile of 3-Mar-1982 prior to a court hearing on 9-Mar-1982 requesting to transfer out of the psychiatric hospital (denied).
trMars 17LI28 conj ASC, tr North Node 19CA37 conj MC

These measurements, admittedly few, suggest a time later than the official 11:00 PM time.

Solar Arc Directions

<u>30-Aug-1949</u>. *dsa Moon conj MC*
<u>6-Sep-1949</u>. *dsa Jupiter conj ASC*

Shooting Spree, 6-Sep-1949

Unruh considered his neighbors his enemies. Jupiter, ruler of the 3rd of neighbors, in the 12th of secret enemies is a delineation match. The theft of a gate the evening of 5-Sep-1949 (presumably by a neighbor) was the trigger for the shooting spree. Note the Moon separates from Jupiter to Saturn and that this set of directions effectively makes the Moon-Jupiter square aspect angular at the time of the shooting spree.

<u>18-Oct-2009</u>. *dsa North Node conj Sun*

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Death, 19-Oct-2009

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

Total Victor Scores for 12 Model Variations

			☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄	Victor
Howard Unruh	Chaldean	IA	8	14	23	14	8	5	21	Mercury
Howard Unruh	Chaldean	IB	10	14	25	14	8	5	21	Mercury
Howard Unruh	Chaldean	IIA	8	15	23	20	8	11	20	Mercury
Howard Unruh	Chaldean	IIB	10	15	25	20	8	11	20	Mercury
Howard Unruh	Chaldean	IIIA	8	15	23	26	14	20	29	Saturn
Howard Unruh	Chaldean	IIIB	10	15	25	26	14	20	29	Saturn
Howard Unruh	Triplicity	IA	7	14	23	14	7	5	23	Mercury Saturn
Howard Unruh	Triplicity	IB	9	14	25	14	7	5	23	Mercury
Howard Unruh	Triplicity	IIA	7	15	23	20	7	11	22	Mercury
Howard Unruh	Triplicity	IIB	9	15	25	20	7	11	22	Mercury
Howard Unruh	Triplicity	IIIA	7	15	23	26	13	20	31	Saturn
Howard Unruh	Triplicity	IIIB	9	15	25	26	13	20	31	Saturn

Breakout Scores for Triplicity – IB Model

1507 Version, In-sect triplicity ruler, Triplicity decans

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Sun	00AQ37			5				6
Moon	21GE12			8		2		1
ASC	17LI26			3	5		2	5
LOF	26TA21		7		5			3
Syzygy	18CP26		3		3	4		5
Superiors – Oriental						0	1	1
Houses		9	4	9	1	1	2	2
TOTAL		9	14	25	14	7	5	23

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	20 CA 11							
*	MC degree - sign ruler			1					
	MC degree - bound ruler							1	
	MC degree - dwad ruler	02 PI 20						1	
*	Planet in MC sign								
*	Planet in MC bound								
	Asc degree	17 LI 26							
*	Asc degree - sign ruler					1			
	Asc degree - bound ruler							1	
	Asc degree - dwad ruler	29 AR 21					1		
*	Planet in Asc sign								
*	Planet in Asc bound								
	Moon degree	21 GE 12							
*	Moon degree - sign ruler				1				
	Moon degree - bound ruler						1		
	Moon degree - dwad ruler	14 AQ 26							1
	Sun degree	00 AQ 37							
	Sun degree - sign ruler								1
	Sun degree - bound ruler				1				
	Sun degree - dwad ruler	07 AQ 24							1
	Pars Fortuna degree	26 TA 51							
*	Pars Fortuna degree - sign ruler					1			
	Pars Fortuna degree - bound ruler								1
	Pars Fortuna degree - dwad ruler	22 PI 18						1	
	Pars Spirit degree	08 PI 01							
	Pars Spirit degree - sign ruler							1	
	Pars Spirit degree - bound ruler					1			
	Pars Spirit degree - dwad ruler	06 GE 23			1				
	Syzygy degree	18 CP 26							
	Syzygy degree - sign ruler								1
*	Syzygy degree - bound ruler					1			
	Syzygy degree - dwad ruler	11 LE 13	1						
	Planet Phases								
*	Rising within 7 days								
*	Setting within 7 days								
	Acronycal rising								
*	Station within 7 days								
	Total (Sign only)		0	1	1	2	0	1	2
	Total (Bound only)		0	0	1	2	1	2	1
	Total (Dwad only)		1	0	1	0	1	2	2
	Total (Sign + Bound)		0	1	2	4	1	3	3
	Total (Sign + Bound + Dwad)		1	1	3	4	2	5	5
	Total		1	1	3	4	2	5	5

