

ON WHOLE-SIGN HOUSES' INCOMPATIBILITY WITH HUMAN DIVERSITY, AND QUADRANT HOUSES' COMPATIBILITY, FOLLOWING MORIN'S RULES OF ASTROLOGICAL DELINEATION, AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS

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Abstract | The necessity of reflecting the **heterogeneity** (or “mixture,” MORIN, *Book 21*, p. 91, trans. Penelope Sitter)¹ of an astrological house constitutes a fundamental component of the precise interpretative exercise. Due to the fact that whole-sign houses are, precisely, whole, they do not, and cannot, thereby reflect **heterogeneous** houses (two or more signs in the same house, and the implications that this has) but **homogeneous** houses only (a single sign for each house, and the implications that this has). Whole signs or sign houses, then, as a house system rather than as a simplified chart model, far from just being incompatible with human diversity, is invalid according to both genetic and astronomical reality, as it both cannot reflect a sufficient number of astrographic distinctions within a 2-hour period of rotation² and falsifies a birthchart in at least three accounts (heterogeneity; house ruler; physical planetary position). As for astrographic distinctions, sign houses reflect one only every 2 hr

(among all born within said time)³, whereas a quadrant house system such as Placidus or Polich-Page, in turn, would reflect *no less* than **12** distinctions (using what is known as the micro Zodiac or twelfth parts) and *no less* than **30** distinctions (prescinding from said tool). Recognising this reality imposes the need to recognise another: the true implication of **essential dignities**. In referring to a relatively sterile discussion which asks which is more important, the *ruling* planet or the planet *present*, we note that said discussion entails the omission of a principle of interpretation that must be honoured regardless of the tradition to which the professional has adhered. As a physician practising alternative or Chinese medicine would not ignore the requirements of a surgical procedure (blood volume assessment, among other metabolic variables before making the first incision), neither should an astrologer of any tradition infringe or breach the principles that govern delineation⁴. It is but the observance of the **principles** that govern the interpretative exercise, not just the genetic finds of the last century with regard to our species, that authorizes us to establish the conclusions of this paper. We will employ two house systems and will show that only one of them can have **explanatory power**. We have employed two types of measurements of the houses of the astrograph: Placidus (also known as “the method of rising times”⁵) and sign houses (also known as “whole-sign houses”). The first constitutes the most natural measurement of an

¹ See too, *Book 18: The Strength of the Planets*, pp. 105, 107, 111. AFA. 2004.

² “The only motion rapid enough to achieve this is the rotational motion of the Earth itself. It is this which generates the ‘personal points’ [...] and forms the framework for the interpretation of the sidereal birth-pattern into its mundane expression by means of the houses. It is in the houses, therefore, that we find offered the only satisfying hope of true individual [...] delineation. And since the prize is so great, it is surely worth the effort to examine the concept with a care and detail appropriate to the reward.” Holden, Ralph. (repr. 2023). *The Elements of House Division*. Raven Dreams Press. Boulder, Colorado, USA. pp. 34-37.

³ Without taking into account the ascending and culminating degrees, as the first and tenth quadrant houses will continue to

begin at 00° of whatever sign is ascending or culminating (according to a quadrant, not a whole-sign, house division of the chart).

⁴ It is important to understand that this is also independent of timing techniques. Without rules that respond, not to the epoch, but to the nature of a birthchart itself, the margin of subjectivity will always be broad. American astrologer and academic Robert Hand recently argued, for example, that house systems are not a tool that we can use “interchangeably” (17 November 2023, Conference announcement).

⁵ According to Shlomo Sela's 2014 English translation of Abraham Ibn Ezra's (12th century) books of *Nativities* and *Revolutions*, Brill, pp. 377, 404, 406.

astrograph according to the entire astrological community (for it follows primary motion the closest or most faithfully), whereas the second constitutes, in our view, an incomplete measurement of the same plane, as it lacks the division of the Earth's surface, clinging to that of the ecliptic (zodiacal belt) only.

Key words | house systems; whole-sign houses; quadrant houses; ecliptic; zodiacal belt; zodiacal heterogeneity; genetics; DNA; genetic sequencing; astrographic sequencing; astrology; human diversity; MORIN DE VILLEFRANCHE.

THORETICAL JUSTIFICATION OF THIS PAPER

While it is possible to assume that the reader has basic genetic and/or astrological knowledge or can research these facts without difficulty because of the era in which we live, we find it necessary, still, to explain why an author would bother to compare an astrography (birthchart) with human DNA or if a certain house system is compatible with genetic facts about our species. Clearly and insistently, this needs to be addressed, not avoided or evaded, as it would constitute nothing less than an obvious **contradiction** to attempt to draw conclusions from human beings while employing a tool not compatible with said object of study, humans. Like the geneticist, the astrologer works with a natural report of the individual whose language is also encrypted or coded and contains the most congenital or connatural material, inherent in the born. We hereby refer to its cognitive, organic, metabolic — even spiritual — tendencies.⁶

Since the four bases that make up our DNA were discovered (KOSSEL, 1910) and more so when we

discovered that genetic sequencing was possible (LEDERBERG, et al, 1958; NIRENBERG, et al, 1968; SANGER, et al, 1980), we knew that a birthchart, although not being actual DNA, does represent the DNA of each individual, for which reason any statistical analysis (research) made by astrology must entail the use of placements sufficiently characteristic to be worthwhile. We are all 99.9% genetically identical, or some of us would not have two eyes but one, not two legs but four. No geneticist would set out to conduct statistics in order to determine what all people with brown eyes have in common, as it would be the same as conducting statistics in order to determine what all people with the Sun in Sagittarius or Aquarius have in common⁷. Nothing? Anything?

