Medieval Astrology Profile for Benjamin Strong

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

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Benjamin Strong (December 22, 1872 – October 16, 1928)

A prominent banker in the early 20th century, Benjamin Strong's career spanned the heyday of corporate trusts, the twilight of J. P. Morgan's career, and the debut of the Federal Reserve System established under the Woodrow Wilson administration in 1913. Appointed Governor of the New York branch of the Federal Reserve in 1914, Strong left his mark on the Fed's formative years with implementation of Open Market Operations and greater centralized control of monetary policy at the Federal level. He is considered the father of the modern central banking and the US Federal Reserve.

Despite hailing from a family with a long line of merchants and financiers, including a great grandfather who served as Alexander Hamilton's 1st Treasury clerk (1789-1791), Benjamin Strong inherited no family wealth. Paradoxically, his father's penury furthered his own banking career. With his family unable to afford Princeton, Strong left home for New York for a finance job bypassing college altogether. Within seven years he was employed by the Atlantic Trust Company (1898) and shortly thereafter by Bankers Trust (1904) after he was plucked from Atlantic by Henry P. Davison, a well-known banker and associate of J. P. Morgan. It was at Bankers that Strong had a front row seat during the Panic of 1907, ultimately stemmed by J. P. Morgan. During the crisis, Strong played a key behind-the-scenes role as the crisis manager who evaluated safety of bank collateral which in turn influenced Morgan's decisions on which banks to save and which to let go. Strong's reputation grew from this incident; like many on Wall Street he came to the conclusion that the financial system needed to be reformed with more Federal oversight in order to prevent similar panics from occurring again.

Reluctantly leaving Bankers Trust, Strong accepted the appointment as the first Governor of the New York branch of the Federal Reserve on 5-Oct-1914 just months after the outbreak of WWI. With the ink barely dry on President Wilson's authorization of the Federal Reserve the prior year, Benjamin Strong started work at an institution whose style and function had yet to be established. Initially at the service of the Treasury department for wartime management of Federal debt, the Fed slowly gained its independence from Treasury under Strong's leadership. Key among the changes instituted at the Fed were Open Market Operations designed to raise and lower the level of short-term interest rates. The process was discovered by accident in 1923 when the Fed realized its sales (purchases) of government securities to member banks caused banks to respond by raising (lowering) their own interest rates. The idea of using Open Market Operations as a monetary policy tool was a modern invention which moved central banks away from the 'real bills' banking theory whose tenet was that banks should only lend when companies needed money; not during a lull in loan demand. The 'real bills' theory was ultimately a pro-cyclical financial theory which accentuated boom-bust cycles observed during the 19th century. In contrast, Open Market Operations allowed the Fed to adopt counter-cyclical monetary policies in order to smooth out the business cycle.

By two unusual circumstances, Strong's life was wholly dedicated to the Federal Reserve. First was bad luck with marriage. His first wife committed suicide, possibly a consequence of post-partum depression. His second wife left him in 1916 moving to California with both daughters and made no further contact with him. That same year, Strong contracted tuberculosis which took a severe toll on his health and contributed to his early demise at the age of 55. His ill health necessitated several leaves of absence from his Fed responsibilities; nevertheless, despite being urged to quit full-time work Strong remained with the Fed until his death in 1928 just before the stock market crash of 1929.

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Research Interests

- United States Federal Reserve
- Significators for banking and monetary policy

Rectification

Available Birth Data

There is no published birth time. The record does not appear in Astrodatabank. Published day of birth is December 22, 1872. The proposed rectification is 35 minutes after midnight the following day of December 23, 1872.

Proposed Rectification

Benjamin Strong
23-Dec-1872
12:33:29 AM
Fishkill, NY
72w53'58"
41n32'08"
ASC 07LI26'22"

<u>Stage I. Determine the Ascendant sign</u>

Firdaria

In *A Rectification Manual*, I stated that insertion of the North Node/South Node Firdaria periods between major Mars and Sun typically produces an initial significant or breakthrough event during the North Node period, major setbacks during the South Node period, and a more secure period of social and career status during the major Sun period (if promised by the Sun's delineation). Strong is a good example of this series of events all of which favor the nocturnal Firdaria sequence.