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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?							
Diurnal planets: Placed in masculine sign?	1						
Nocturnal planets: Is the chart nocturnal?		1		1	1		
Nocturnal planets: Placed on opposite horizon as Sun?		1					
Nocturnal planets: Placed in feminine sign (except Mars)?				1			
Is Mercury diurnal on diurnal chart, or nocturnal on nocturnal chart?			1				
SOLAR PHASE	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Velocity	1.02	14.83	1.7	1.11	0.77	-0.1	-0
Latitude	0	-3.79	-2.09	-0.6	-0.8	1.32	2.22
Superiors oriental or inferiors occidental?			1	1		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							
Superior: Oriental - Square to 1st station							
Superior: Oriental - 1st station (retrograde)							
Superior: Oriental - Retrograde to acronycal rising						1	1
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		
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							
Inferior: Oriental - Direct under sunbeams							
Inferior: Oriental - Direct combust							
Inferior: Cazimi - Direct conjunction							
Inferior: Occidental - Direct combust			1				
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							
Whole Sign House Position (ASC): Succedent	5		5				
Whole Sign House Position (ASC): Cadent		9		6	6	12	12
Relative to Lot of Fortune							
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Angle	10		10				
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Succedent		2		11	11	5	5
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Cadent							
Relative to Lot of Spirit							
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Angle		4		1	1	7	7
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Succedent							
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				1	1	1
Feminine planets in feminine quadrants (1,2,3,7,8,9)		1					
ESSENTIAL DIGNITY	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Dignity - Sign							
Dignity - Exaltation				1			
Dignity - Exaltation degree							
Dignity - Triplicity - Diurnal				1			
Dignity - Triplicity - Nocturnal			1		1		
Dignity - Triplicity - Participating							
Dignity - Bound			1			1	
Dignity - Decan							
Dignity - Fall							
Dignity - Detriment	1					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		
Mutual reception by sign							
Which planets are received by exaltation?				in	1		
Mutual reception by exaltation							
Which planets are received by bound?	1	1	in		1	in	1
Mutual reception by bound							
Position relative to the Nodes							
Conjunct the North Node by sign?							
Conjunct the North Node within 12 degrees?							
Conjunct the South Node by sign?							
Conjunct the South Node within 12 degrees?							
Square the Nodes within 5 degrees?	1		1				
TIME LORDS	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Day ruler						1	
Planetary Hour ruler				1			

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Template for Investigation of Manners

MANNERS	-------	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
MOON 21GE12								
Sign Ruler	☿♒							
Bound	♂♊							
Bound Ruler	♂♓							
Mubtazz Scoring- single point	☿♒			1,1		1		1
Mubtazz Scoring – early medieval	☿♒			5,2		3		1
Mubtazz Scoring – late medieval	☿♒			5,3		2	3	3,1
Fixed Stars								
Moon conj Alnilam 1 51’ (Orion)	♃♄							
Moon conj Bellatrix 0 40’ (Orion)	♂☿							
Moon conj Capella 0 15’ (Charioteer)	☽☿							
Moon conj El Nath 0 58’ (Taurus)	♂							
Moon conj Phakt 0 34’ (Dove)	☿♀							
Moon conj Arneb 0 14’ (Lepus the Hare)	☿♄							
Moon conj Mintaka 0 45’ (Orion)	♃♄							
MERCURY 3AQ31								
Sign Ruler	♄♍							
Bound	☿♒							
Bound Ruler	☿♒							
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – single point	☿♒ **or** ♄♍			1,1				1,1
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – early Medieval	♄♍			3,2				5,1
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – late Medieval	♄♍			3,2			3	5,3,1
Fixed Stars								
Mercury conj Dabih 0 07’ (Capricorn)	♄♀							
Mercury conj Giedi a1, 0 10’ (Capricorn)	♀♂							
Mercury conj Giedi a2, 0 04’ (Capricorn)	♀♂							
Mercury conj Oculus 0 47’ (Capricorn)	♀♄							
Mercury conj Bos 1 14’ (Capricorn)	♀♄							

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 Jupiter and applies to Saturn, conjunctional, nocturnal.
Moon-Mercury whole sign aspect? Yes. Moon is trine Mercury.
Do scoring methods agree? Yes manners are signified by Saturn-Mercury.

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Model Summary

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

Physiognomy

Ascendant sign: Libra
Ascendant sign ruler: Venus/Pisces
Ascendant decan: Aquarius
Ascendant decan ruler: Saturn/Virgo-rx
Planets/Nodes placed in the Ascendant sign or decan: Sun and Mercury in sign of rising decan.

