CLASSICAL HORARY ASTROLOGY CHEATSHEET

Basic Rules of Judgment according to William Lilly (1647)

Horary astrology answers specific questions by analyzing the chart cast for the exact moment when the astrologer understands the question posed by the querent.

1. Key Significators

In horary astrology, we do not read the entire chart generally. Instead, we isolate specific planetary actors:

- **The Querent:** The person asking the question. Represented by the ruler of the **1st House** and planets placed inside. The Moon also acts as the universal co-significator of the Querent.
- **The Quesited:** The matter or person inquired about. Represented by the ruler of the corresponding House. E.g., Money/Assets (2nd House), Career/Status (10th House), Love/Partners (7th House).

2. Applying Aspects (The Dynamic of the Event)

For a question to yield a positive answer, the significators must perfect an applying aspect:

- **Conjunction:** Direct union of significators. The event happens easily and directly.
- **Sextile / Trine:** The matter resolves favorably with little or moderate effort.
- **Square:** The matter resolves, but with major obstacles, delays, or high cost.
- **Opposition:** The matter resolves but brings regret, or falls apart immediately after completion.

3. Major Impediments (Special Conditions)

William Lilly warned about specific chart conditions that prevent a clear judgment or signify a negative outcome:

- **Void of Course Moon (VoC):** The Moon makes no further major applying aspects before leaving its current sign. It signifies "nothing will come of the matter" or the status quo remains.
- **Via Combusta:** The zodiac segment between 15° Libra and 15° Scorpio (excluding Spica at 24° Libra). Brings instability, fear, and danger into the matter.
- **Critical Ascendant Degrees:** Ascendant less than 3° (premature to judge) or greater than 27° (the matter is already decided, or the querent is testing the astrologer).

4. Indirect Perfections

- **Translation of Light:** A faster planet aspects one significator and then immediately applies to the other, transferring the energy to act as a go-between.
- **Collection of Light:** Both significators apply to a slower, heavier planet, which collects their light and unites the two parts.

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