Human DNA is made up of almost 3 billion base pairs of which 99% are the same in all humans because we belong to the same species (i.e. we are not specimens of different species). Thus, because we all share the human genome, we also share twelve signs (12), twelve houses (12), seven (7) or ten (10) celestial bodies and five (5) possible aspectual relationships. In other words, all of us share the same **astrological genome**: the tropical Zodiac and all members of our solar system, simply because all of us were born on Earth. What, then, sets us apart? From a genetic standpoint, nothing less than the specific sequence of the aforementioned nitrogenous bases or letters (A, C, G, T), that is, what we regard as our genetic code. From an astral or astrological standpoint, nothing less than the specific astrographical combination, composition, or sequence of signs, planets, houses, and aspects, what we may regard or recognise as an astrographic code or sequence (each chart constitutes an astrologic fingerprint

⁶ As for the influences of environmental variables, known as epigenetics (how the environment can modify, not DNA, but DNA expression, or our way of behaving in relation to our birthchart), see *Commentary on astrology according to epigenetics* (Ediciones Sagitario) at: <https://zenodo.org/record/8210414> (DOI 8210414). Therein we explained the Special and General Epigenetic Theories

of Astrology. The first concerns monozygotic twins; the second, the general population.

⁷ What we know — or knew — as the newspaper horoscope is a product of the contemporary Western capitalist society, not of astrology. In short, an industrial — or commercial — product of modern society.

because none repeats itself before tens of thousands of years).

In both cases we can produce analyses based on segments of the DNA (or the birthchart) that are particular enough to carry out a study on their effects on individuals. Any other form of analysis would not bring together the **synthesis of sufficient factors** that the laws of interpretation (astrological or genetic, upon the case) exact.

WHY THE DEFINITION OF HOUSE AND OF SIGNIFICATOR IS IMPORTANT

Because it is not common in the American astrological community to see astrology as not only an art but as a science also⁸ (an “observational” science, as writer and astrologer ANTHONY LOUIS has described it⁹), it is necessary to present two definitions fundamentally important.

House. What is known as “domification” (French) constitutes a division, not of the ecliptic (tropical Zodiac), but of the space or the surface of the Earth based on a spacetime criterion (“length of hours” or “relative times”, if we employed, say, the timekeeping method of house division, otherwise regarded or recognised as Placidus houses¹⁰). “House”, then, without regard for the quadrant house system employed, refers to the twelve distinct sections in which said surface is divided. According to the

operational definition of the term “house”, whole-sign or sign houses are not — because they cannot be — a form of house division, but a chart model only¹¹. To tell ourselves that a whole-sign chart constitutes a complete astrology is to find us entangled in a conceptual error from not only an astronomical point of view but from that of delineation as well, as only both planes will account for the **two dimensions** of the human experience (MORIN, *Book 17*, pp. 16-17). The human being possesses not a spirit only or a body only, but both things: body (houses, or Earth) and spirit (Zodiac, or heavens). Expounded differently: it is the intersection of both longitudes or measurements (celestial and terrestrial) that gives rise to a complete birthchart¹²: the spiritual conditions according to Zodiacal placements (ecliptic) and the corporal, material, or social conditions or context according to geographical placements (Earth). Houses, then, constitute a fundamental component that represent both the parts of the human body and the stages of human development on Earth (MORIN, *Book 17*, pp. 16-17,). We can, say, determine what has been the metabolic imprint (or “celestial impressions,” MORIN, *Book 17*, pp. 21, 25) that each part of our organism has received (e.g. head or brain receives the “radiation” of Leo and of Virgo if these were to loom over the first region of the birthchart).

Rulership. Every house, regardless of the place of birth and the house system employed, will always have a

⁸ According to Russell and, specially, Mario Bunge's famed work (*Science: its Method and Philosophy*), it would constitute a “non-exact factual science”, like meteorology, medicine, and forensic psychology, among others.

⁹ Personal communication dated November 8, 2023.

¹⁰ The method of timekeeping or “of rising times,” as portrayed by Abraham Ibn Ezra (2014, trans. Shlomo Sela, pp. 377, 404, 406) during the 12th century, was originally employed by Ptolemy (2nd century) and trigonometrically developed by Giovanni Antonio Magini (mathematician and astronomer) in 1604 and divulged by Placidus de Titis (Benedictine monk) in 1657. For more on this method of house division, please see British astrologer Michael

Wackford's series of articles on polar horoscopes as well as “Placido and the Semi Arc Method of House Division”. Although originally published in *Correlation* (AA) between 1994 and 2003, *Skyscript* has them available online. See too our “Illustration of the Placidian Mechanism of Action” (DOI 10.5281/zenodo.13841957) at: <https://zenodo.org/records/14452568>

¹¹ As noted in the overwhelming majority of ancient horoscopes corresponding to the Alexandrian period, despite both the noun “zōidia” (sign) and the noun “topoi” (house/place) having been used interchangeably to refer to a zodiac sign.