<u>North Node Firdaria</u>. 23-Dec-1911 to 22-Dec-1914.

Dec-1912. Survived the 'Money Trust Hearing' instituted by the Pujo Committee.
Jan-1914. Promoted to President of Bankers Trust.
5-Oct-1914. Named 1st Governor of the NY Branch of US Federal Reserve.

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South Node Firdaria. 23-Dec-1914 to 22-Dec-1916.

World War I financial considerations make the Federal Reserve subservient to the US Treasury and delay Federal Reserve independence.
early-Jun-1916. Diagnosed with Tuberculosis
1916. 2nd wife Katherine left Strong taking their two daughters with her to California.

Major Sun Firdaria. 23-Dec-1916 to 22-Dec-1926.

26-Dec-1916. Federal Reserve Board made public approval of operating agreement with the Bank of England that Benjamin Strong had negotiated with Montagu Norman on 30-Mar-1916. Strong's relations with Norman and other European central bankers was a significant career theme of his tenure at the Federal Reserve.

Conclusion: Figure is nocturnal.

Moon's Configuration

December 22. Midnight to 12:12 AM. Moon separates from Mercury and applies to Saturn.
December 22. 12:12 AM – 6:04 PM. Moon separates from Saturn and is VOC.
December 22. 6:04 PM. Moon makes Libra Ingress.
December 22. 6:04 PM – 9:17 PM. Moon applies to the Sun
December 22. 9:17 PM to December 23 4:47 PM. Moon separates from the Sun and applies to Venus.

If the figure is nocturnal, then we have the choice of a Moon/Virgo for morning nocturnal hours and a Moon/Libra for evening nocturnal hours. Which is it?

Biographer Chandler states "As an administrator Strong was excellent. His meticulous planning, orderliness, insistence on proper organization and procedure, and impatience with inefficiency were evident whether he was running a tennis tournament in Montclair, outlining improvements in the administration of a hospital in Colorado, planning an ocean voyage, or running a bank" p. 49.

Conclusion: These are all traits of Virgo; Moon is in Virgo. This choice limits the Ascendant degree range from 00LI55 to 1CP02.

Physiognomy

Shape of the face is ovate which is consistent with either Libra rising or Scorpio rising with ruler Mars placed in Libra. Sagittarius with lord Jupiter/Virgo-rx in mutual reception with Mercury/Sagittarius-rx does not make sense as a physiognomy significator. There is no elongated shape of the face or noticeable asymmetries or unusual features which often occur when the ruler of the rising decan is retrograde.

Conclusion: Ascendant sign is Libra or Scorpio. I did not seriously consider the 1st degree of Capricorn for reasons I outline next.

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Configuration of the Chart

One of the unusual characteristics of Strong's life events are two failed marriage. His first wife committed suicide, said to be related to post-partum depression. His eldest daughter died of scarlet fever shortly thereafter. His second wife left him nine years after their marriage, taking both daughters with her to California never to seek contact again.

For a Libra rising trial horoscope, see the Moon/Virgo is placed in the 12th house. This is a poor lunar placement and consistent with his first wife's depression. The 12th is also the death of children (8th from the 5th) which is something Strong faced. Finally the departure of his 2nd wife also speaks to the poor placement of the Moon in the 12th – at least she got away. For this set of life affairs, I suggest the Moon's placement in the 12th house is appropriate.

Conclusion: Ascendant is Libra.