Longevity: 88y 8m 29d

Releaser and kadukhudhāh. Figure is nocturnal yet Moon in the 9th house, opposite the house of her joy, is excluded. Sun/Aquarius in the 4th/5th WS/QS qualifies. Bound lord Mercury, in his own bound and conjunct the Sun is the most logical choice for the kadukhudhah. The other four planets are in aversion to the Sun. Mercury grants 76 major years. He lived longer.

Victor of the Chart: Saturn/Virgo-rx

Ibn Ezra's method favors Saturn or Mercury. Porphyry's expanded Stage I criteria adds Jupiter. Rectification measurements suggests Jupiter is Unruh's neighbors acting as secret enemies, not Unruh himself. Saturn is the more obvious choice for victor based on life affairs though Venus/Pisces, sign of exaltation, and Ascendant ruler appears initially difficult to rule out. Saturn/Virgo-rx functions like it is in the opposite sign of Saturn/Pisces which is consistent with Unruh's isolationism. Saturn, the exalted ruler of the Ascendant sign placed in the 12th, is also consistent with Unruh as a loner. Finally, Moon's separation from Jupiter (neighbors) and application to Saturn (personal reclusiveness) was a major life theme.

Manners: Saturn-Mercury

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MOON 9 yrs		20-Jan-21	Victor	Life Event
Moon	Saturn	4-May-22		
Moon	Jupiter	17-Aug-23		
Moon	Mars	28-Nov-24		
Moon	Sun	13-Mar-26		
Moon	Venus	25-Jun-27		
Moon	Mercury	7-Oct-28		
SATURN 11 yrs		20-Jan-30		
Saturn	Jupiter	17-Aug-31		
Saturn	Mars	13-Mar-33		
Saturn	Sun	8-Oct-34		
Saturn	Venus	3-May-36		
Saturn	Mercury	28-Nov-37		
Saturn	Moon	25-Jun-39		
JUPITER 12 yrs		19-Jan-41		
Jupiter	Mars	7-Oct-42		
Jupiter	Sun	25-Jun-44		Dec-1944. Fought during Battle of the Bulge. 1945. Honorable discharge
Jupiter	Venus	13-Mar-46		
Jupiter	Mercury	29-Nov-47		
Jupiter	Moon	16-Aug-49		6-Sep-1949. Shooting spree.
Jupiter	Saturn	4-May-51		
MARS 7 yrs		19-Jan-53		
Mars	Sun	20-Jan-54		
Mars	Venus	20-Jan-55		
Mars	Mercury	20-Jan-56		
Mars	Moon	19-Jan-57		
Mars	Saturn	19-Jan-58		
Mars	Jupiter	20-Jan-59		
NORTH NODE 3 yrs		20-Jan-60		
SOUTH NODE 2 yrs		20-Jan-63		
SUN 10 yrs		19-Jan-65		
Sun	Venus	25-Jun-66		
Sun	Mercury	29-Nov-67		
Sun	Moon	3-May-69		
Sun	Saturn	7-Oct-70		
Sun	Jupiter	12-Mar-72		
Sun	Mars	16-Aug-73		
VENUS 8 yrs		20-Jan-75		
Venus	Mercury	12-Mar-76		
Venus	Moon	3-May-77		
Venus	Saturn	25-Jun-78		
Venus	Jupiter	16-Aug-79		
Venus	Mars	7-Oct-80		
Venus	Sun	28-Nov-81		9-Mar-1982. Denied request to transfer out of psychiatric hospital

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MERCURY 13 yrs		20-Jan-83		
Mercury	Moon	28-Nov-84		June 1985. Death of mother.
Mercury	Saturn	7-Oct-86		
Mercury	Jupiter	15-Aug-88		
Mercury	Mars	25-Jun-90		
Mercury	Sun	3-May-92		1993. Transferred to less restrictive geriatric ward.
Mercury	Venus	12-Mar-94		
MOON 9 yrs		20-Jan-96		
Moon	Saturn	3-May-97		
Moon	Jupiter	16-Aug-98		
Moon	Mars	28-Nov-99		
Moon	Sun	12-Mar-01		
Moon	Venus	25-Jun-02		
Moon	Mercury	7-Oct-03		
SATURN 11 yrs		19-Jan-05		
Saturn	Jupiter	16-Aug-06		
Saturn	Mars	12-Mar-08		
Saturn	Sun	7-Oct-09		19-Oct-2009. Death.
Saturn	Venus	4-May-11		

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