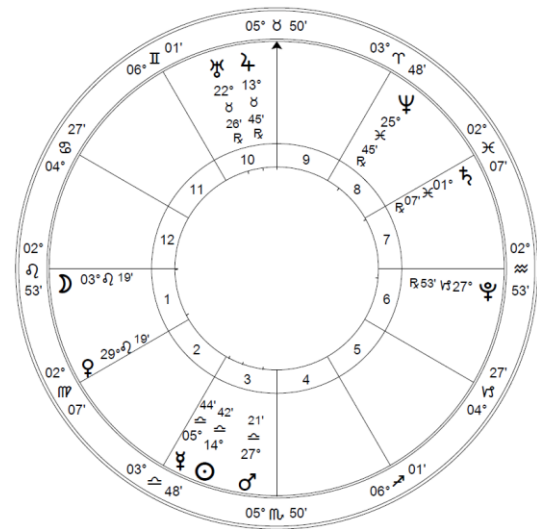
¹² See Louis, Anthony. *Morin's Use of Secondary Houses*. (March 24, 2023). Last paragraph.

unique ruler, lord, governor, or regent.¹³ Therefore, much more important than determining what has more weight, house guest(s) or ruler (significator), is to comply with a **principle** of astrological delineation according to which we are to assess, first and foremost, the lord of the house. Which planet exerts the most influence over the house in question depends on multiple factors. Should a planetary guest be blessed with essential dignity and the lord of the house not hold analogy with said house and is placed in another, the guest or its effects would or could prevail over or overcome those of the ruler or governor (e.g. Venus in Taurus in the 2nd House while Mars rules or governs it). This is not to mean that the lord or ruler is to be excluded from the analysis with regard to said house (MORIN, *Book 21*, p. 91)¹⁴, as it is the synthesis of significator and guest(s) that concerns us, not the separate or independent analysis of two bodies with rights over the same house. Said principle allows us to appreciate the true value of what is known as “essential dignities”, as it is **rulerships** only that which establishes which planet presides over which house, regardless of: (a) the house wherein it sits, (b) the effects that others can spill into the one over which the ruler presides, and (c) that said classification allows us to determine, categorically, the cosmic state of a celestial body (i.e. if it is in fall or exile, domicile or exaltation, or peregrine). Should this be the greatest importance of essential dignities, it is then necessary to not mistake the ruler or governor, and, consequently, determine which house system reveals the **true lord** or regent of a house (MORIN, *Book 17*, pp. 69-72).¹⁵

DIFFERENCES AND IMPLICATIONS WITHIN A 2-HOUR PERIOD

• First demonstration of incompatibility

Consider a person born 8 October 2023 at 1:04 a.m. in Bogotá D.C., Colombia.



PLACIDUS: 8 October 2023 | Bogotá D.C. | 1:04 a.m.

In 4 min, the Moon will migrate from the 1st House to the 12th. Although it will continue to produce effects on the 1st (because it will still be conjunct the Asc), in the new chart (i.e. 4 min later) it will also begin to produce effects in the previous house. Also, Mercury will be even closer to the 3rd House cusp (acquire strength within said region) and Pluto¹⁶ a little further from the 7th:

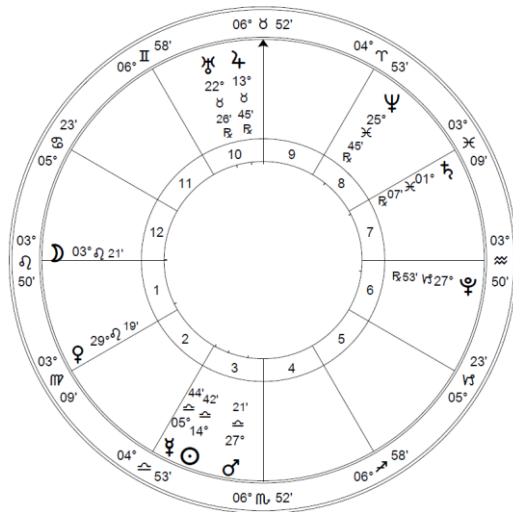
and therefore there can only be a unique natural system of dividing the Caelum into houses, on which alone the true principles of this science depends [...]”. p. 69.

¹⁶ For the purposes of these demonstrations, it matters not if the reader does not employ the three planets beyond Saturn (Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto) in their astrological assessments. Although in this case it may be Pluto, in another it may be any of the seven traditional orbs. The phenomenon explained is not dependent upon the orb in question.

¹³ Even under a simplified chart model (whole signs). We will explain operative word, “simplified,” later.

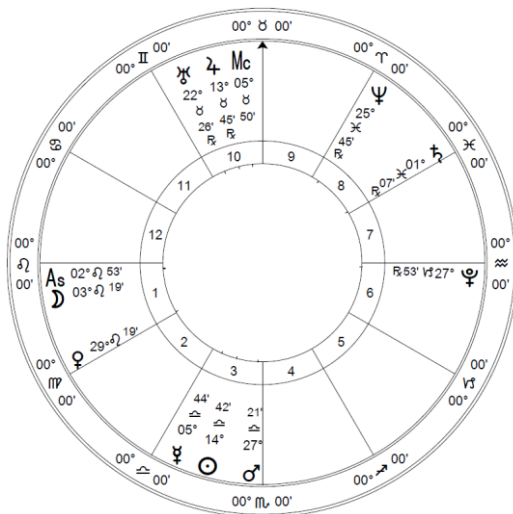
¹⁴ Due to the principle's indispensability, it is observed by a good number of experts (e.g. Demetra George, Benjamin Dykes, Anthony Louis, Penny Seator). Also see the work of William Lilly and almost any of the works of the Arab authors, mainly, Māshā' Allāh, Ezra, Albumasar, and Sahl.

¹⁵ *Book 17: The Astrological Houses*. AFA. 2008. Trans. James Holden. Says: “[...] there is a unique mode of nature for acting,

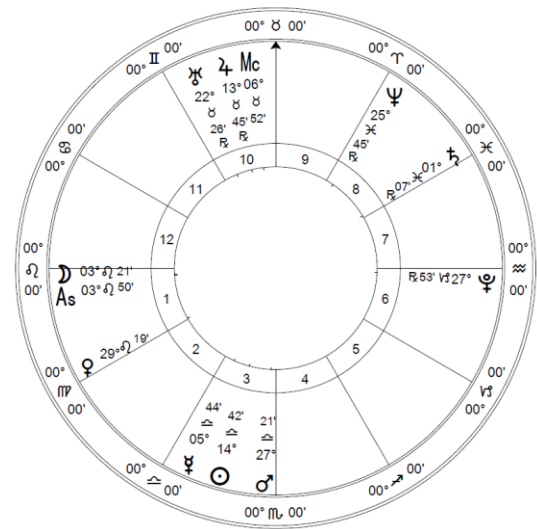


PLACIDUS: 8 October 2023 | Bogotá D.C. | 1:08 a.m.