<u>Stage II. Determine the Ascendant's range within 1-4 degrees</u>

Physiognomy

Libra rising offers the following rising decan/decan ruler combinations:

Libra – Venus/Aquarius
Aquarius – Saturn/Capricorn
Gemini – Mercury/Sagittarius-rx

For reasons I outlined in Stage I, I reject Gemini rising. As to the choice between the influences of rulers in Aquarius (ruling 2nd decan) or Capricorn (ruling 3rd decan); I would have to lean to Capricorn because of the ovate shape of the head but would not completely ruler out Aquarius which often manifests as waves in the hairstyle which is how Strong's hairstyle appears in this photo as well as others surveyed online. With the choice between the 1st or 2nd decan not obvious to me, I will make no further refinements of the Ascendant sign other than ruling out the 3rd decan.

Lots

Lot of Marriage. 5SA10/24CP50
Lot of Marriage of Men a/c Hermes. 26LI09/3PI51

7-Nov-1895. First marriage. trMercury 26LI17 conj 2nd lot; dsa Venus 3PI01 conj antisicia 2nd lot.
10-May-1905. Suicide death of 1st wife. trNodes 5VI37/5PI37 square 1st lot.
10-Apr-1907. Second marriage. dsa Moon 26LI07 conj 2nd lot (within 2 minutes of degree)

Lot of Accusation, Exile, and Injury 1CA13

6-Oct-1928. Operation; abscess due to diverticulitis. trMars 1CA14 conj lot. (died 10 days later).

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Stage III. Determine the exact Degree and Minute of the Ascendant

General comment on attempts at rectifying this horoscope with directions. With Moon, Jupiter, and Mercury in cadent signs, the Moon in the 12th, and Mercury/Sagittarius-rx in mutual reception with Jupiter/Virgo-rx and Jupiter in the 12th, I consider this a difficult rectification exercise because of afflictions of the Moon and Mercury. In fact when reading Strong's biography one has the impression of many closed door meetings, letters, and detail work; the sheer quantity of which makes it difficult to determine which exact event might be related to a specific directions. So I only list a few directions. Nevertheless, given the precision of dynamic activity to the marriage lots, I think this rectification is within a degree of accuracy (but not to the exact minute of degree).

Solar Arc Directions

What I find compelling about using this set of Saturn-MC solar arcs to confirm the rectification are three things: (1) Saturn/Capricorn is the victor of the horoscope, (2) Saturn is angular which means his actions are visible, (3) Saturn/Capricorn signifies fiscal conservatism, and (4) one of the event matches listed next is the only specific dated event mentioned in Strong's New York Times obituary.
Available online: http://query.nytimes.com/mem/archive/pdf?res=9F0DEFDB123AEE32A25754C1A9669D946995D6CF

****LOCK**** 3-Nov-1919. *dsa Saturn trine MC*
****LOCK**** 22-Jan-1920. *csa MC trine Saturn*

The end of WWI triggered a huge wave of inflation once suppressed domestic demand gave way to the purchase of consumer products. Disruption of agricultural production in Europe was also problematic which led to higher crop prices. As a consequence, Strong engineered the first of several interest rate hikes on 3-Nov-1919 to crush the post-WWI inflation which triggered a steep deflationary collapse and economic recession through 1921. In addition to the fiscal conservatism that Saturn/Capricorn brings to bear to the fight against inflation, this specific episode was more intense for technical reasons having to do with multiple short-term interest rates. At the time, keeping in mind the year 1919 was still only 6 years after the Fed was started, there were multiple short-term rates that the Fed could choose to hike or lower. Raising one interest rate would do little to stem inflationary concerns if borrowers could still obtain money at a cheaper second rate. For this reason, Strong favored merging both the 'preferential rate' and the 'discount rate' into one rate. Strong was supported by directors at the NY Fed who voted to merge the rates on 30-Dec-1919. But not without a fight with Treasury Secretary Glass who was furious at Strong's 3-Nov-1919 rate hike when Strong hiked both the preferential and discount rate.

