

judged to lack a houseruler. If the ruler of the sun's or the moon's sign and the ruler of the terms exchange terms, then too will the houserulership be without a controller. It will be necessary to determine if the star that seems to be houseruler is in the Descendant, for if it is, that nativity as well will lack a houseruler.

2. The Significant Degrees of the Angles.

First of all, fix the degree-positions of the Ascendant, MC, and the other angles. Then it is necessary to take the distance in degrees from the Ascendant to IC (moving in the order of the signs), to consider one-third of that total distance to be the "operative" degrees in the configuration of the angles, and to consider the stars in these degrees, whether benefics or malefics, to be powerful. Consider the rest of the degrees in order up to IC, as well as the stars in them, to be "inoperative" and impropitious. The points in opposition to the Ascendant and to the other angles will fall into the same pattern with respect to operative and inoperative degrees and the stars in <the operative degrees> will be powerful. It is therefore obvious that there will not always be 30° at an angle, but sometimes more, sometimes fewer. If in the Ascending and Descending signs there are fewer /135K/ than 30 powerful degrees, then there will be more than 30° at MC and IC. If in the Ascending sign and its opposite there are more than 30°, then at MC and IC there will be fewer.

An example: Ascendant at Pisces 13°, MC at Sagittarius 22°, IC at Gemini <22°>, Descendant at Virgo 13°. I take the distance from the Ascendant to IC, /128P/ 99°. One-third of this is 33°. I count this distance from the Ascendant and stop at Aries 16°. These degrees and the stars in them will be powerful; the rest of the degrees from Aries 16° to IC will be inoperative. The points in opposition will have the same effect. Secondly I take the distance from MC to the Ascendant, 81°. One-third of this is 27°. I count this from MC and stop at Capricorn 19°. These degrees and those in opposition to them will be operative; the rest will be inoperative. It is necessary to do likewise for other nativities in order to know whether stars are in operative or inoperative degrees.

Now to me the following method seems more scientific: take the distance from the degree in the Ascendant to IC, calculate one-third (as previously stated), then count from the Ascendant in the order of the signs, and consider these degrees and those in opposition to be powerful. Now consider the other <one-third> portion of the degrees to be average, neither completely good or bad, because this region 1) follows the Ascendant, 2) is <the III Place of> the Goddess, 3) is in opposition to <the IX Place of> the God. So then, the first third from the Ascendant will be operative and powerful, the second third will be average, the third third will be crisis-producing and bad. The stars <in these regions> will act in the same way.

It is necessary to calculate likewise from MC, and to consider the first third of the distance between angles as operative, the second third, following MC, as of average influence (thus it was called Good Daimon by the ancients), and the last third, up to the Ascendant, as afflicting and inoperative. The Places in opposition to these will have the same force. Orion expounded all this in his book.

/136K/ 3. The Vital Sector.

Some astrologers, moved by envy or ignorance, have written elaborately, obscurely, and simply-mindedly about the vital sector. These men have made forecasts by adding, in every case, the rising times of the degrees from the aphetic place to the point square with it. In view of this error, we find it necessary to clarify the method of determining <the length of life>, because we find nativities living longer than the 90° arc, especially nativities in the signs of shorter rising times, even though the Old Astrologer specifically says this is impossible. On the other hand, /129P/ we see some nativities which do not live this 90° arc, even without the malefics' projection of rays.

Therefore in casting a nativity, it will be necessary to determine if it does or does not have a houseruler, and if the sun, the moon, or the Ascendant is the apheta. If the sun or moon are in the aphetic place, then it will be necessary to figure the total rising times (in the klima of the nativity) from the position of the apheta to the point square with it. Having found the total time, you can forecast that the native will live as many years. This forecast will be accurate if the houseruler is in its own terms or is configured appropriately, has contact or is in aspect with the apheta, and if no anaereta applies its rays and deducts from the number of years. If the houseruler is not in aspect with the controller, but is otherwise found to be favorably configured (i.e. in the Ascendant, at MC while rising), it will allot the full span of years. If it is <not at> one of the other angles, it will deduct a portion of the arc proportional to its relationship <with the rest of the horoscope>, but will allot the remainder <as the length of life>.

So, in all cases it will be necessary to figure the number of years allotted by the controller and compare them with the years allotted by the houseruler. The total will be the number of years the native will live.