In a whole-sign chart, however, the difference, in said 4 min, would have been the following:



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WSH: 8 October 2023 | Bogotá D.C. | 1:08 a.m.

Indeed, no difference has been produced¹⁷, and none will until two hours later. That is, until 2:55 a.m., all the charts of those born since 1:04 a.m. in the city of Bogotá D.C. (that day) would have looked like the WSH 1:04 a.m. chart presented earlier. It is the only possible chart in an almost full 2-hour period, that is, in 111 coordinate minutes or 1 hr 51 min of terrestrial rotation.

Should you now compare the Placidus-calculated chart from 2:55 a.m. and the one from the same time and date according to sign houses, you will not notice significant differences (aside from house cusps) because it is about the time in which a new sign has risen above the horizon, for which reason both chart models are called to reflect it¹⁸. However, we must explain the changes or shifts produced in the birthchart prior to said time, **which sign**

¹⁷ Unless one wants to consider the Moon's minuscule displacement, for it has remained in the same degree, as all house cusps. The ascending and culminating degrees, in turn, which are taken into consideration by Hellenistic practitioners, cannot account for enough astrographic distinctions within 2-hour period (at least not for as many as quadrant houses).

¹⁸ Also, because it is a birthchart at the equator. Because all planets are placed in the sign that rules the house, they do not appear in the following house in a whole-sign chart model, but in the same as in a quadrant chart model or calculation. Had the birth been produced at a latitude further away from the equator, the

house positions of the planets would have changed significantly, as they would have appeared in the following house (for said cusp signs would have changed). Although such an illustration or example strengthens our thesis, we look to use a latitude where the least number of differences are verified in order to show that, even in such a case, whole signs are problematic, that is, that they do not have **explanatory power** whatsoever. Put differently or simply, if they cannot have said power at the equator or near the equator, much less anywhere on Earth far from the equator (at or beyond 25° N or S).

houses could not have reflected until 2:55 a.m., whereas a quadrant house calculation (Placidus, in this case) reflected each one at the very moment it happened, as we will now see.

Mercury has been in the second region of the chart since 1:12 a.m. (not since 2:55 a.m.). The same can be said of Jupiter and the Sun, who changed houses at 1:35 a.m. and 1:45, respectively. From those hours, not from 2:55 a.m., they travelled from the 9th to the 10th and from the 3rd to the 2nd, respectively. Then Uranus (2:12 a.m.), Neptune and Mars (2:36 a.m.), and Venus (2:52 a.m.).

These differences are, of course, difficult to measure or verify **experimentally**, for we would have to study the lives of two related or unrelated individuals born at relatively the same time, whether twins or not, and determine what has been the influence of the sun over the two houses, second and third, and that of Jupiter over also two houses, ninth and tenth, as opposed to, in both cases, over a single house in the light of the physical position of the orb in question. However, anyone who has had a relatively decent training in astrological interpretation (especially if they have studied MORIN) knows well that the sun holds much more analogy with the second house than with the third (as Mercury much more with the third than with the second) and Jupiter more with the ninth than with the tenth¹⁹, which is why its effects on both should be appreciated without difficulty or with much difficulty.

There have been **six** significant house travels that sign houses could not have reflected at any time before 2:56 a.m., without mentioning the increasing influence of Mercury over the first region as the degrees of one of its

domicile signs, Virgo, started to intrude therein, like those of Libra in the second, those of Scorpio in the third, and successively, which strengthens the influence of the domicile lords of said signs over said houses (together with that of their significators and/or guests, if any)²⁰.

It is worth mentioning that the example presented is only one and that it is an example of a birth that took place near the equator. The further from the equator, (a) the greater the differences that we have noticed here will be, (b) the greater the biases of the analysis, and (c) even less the explanatory power of astrology if it were to employ signs (segments of the ecliptic) as houses (regions of the local horizon).

• Second Demonstration of Incompatibility

To the previously demonstrated problem, another one is to be added, possibly noticed already by the reader. In sign houses or whole-sign charts, any planet sitting in the second sign of a quadrant house (thereby enriching the description of said house) will move to the following house, both betraying the **heterogeneity** of the preceding house²¹ and offering a **false description** of the following (although its significator may remain the same at the equator, as seen earlier). This is not to mean that a planet occupying the second sign of one house cannot extend its effects to the house that follows when said sign serves as its cusp sign²² (as often happens in those born on the equator), but that, by moving it to the following house, it no longer produces them in the previous one, where it is located.

¹⁹ This is not to say that the sun and Jupiter have no relationship or affinity with the third and tenth houses, respectively (especially in the case of Jupiter in the tenth), but that they hold greater affinity with the second and ninth, respectively, than with the others.

²⁰ Unfortunately, many practitioners do not consider the influence of a **second sign** within a house, which is a fundamental component of astrological delineation (Morin, *Book 21*, p. 91), for

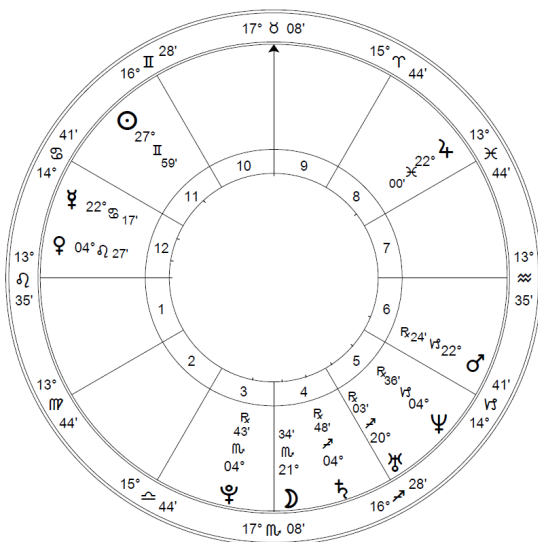
which reason failing to conduct this assessment can only compromise results (i.e. judgments). Studying medicine, genetics, and/or psychology or psychiatry contributes to understanding the importance of this, that is, how or why it is important.