On the controversy of Nov-Dec 1919, biographer Chandler states it "brought Strong and Secretary Glass into sharp personal conflict. Ill, exhausted, nervous, and frustrated, Strong felt he was fighting the battle of righteousness against the evil forces of unsound money. Glass, never of equable temper and surpassed by few in sharpness of tongue and capacity for righteous indignation, was convinced that Strong was completely wrong and intent on dominating both the Federal Reserve Board and the Treasury."

As a fitting end to this controversy, on 22-Jan-1920, the exact day of the 2nd solar arc direction and conclusion of this solar arc quasi-sequence, Fed Governor Harding reinstituted multiple discount rates effectively reversing the 30-Dec-1919 vote made by directors at the NY Fed in support of Strong.

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Primary Directions

The year 1916 was pivotal in Strong's life. His second wife left him, he met UK banker Montagu Norman for the first time with whom he would develop a close professional relationship with, and he contracted tuberculosis. Consistent in my work is Venus as the significator for tuberculosis illness; its placement in the 5th of pleasure and rulership of the 8th of death suggests after Strong's wife left him he may have contracted tuberculosis via a prostitute, but that is clearly my own speculation not mentioned in any public record or biography.

PT	D	Mercury/Capricorn	P	Sun c. => Venus (VE)	16-Feb-1916
PT	D	Mercury/Capricorn	P	Sun c. => Venus	5-Mar-1916
REG	D	Mercury/Capricorn	P	Sun c. => Venus (VE)	14-Jul-1916
REG	D	Mercury/Capricorn	P	Sun c. => Venus	22-Oct-1916

Diagnosed with tuberculosis, early June 1916.

REG	D	Jupiter/Aries	P	sin sq. Sun c. Venus	11-Sep-1928
REG	D	Jupiter/Aries	P	sin sq. Sun c. Venus (VE)	24-Nov-1928

Death, 16-Oct-1928

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

Total Victor Scores for 12 Model Variations

			☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄	Victor
Benjamin Strong	Chaldean	IA	10	12	28	14	27	4	23	Mercury
Benjamin Strong	Chaldean	IB	4	12	28	14	27	4	23	Mercury
Benjamin Strong	Chaldean	IIA	10	12	28	20	25	3	30	Saturn
Benjamin Strong	Chaldean	IIB	4	12	28	20	25	3	30	Saturn
Benjamin Strong	Chaldean	IIIA	10	12	28	29	34	9	36	Saturn
Benjamin Strong	Chaldean	IIIB	4	12	28	29	34	9	36	Saturn
Benjamin Strong	Triplicity	IA	9	11	27	17	26	3	25	Mercury
Benjamin Strong	Triplicity	IB	3	11	27	17	26	3	25	Mercury
Benjamin Strong	Triplicity	IIA	9	11	27	23	24	2	32	Saturn
Benjamin Strong	Triplicity	IIB	3	11	27	23	24	2	32	Saturn
Benjamin Strong	Triplicity	IIIA	9	11	27	32	33	8	38	Saturn
Benjamin Strong	Triplicity	IIIB	3	11	27	32	33	8	38	Saturn

Breakout Scores for Triplicity – IB Model

1507 Version, In-sect triplicity ruler, Triplicity decans

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Sun	00CP44		3	2		4		6
Moon	21VI09		3	9	1	2		
ASC	07LI26			5	6			4
LOF	17CP01		3		3	4		5
Syzygy	23GE17			8		2		1
Superiors – Oriental						2	1	0
Houses		3	2	3	7	12	2	9
TOTAL		3	11	27	17	26	3	25

