

Lesson 10

Hello everyone, this is Alexey Borealis. Today we are moving on to a new technique - the essential dignities of the planets.

But first, let's check your homework. Someone signified by Jupiter protects your opponent in court.

Jupiter corresponds to the signs of Sagittarius and Pisces. These signs are at the 8th and 5th houses cusps.

It means that someone described by these houses is protecting the defendant. 5th house denotes children, 8th house denotes the resources of your opponent - money, close advisers and lawyers in court. We follow the principle of Occam's razor.

The simplest option is resources. We choose it by default. Therefore Jupiter is your opponent resources.

Let's remember what we have already learned so far.

There are several techniques to identify which planet represents external objects. We have studied one of them - house rulership.

When we've found the significator, we need then to describe its properties. And that's what descriptive techniques do. One of them is an essential dignity assessment.

As you remember, the essential dignity of a planet shows the state of the object it signifies. It answers one of three questions.

- Is this object good or bad in the context of the question?
- How does this or that person feel?
- Is this object harmful or supportive by itself?

Technically, a planet acquires essential dignity when it is in one or another sign of the zodiac.

In some signs of the zodiac, the planet can be dignified. In others - it can be neutral or debilitated. And this will tell us about the state of the external object.

There are eight states in which a significator can be. They are:

- Rulership
- Exaltation
- Triplicity
- Term
- Face
- Peregrine
- Fall
- Detriment

Let's explore how the planet acquires these states and what they mean.

Rulership

It is an excellent state for the planet. On this slide, you can see which planets in signs acquire this essential dignity.

These are the Sun in Leo, Moon in Cancer, Mercury in Gemini or Virgo, and so on.

We pronounce it as "The planet is in its own sign or its domicile."

It is the perfect state of the significator. We always read this in the context of a question.

For example, you have got the question, "Is this movie good?" And the significator of the film is the Sun in Leo. So the film is just excellent.

More examples of the readings of the planet in its sign:

The wage is high. The employee is promising; the person feels good; the diet is very healthy.

Nothing complicated.

The next essential dignity is exaltation.

It shows the excellent condition, but not as good as it seems. That is, the object has small hidden defects.

The list below shows which planets in signs acquire this dignity. It is the Sun in Aries, the Moon in Taurus, etc.

We pronounce it as "the planet is exalted," for example, the Moon is exalted in Taurus.

We treat an exaltation as rulership, but with a slight amendment. We add that there are some minor flaws that we don't see.

For example, the Sun shows a movie, and the Sun is in Aries. So the film is generally great, but it has a few boring scenes.

Another example. The wage is high, not as much as you might expect.

The next essential dignity is triplicity.

It is a good state of the significator. It shows the healthy condition of the external object.

We pronounce it as a planet in triplicity. Or, the planet is the lord of the triplicity.

The list below shows which planets in signs acquire this dignity. If you accept the question during night time, then choose the planet in parentheses.

For example, suppose Sun is in the signs of Aries, Leo, or Sagittarius in the day-time chart. In that case, the Sun acquires dignity by triplicity.

And if Jupiter is in the same signs and it is a night chart, then Jupiter has dignity by triplicity.

Similarly, Venus is in triplicity if it falls into the signs of Taurus, Virgo, or Capricorn in the day-time chart. And the Moon is in triplicity in the same signs in the night chart.

Here are examples of how to read this dignity in context.

- The movie is not bad
- The wage is above average
- He feels generally good
- This guy is a reliable
- This diet is generally healthy.

Rulership, exaltation, and triplicity are so-called major dignities. This table summarises it.

I have good news for you - you do not need to memorize this table. In a couple of slides, I'll show you how you can get the list of dignities in just two clicks.

In the meantime, let's explore the so-called minor dignities.

It is the dignity by term by face. It shows the fair condition of the planet. If the significator is in term or face, then the external object has only subtle positive qualities.

For example, there are only a few exciting scenes in the movie, but the movie is generally boring. The wage is only slightly above average. This diet has only a marginal effect.

Technically, a planet gets minor dignity in certain degrees of a particular sign.

This table shows where the planet acquires dignity by term.

At the planet-sign intersection, you see degrees, where the planet has dignity by term.

And the following table shows the degrees where the planets acquire dignity by face.

So, for example, if the Sun is the first 10 degrees of Virgo, then it is in its own face.

And as I said before, there is no need to memorize these complex tables. Below this video, you will find a link to a computer program. Just cast a horary chart with this program, select the "analysis" menu item, then the "essences" submenu.

And after that, you will see a table with a list of all the current dignities. It shows what dignity the planet has.

Let's take an example of how to work with dignities. I'll not use a program for now. I will use tables to show you how you can play with them manually.

Suppose the querent asks me if he can avoid traffic jams on his way home.

I cast a chart for this question. You can see a familiar picture - 12 houses, signs on the cusps and planets in houses and signs.

We begin our analysis.

The question is about the way home. The 3rd house represents regular movements, so we choose it. The cusp of 3rd house falls into the sign of Taurus. And Taurus corresponds to Venus, which means Venus signifies the way home.

If Venus is in excellent condition, then the way home will be fine, that is, with no traffic jams in context.

I see that Venus is in the sign of Leo in this chart. I need to understand what dignity Venus has in this sign. Note that it is at 18 degrees Leo - let's remember it, we will use that degree later.

First, I refer to the table of major dignities. I consider a row with Venus. Is there a sign of Leo somewhere in that row? No, there is not. So Venus has no significant dignities in Leo.

Next, I look at the table of dignities by term. There is a short interval from 13 to 19 degrees of Leo at the intersection of the planet and sign. That is, if Venus falls into these degrees of Leo, then it acquires dignity by terms. Remember that Venus is 18 degrees of Leo. That means it has that dignity.

Finally, I'll take a look at the last table. There is nothing at the intersection of the planet and sign. Venus has no dignity by face in the sign of Leo.

So, I manually found from tables that Venus at 18 degrees of Leo has only one dignity - and this is dignity by term.

Alternatively, I could cast the chart in a computer program and get a table that lists all the planets' current essences. It is immediately clear from that table that Venus is just slightly dignified.

The last step is to answer the question. Remember that Venus is a way home. Minor dignity shows the fair condition of the planet. Therefore, the road home will not be clear. It will be busy as usual, except for some unloaded places.

Isn't it cool? We got the exact answer just from one planet.

Now it's your turn.

- On the same chart, find the planets that are in their own sign.
- Then find exalted planets.
- Finally, answer the question - will the party be fun? Give a simple yes / no answer.

In the next lesson, I will show you the right answers, and we will move on to the essential debilities of the planets. See you there.