²¹ See pp. 105, 107, 111 in Morin. *Book 18: The Strength of the Planets*. AFA. 2004.

²² *Ibid*, p. 107.

Please note that the current professional — Hellenistic — practise advocates continuing to do this even in the case of **hidden** or **intercepted** signs (i.e. signs that do not preside over a house because they do not loom over its cusp). Because from more or less 40° N or S some signs begin to “hide” within a house, house rulers too, can vary if were to employ zodiac signs (segments of the ecliptic) as houses (regions of the local horizon), violating thereby the principle of astrological delineation originally expounded, according to which the consideration of the lord of a house (lord of the cusp sign) constitutes the first step of the assessment of any house. Let us visualise this within the author’s birthchart.

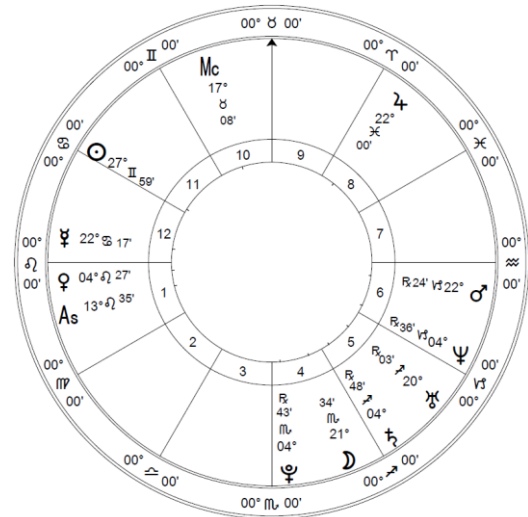
Before my parents migrated to the United States 18 May of 1989²³, I was born 19 June 1986 at Bogotá D.C. at 09:05, according to my mother’s album of birth (i.e. third born child):



PLACIDUS: 19 June 1986 | Bogotá D.C. | 09:05 a.m. (EST +5:00)

We see that Venus is posited in the second sign of the 12th House, Leo. It is true that it has effects both on this house and on the following house, the 1st. The same should be said of Pluto, Saturn, and Neptune; that is, all four exert

influence **over two houses**: the one wherein they reside and the one whose cuspal sign they are occupying. Let us now see why sign houses would falsify the astrology in question by simplifying it beyond the truth (according to a natural measurement of the local horizon, that is, to the timekeeping method of house division, otherwise known as Placidus, named after the monk who divulged it).



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We now see the four aforementioned bodies (Venus, Pluto, Saturn, Neptune) disappear from the houses upon which they originally poured their effects. Venus no longer pours them into the 12th and the 1st but into the 1st only; Pluto no longer pours them into the 3rd and 4th but into the 4th only; Saturn no longer pours them into the 4th and 5th but into the 5th only; and Neptune no longer pours them into the 5th and 6th but into the 6th only.

Although we could elaborate on the effects that Venus, Pluto, Saturn, and Neptune have had in Houses 12th, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, respectively (Venus, Pluto, Saturn, and Neptune do not have the strength that sign houses describe over the next houses), it would make this essay lengthy. We then recommend going over an example that aims to demonstrate exactly the same in MORIN (*Book 18*, p. 111,

²³ Father (tenth- and eleventh-house Aquarian Jupiter as ruler of the four houses: twelfth, eleventh, ninth, and eighth) was appointed

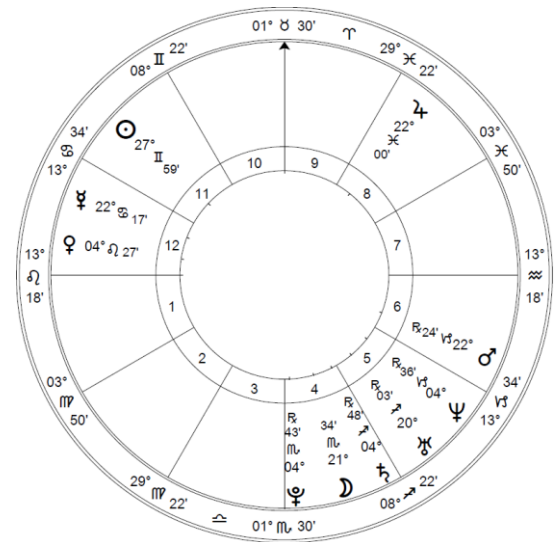
as General Manager of the Caribe Hilton in San Juan, Puerto Rico, USA, where I grew up and consider myself from.

2004) with regard to the influence of his Mars over the 3rd House, a planet that, according to sign houses or a whole-sign chart model, would exert influence over the 4th House only. MORIN then takes the opportunity to elaborate on the effects of his Mars in the 3rd House and **adverts that no other position in the chart** could explain them (in our view, neither would Neptune — which MORIN did not know about — explain what he describes, as said planet occupies the 4th House, which, although a family-related house, the placement is not as precise as that of Mars).

MORIN concludes (p. 111):

“In countless nativities one can prove, even in practice, that this ancient opinion [whole signs?] is **contrary to experience**.”