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	08 CA 40							
*	MC degree - sign ruler			1					
	MC degree - bound ruler					1			
	MC degree - dwad ruler	14 LI 11				1			
*	Planet in MC sign								
*	Planet in MC bound								
	Asc degree	07 LI 26							
*	Asc degree - sign ruler					1			
	Asc degree - bound ruler				1				
	Asc degree - dwad ruler	29 SA 16						1	
*	Planet in Asc sign						1		
*	Planet in Asc bound								
	Moon degree	21 VI 09							
*	Moon degree - sign ruler				1				
	Moon degree - bound ruler						1		
	Moon degree - dwad ruler	13 TA 55				1			
	Sun degree	00 CP 44							
	Sun degree - sign ruler								1
	Sun degree - bound ruler				1				
	Sun degree - dwad ruler	08 CP 57							1
	Pars Fortuna degree	17 CP 01							
*	Pars Fortuna degree - sign ruler								1
	Pars Fortuna degree - bound ruler					1			
	Pars Fortuna degree - dwad ruler	24 CA 19		1					
	Pars Spirit degree	27 GE 51							
	Pars Spirit degree - sign ruler				1				
	Pars Spirit degree - bound ruler								1
	Pars Spirit degree - dwad ruler	04 TA 14				1			
	Syzygy degree	23 GE 17							
	Syzygy degree - sign ruler				1				
*	Syzygy degree - bound ruler						1		
	Syzygy degree - dwad ruler	09 PI 29						1	
	Planet Phases								
*	Rising within 7 days				1				
*	Setting within 7 days								1
	Acronycal rising								
*	Station within 7 days				1			1	
	Total (Sign only)		0	1	3	1	0	0	2
	Total (Bound only)		0	0	2	2	2	0	1
	Total (Dwad only)		0	1	0	3	0	2	1
	Total (Sign + Bound)		0	1	5	3	2	0	3
	Total (Sign + Bound + Dwad)		0	2	5	6	2	2	4
	Total		0	2	7	6	3	3	5

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

SECT	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Diurnal planets: Is the chart diurnal?							
Diurnal planets: Placed on same horizon as Sun?							1
Diurnal planets: Placed in masculine sign?							
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			1		
Is Mercury diurnal on diurnal chart, or nocturnal on nocturnal chart?			1				
SOLAR PHASE	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Velocity	1.02	12.04	-0.77	1.21	0.53	-0	0.11
Latitude	0	4.97	3	-2	1.79	1	-0
Superiors oriental or inferiors occidental?				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					1		
Superior: Oriental - Square to 1st station							
Superior: Oriental - 1st station (retrograde)							
Superior: Oriental - Retrograde to acronycal rising						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			1				
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							
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 – Investigate-CONT

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

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Template for Investigation of Manners

MANNERS	-------	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
MOON 3LI18								
Sign Ruler	♀♒							
Bound	♄♎							
Bound Ruler	♄♑							
Mubtazz Scoring- single point	♄♑			1	1			**1,1**
Mubtazz Scoring – early medieval	♄♑			2	5			**4,3**
Mubtazz Scoring – late medieval	♄♑			3	5,1		3	**4,3,2**
Fixed Stars								
Moon conj Zaniah 0 27’ (Virgo)	☿♀							
MERCURY 17SA28								
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								
Mercury conj Sabik 0 35’ (Ophiuchus)	♀♄							

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 Sun and applies to Venus, nocturnal, preventional.

Moon-Mercury whole sign aspect? Yes. Moon and Mercury are sextile.

Do scoring methods agree? Yes. **Saturn-Jupiter** are significators of manners.

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Model Summary

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

Physiognomy

Ascendant sign: Libra
Ascendant sign ruler: Venus/Aquarius
Ascendant decan: Libra
Ascendant decan ruler: Venus/Aquarius
Planets/Nodes placed in the Ascendant sign or decan: Moon, Mars in Ascendant.

Longevity: 55y 9m 22d

Releaser and kadukhudhāh. Figure is nocturnal; Moon is preferred and allowable in the 1st. Exalted and bound ruler Saturn in his own sign receives the Moon by square aspect. Saturn is the kadukhudhah and grants 57 major years; Mars deducts 15 years by square aspect; net projection is 42 yrs or 23-Dec-1914. At the end of June 1915 Strong was diagnosed with tuberculosis which caused him considerable problems during his tenure at the Federal Reserve and eventually killed him just shy of Saturn's major years.