Due to the inclination of the Earth’s axis, the so-called distortion of the houses²⁴, as we advised earlier, will become **increasingly greater** the further from the equator the birth occurs, as the further we move from this point, (a) the greater the region of the horizon will a segment of the ecliptic (sign) cover or embrace, in which case a single sign serves as cuspal sign of two or more houses, or (b) vice versa, the greater the portion of the ecliptic that a region of the local horizon capture, in which case a single house would carry two or more signs. Let us see it:

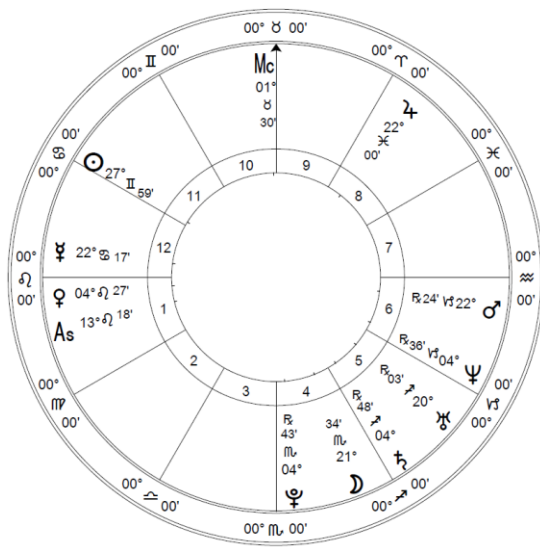


Hypothetical or relocated birthchart of the author
PLACIDUS: 19 June 1986 | Madison WI | 09:05 a.m. (CDT +5:00)

We can notice that there are “hidden” (intercepted) signs in a same house: Libra and Aries in the 3rd and 9th Houses, respectively, in which case the house presents a cuspal sign (Virgo/Pisces), a hidden or intercepted sign (Libra/Aries), and a third sign (Scorpio/Taurus), which is, in turn, the cuspal sign of the next house (4th/10th House). Let us now see this chart under the light of sign houses (i.e. whole signs):

²⁴ We have, in our most recent publications, referred to or recognised said phenomenon in the same way that physicists do, that is, as **length contraction** due to almost the same reason as in special relativity. We say “almost” because, although due to a different form of relativity (to the equation of time, the first form of relativity known to man), velocity constitutes a variable still. Among said publications are “Time Dilation according to Tropical Astrology

and Why the Placidus Measurement of Astrographic Regions is Compatible with Relativity Theory” (26 September 2024, DOI 10.5281/zenodo.13841957) and “Illustration of the Placidian Mechanism of Action” (13 December 2024, DOI 10.5281/zenodo.14452567), both available at the Zenodo and PhilPapers repositories.



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First, Mercury no longer rules or presides over the 3rd House or Jupiter over the 9th, but rather Venus and Mars, respectively. Up to three distortions or falsifications then become clear or verified. Second, certain planets have moved to the next house, giving the impression that they exert no influence over an earlier house.²⁵ Third: it ignores or sells out the zodiacal heterogeneity inherent in the 3rd and 9th Houses of whose affairs three planets necessarily participate: the three that govern the signs of Virgo, Libra, and Scorpio (House 3rd), and the three that govern the signs of Pisces, Aries, and Taurus (House 9th).²⁶ In short, sign houses, as a house system, would tell us that there would be no difference between the individual born in Bogotá D.C. (Colombia) and the one born in Madison

(WI)²⁷ at exactly the same time, date, and year. “Such a distortion or falsehood cannot be possible,” the logician may react. “Often, however, as history shows us, tradition is stronger than reason,” the wise would or might respond.

Sign houses also ignore the changing (every 4 min) of the aspectual orb between the planets and the angles²⁸. Because these changes make degree-based aspects to the — twelve, not four — angles stronger or weaker as the angle applies or separates from the planet producing the aspect, “this is no small difference,” a colleague with whom we shared our view, TOM CALLANAN, reacted. The movement aforementioned will determine whether a planet and/or a fixed star is conjunct an angle or a subangle, as the orbs allowed for this are usually no more than two degrees (sometimes, only one).

How or in what way, shape, form or manner, then, could sign houses, as a house system instead of as a simplified chart model, be compatible with reality, with experience, with reason, and even with common sense? As American academic and astrologer ROBERT HAND pointed out on 17 November 2023 (announcement of a future conference): “[...] house systems cannot be used interchangeably” (even if the gentleman were to support whole-signs as a house system, that statement would remain true).

²⁵ If the chart were to be drawn in New York, in turn, Mercury and Mars would have moved to the 11th and 5th Houses, respectively, having effects both within these and within the subsequent houses thereby, 12th and 6th.

²⁶ We recognise that only one degree intrudes into these houses for a considerable influence on the part of Mercury and Jupiter over them to be argued. However, please note, again, that the degrees within said houses may be numerous in other latitudes (e.g. Paris, France; Berlin, Germany; Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia; Sydney, Australia; etcetera).

²⁷ Two different countries, for which reason important epigenetic variables (e.g. culture, diet, weather) are at play.

²⁸ Most Hellenistic practitioners would “manually” mark the ASC and the MC in the chart despite relying on whole-sign houses. Again, however, this does not account for enough distinctions within two hours of rotation, even there were not twelve angles, not just four (even though one considers eight to be *sub*-angles). It is under a naturally-measured chart (i.e. Placidus) that one can appreciate this, as each cuspal degree constitutes the result of the trisection of its own time of ascension or seasonal time. Put simply: each cuspal degree represents or constitutes a different ascensional or seasonal time, as demonstrated 13 December 2024 in DOI 10.5281/zenodo.14452567 (Illustration of the Placidian Mechanism of Action).

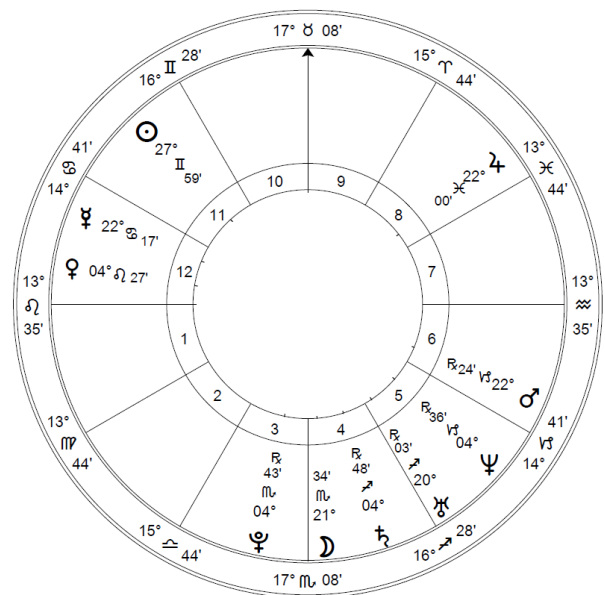
ASTROSEQUENCING IS POSSIBLE

The above would seem to imply that it is possible to establish a unique or sufficiently specific astrological sequence (as we would in genetics). How far, however, could we go in this endeavour? How specific and/or unique can each sequence be? If we exhausted the chain of dispositors (without leaving houses outside said chain) as well as the chain of dispositors pursuant to what we know as the micro Zodiac (*dodecatemoria* or twelfth parts), we would notice that 4 and 10 minutes of rotation are sufficient, respectively, for a new **unique astrographical sequence** to emerge. We would learn too, that writing this sequence down is also possible, in which case never before MORIN's and DR. WEISS' (Germany, 1925) "astrosynthesis" (procedural instructions for astrological delineation) would have borne more importance. Also, Sun-sign astrology and delineations of isolated placements (the "procedural guide" to astrological delineation inherited from the newspaper horoscope, an industrial product of the contemporary western capitalist society) the least, whereas sign houses, in turn, would be rendered as little as 9% (1 of 12 distinctions) valid regarding astrological interpretation if we were to take the micro Zodiac into account, and 3.5% (1 out of 30 distinctions) still if we were to prescind from it.

Below we present the **first astrographic sequence to have been produced** (we are not aware of a precedent). This is a new technique, still strange to practise, and

tiresome or lengthy (as genetic sequencing is)²⁹. This is the author's astrographic sequence, one that begins at each house cusp and at each planetary position, both employing the micro Zodiac and dispensing with it. It is necessary to draw a relatively independent sequence for some planets (there are charts in which planets are located outside the main sequence or chain). Also, because the three bodies beyond Saturn have domiciles not unanimously confirmed by the astrological community, the path leading to them in the sequence either follows or comes after the dash (—) or appears [inside brackets].

Following, then, appears the astrological or astrographic sequence of this chart:



PLACIDUS: 19 June 1986 | Bogotá D.C. | 09:05 a.m. (EST +5:00)

²⁹ The Human Genome Project, for example, constituted a 13-year large, well-organized, highly collaborative international effort to present the first sequence of the human genome. Carried out from

1990–2003, it was one of the most ambitious and important scientific endeavors in human history.

ZODIACAL SEQUENCE (SIGNS)*from the ASC, Venus, and Uranus*

Asc ♈ ☉ ♊ 11 ♀ ♋ 12 ♎ ♍ 4 ♂ ♏ 6 ♐ ♑ 5 ♒ ♓ 8 – ♐ ♏ 5 ♐ ♑ 5 ♒ ♓ 8
 ♀ ♈ 12 ☉ ♊ 11 ♀ ♋ 12 ♎ ♍ 4 ♂ ♏ 6 ♐ ♑ 5 ♒ ♓ 8 – ♐ ♏ 5 ♐ ♑ 5 ♒ ♓ 8
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SUBZODIACAL SEQUENCE (TWELFTH PARTS)*from the ASC, Moon, and Neptune*

Asc ♏ ♐ ♏ 5
 ♎ ♓ 4 ♒ ♍ 8 ♂ ♎ 6 ♏ ♑ 12 ♒ ♍ 8 – ♐ ♑ 3 ♏ ♈ 5 ☉ ♏ 11 ♀ ♎ 12 ♏ ♑ 12 ♒ ♍ 8
 ♐ ♏ ♐ 5 ♂ ♎ 6 ♏ ♑ 12 ♒ ♍ 8 – ♐ ♑ 3 ♏ ♈ 5 ☉ ♏ 11 ♀ ♎ 12 ♏ ♑ 12 ♒ ♍ 8
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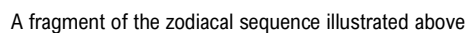
HOUSE SEQUENCE (PLACIDUS)*no micro Zodiac or twelfth parts employed*

	SIGN	PLANETARY SEQUENCE
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4	♍	♏ ♐ 6 ♐ ♑ 5 ♒ ♓ 8 – ♐ ♏ 5 ♐ ♑ 5 ♒ ♓ 8
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6	♏	♐ ♑ 5 ♒ ♓ 8 – ♐ ♏ 5 ♐ ♑ 5 ♒ ♓ 8
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8	♑	♒ ♓ 8 – ♐ ♏ 5 ♐ ♑ 5 ♒ ♓ 8
9	♏	♏ ♐ 6 ♐ ♑ 5 ♒ ♓ 8 – ♐ ♏ 5 ♐ ♑ 5 ♒ ♓ 8
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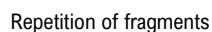
HOUSE SEQUENCE (PLACIDUS)*Zodiac or twelfth parts employed*