Victor of the Chart: Saturn/Capricorn

Ibn Ezra's method favors Saturn and Mercury while Porphyry's Stage I criteria adds Venus as a strong contender. Saturn is in his own sign, angular in the 4th, conjunct the Lot of Fortune, and is the appropriate planet/sign/house combination for Benjamin Strong's life calling as 'father of central banking.' In my research, Capricorn is consistently associated with stability of bond markets which represents accumulated profits of the ruling class which can be lent to debtors amidst stable macroeconomic conditions. Major life events include his appointment to Bankers Trust in 1904 (Jupiter-Saturn), his promotion to VP in 1909 (either Mars-Moon or Mars-Saturn), and his most important legacy while head of the NY Federal Reserve Branch – the start of open market operations during 1923 (Sun-Saturn). There is no question that Saturn/Capricorn is Strong's victor.

Compare to Alexander Hamilton with a Capricorn stellium.

Manners: Saturn-Jupiter

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MOON 9 yrs		23-Dec-72	Victor	Life Event
Moon	Saturn	6-Apr-74	X	
Moon	Jupiter	20-Jul-75		
Moon	Mars	31-Oct-76		
Moon	Sun	13-Feb-78		
Moon	Venus	28-May-79		
Moon	Mercury	9-Sep-80		
SATURN 11 yrs		23-Dec-81	X	
Saturn	Jupiter	20-Jul-83	X	
Saturn	Mars	13-Feb-85	X	
Saturn	Sun	10-Sep-86	X	
Saturn	Venus	5-Apr-88	X	
Saturn	Mercury	31-Oct-89	X	
Saturn	Moon	28-May-91	X	Summer 1891. Left home for NY to seek out job in finance after family was unable to afford to send him to Princeton for financial reasons.
JUPITER 12 yrs		22-Dec-92		
Jupiter	Mars	9-Sep-94		
Jupiter	Sun	28-May-96		
Jupiter	Venus	13-Feb-98		
Jupiter	Mercury	1-Nov-99		
Jupiter	Moon	19-Jul-01		
Jupiter	Saturn	6-Apr-03	X	14-Apr-1904. Appointed Secretary at Bankers Trust.
MARS 7 yrs		22-Dec-04		10-May-1905. First wife Margaret committed suicide.
Mars	Sun	23-Dec-05		
Mars	Venus	23-Dec-06		
Mars	Mercury	23-Dec-07		
Mars	Moon	22-Dec-08		
Mars	Saturn	22-Dec-09	X	1909 (no date). Succeeded Thomas Lamont as VP of Bankers Trust
Mars	Jupiter	23-Dec-10		
NORTH NODE 3 yrs		23-Dec-11		5-Oct-1914. Named 1st Governor of NY branch of Federal Reserve
SOUTH NODE 2 yrs		23-Dec-14		
SUN 10 yrs		22-Dec-16		
Sun	Venus	28-May-18		
Sun	Mercury	1-Nov-19		
Sun	Moon	5-Apr-21		
Sun	Saturn	9-Sep-22	X	Instituted open-market purchases/sales of Treasury securities in order to stimulate/contract the economy. 28-Nov-1922. In speech to Harvard Graduate Economic Club, detailed the fallacy of adjusting the quantity of credit purely on 'needs of trade.' 26-Mar-1923. Adolph Miller asserted Reserve Board's jurisdiction over open-market purchases. 12-Nov-1923. Strong urged the Fed to purchase securities if business conditions weakened. 24-Dec-1923. New 'Special System Investment Account" for open-market purchases of all Reserve Banks established at the NY Federal Reserve Bank in order to consolidate open market operations.
Sun	Jupiter	13-Feb-24		
Sun	Mars	19-Jul-25		
VENUS 8 yrs		23-Dec-26		
Venus	Mercury	13-Feb-28		16-Oct-1928. Death.
Venus	Moon	5-Apr-29		

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