	SIGN	PLANETARY SEQUENCE
Asc	♏	♐ ♏
2	♋	♐ ♏
		♏ ♈ 5 ☉ ♏ 11 ♀ ♎ 12 ♏ ♑ 12 ♒ ♍ 8 – ♐ ♑ ♏ ♈ 5 ☉ ♏ ♐ ♑ ♏ ♑ 12 ♒ ♍ 8
3	♏	♏ ♐ 6 ♐ ♑ 5 ♒ ♓ 8 – ♐ ♏ 5 ♐ ♑ 5 ♒ ♓ 8
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CONCLUSIONS



Sign houses (as a house system instead of as a simplified chart model only) **applies the same chart to a very large number of births (i.e. individuals)**, which makes it not difficult but impossible to describe individuals with the precision that human diversity exacts. While Placidus-measured houses recognise or records distinctions between those born every 4 or 10 min of rotation (because every 4 min a degree of the ecliptic rises above the horizon, and every 10 min a twelfth part), sign houses, in turn, every 2 hr in average, as this system cannot reflect **house heterogeneity**. Only one sign, and, consequently, only one planet (i.e. the ruler) can exert influence over each house. A second planet, in said system, could never have rights over a house (coregency, MORIN, *Book 21*, p. 91), *which would enrich the description, making it less general and more specific or detailed, that is, more compatible or in accordance with facts about the human species.*



In order to illustrate the number of possible combinations per quadrant- or Placidus-measured house or chart, let us have a look at the following tables.

This table shows the minimum number of possible combinations of an astrograph or birth chart taking into consideration signs, houses, and heavenly bodies only. A body (10) can occupy any sign (12) within any of the twelve (12) houses. This minimum number confirms the invalidity of prescription (“cookbook”) interpretations. Because any one placement can be common to tens of thousands of people, students of astrology shall be aware

of the many variations under which a single placement may present itself.

Minimum Number of Possible Combinations - 17,280 (1,440x12)											
	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒
House possibilities - 144	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒
Zodiac possibilities - 120	12	12	12	12	12				12	12	12
House possibilities - 120	12	12	12	12	12				12	12	12
Complete illustration	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒
	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11

Now, should one not use a whole-sign chart model but a quadrant one, every house may present any of the twelve signs on its cusp while, at the same time, any of the minimum number of possible combinations referred to above.

Also, a work like that of CORNELL (*Encyclopedia of Medical Astrology*, 2017) can illustrate the theoretical integrity of what has been presented herein, as it *describes how any same disease can be contracted via different astrographic combinations/compositions*, something that any competent physician would find only or always logical (i.e. that different patients may and do contract the same disease in different ways). That a hundred writers or a hundred doctors, or a hundred millionaires or a hundred serial killers do not share the same birthchart should be a consideration resulting from **common sense**: twenty

Jupiters in the 10th House, for example, will not produce the same effects in the twenty charts, but different effects in each one according to the rest of the chart composition, as *no planet can, by itself, produce the effects that only the joint or combined action of all can* (astrosynthesis), as we have shown in “The Astrological Delineation Procedure” (*The Mountain Astrologer*, no. 232, September 2024, pp. 76-83).

We do not maintain or intend to say that the Placidus quadrant house measurement is one hundred percent compatible with human genetics. We do maintain, however, that only a quadrant house system could be so, and that the Placidus measurement, like that of Alcabitius and of Koch, are over 90% compatible, Placidus being the most compatible of the three or of all methods of house measurements (because it follows primary motion the closest or most faithfully). Therefore, we also state that sign houses would be light-years away from accounting for a sufficient number of astrographic distinctions between all people born on the same day in the same place.³⁰ Could this have had something to do with the majority use of said model during ancient times: because there would not be that many individuals born in said relatively short period of time (i.e. within no more than 2 hr every 2 hr of every day)? Or is it still because spherical trigonometry came into full fruition many centuries later?³¹ This question could serve as a research topic in another essay.

³⁰ As for individuals born within four or ten minutes of rotation, the astrological science will continue to be able to explain why these individuals, even if not from the same parents, would physically resemble each other (provided we account for ethnicity and epigenetic variables), and why some of those born would appear to be identical, especially if monozygotic or monozygous twins (two genetically identical cells that developed separately and are born simultaneously).

³¹ It is upon the appearance of the astrolabe or when these became popular during the Middle Ages that our astrological ancestors

became particularly concerned with the measurement of the intermediate subangles (house cusps). I have recently reflected on an exercise with an astrolabe made by our colleague Luís Ribeiro in 2021 on The Astrology Podcast (by Chris Brennan) with regard to the measurement of — Alcabitian — house cusps and will publish said reflection in the following days, for which reason we recommend the reader to look for it in the Zenodo repository or Google.

EPILOGUE

The principles that govern astrological interpretation, best described by WILLIAM LILLY and MORIN DE VILLEFRANCHE, are to be refreshed in order to become the living example of a pedagogy that breathed the air of vitality among those who wielded them as a procedural fact embodied in the ethical and indelible register of them and their Arab ancestors. If we seek to be closer to the truth of an individual, that is, to understand who they are and the reasons that inspire their behaviour, the talents they have and the most favourable way to exploit them, as well as knowing what the specific tendencies of their health are, among other things, we must recognise the fact that every tool is susceptible to improvement. Also, should said improvements be compatible with **facts** (i.e. truths confirmed by science), how much more should the practitioner acknowledge them leaving out ego or fanaticism, stubbornness or whim? Not even the Catholic Church continued to insist that the Earth was the centre of the universe, even after having burned Italian astronomer and poet GIORDANO BRUNO on 17 February 1600, apparently for defending ideas or notions not compatible with, or contained in the Bible.

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