

## Electional Astrology: Is it worth doing at all?

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## What is Electional Astrology?

- Electional astrology seeks to pick an optimal time to perform an action.
- Electional astrology can claim its spiritual roots in the Mesopotamian discovery that an omen could be converted into a positive action, instead of simply what will or must happen.
- Many astrologers are nervous about it.

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## What is electional used for?

- Weddings
- Real estate and buying & selling
- Health events
- Legal Matters
- Opening businesses
- Financial investments
- Beginning ad campaigns
- Any planned event

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## Does Electional “work?”

- An electional is an event in advance.
- Thus, if we agree that events can be interpreted astrologically, then electionals *must* work.

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## If they work, why don't all astrologers do them?

- This is the question!
- The most common objection seems to be to “playing god.”
- But then there's the question of method: whether a particular set of instructions for a type of electional “works”

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## If an elected marriage “fails,” is it the electional astrologer's “fault?”

- Never in my time as an electional astrologer have I been called upon to judge whether the marriage would be a good one! I am hired to select a time!
- As a result, I don't spend much time at all on looking at the couple's synastry, except as it applies to the electional.
- In the worst of cases, the electional simply won't happen anyway.

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## When does the issue of “should” come up?

- The “shoulds” only come up if you are doing natal or horary work, and then suggest an electional.
- Electional does not argue for an event being a good idea.
- Q: if you go to set up a business, and don't have the proper licenses, will a good electional help?

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## More Questions!

- Q: Will a good electional overcome the fact that you have priced your real estate \$100k more than the comps in your marketplace?
- Q: Will a good electional compensate for not having a used car checked out before you buy it?
- Q: Will a good diet chart mean that you really *can* eat ice cream every day of your diet, and still lose weight?

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## Conclusion

- Doing something stupid at the best possible time is still doing something stupid.
- You will simply not have your behind whipped as hard in the process!
- Electional doesn't mean that you have the right to skip the homework and expect that your plan will succeed.

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## Electional does not:

- Guarantee that a project will work
- Guarantee that the people doing a project are qualified to do it
- Guarantee that there will be customers for a product or service
- Guarantee that the person electing can skip any step in the process through which something occurs

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## Electional does:

- Positively: give you a better shot at getting the results you want, given the pieces that you have in play
- Negatively: prevent you from getting a chart for the event that actively creates problems that you otherwise wouldn't need to have

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## Remember!

- If you believe that electional does not work, then you are also saying that event interpretation does not work.
- An electional turns into an event once it happens.

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## Connection between Electional and Event Interpretation

- Rejecting particular pieces of electional theory, however, does not negate the entire edifice
- Improving electional can come from two directions:
  - Natal Approaches
  - Event Interpretation Theory

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## Natal: The Astro-twin Dilemma

- In any populated zone, multiple astro-twins are born almost every day.
- Yet only one becomes famous / rich / notorious
  - Why?
    - Different family backgrounds
    - Different biology
    - Different choices
    - Different environment

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## Electional: The Astro-twin Dilemma

- In any populated zone, multiple marriages take place every Saturday.
- Yet all may not have the same outcomes.
  - Why?
    - Different natiivities of the spouses
    - Different family backgrounds
    - Different biology
    - Different choices
    - Different environment

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## Electional: The Astro-twin Dilemma

- In any populated zone, multiple operations or medical procedures take place every hour.
- Yet all may not have the same outcomes.
  - Why?
    - Different natiivities of the patients
    - Different parts of the bodies operated on
    - Different surgical teams
    - Different physiology of the patients
    - Different environment

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## Conclusion on Astro-twin Dilemma

- Astrology is only one component of a complex web of circumstances which impinge upon the outcome of an event – or the potential fulfilled from a nativity
- The greater the complexity of society, the harder it may be to see the astrological factors.
  - This may be an underlying factor which accounts for the breakdown of interest in astrology in the 17<sup>th</sup> c. - that life was getting too complex.

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## Event Interpretation Theory

- Everybody interprets events!
- Have a building collapse, and every astrology class is looking at a chart of it within the week!
- Especially now the the web, everybody is then searching for the birth of the entity which spawned the event.
- *It is that birth which was or could have been the electional which ultimately became notorious*

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## Improving Electional Method

- If you observe how you interpret these “corporate” births, then you know how the components of an electional.
- If you find electional aphorisms that you don't use when you interpret the event, then maybe those aphorisms don't really apply.
- Q: how many of you interpret the moon phase of a corporation or other entity?

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## Two Universals of Human Behavior

- Everybody makes mistakes!
- It seemed like a good idea at the time!

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## The Ramifications of our Universals

- Every institution will eventually “fail,” even the Catholic Church
- Every person will die
- Therefore, no chart is ever perfect.

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## No Electional can prevent Failure!

- If an electional cannot prevent failure then what can it do?
- It can:
  - Make the landing easier
  - Make the logistics easier
  - Conserve energy for the people involved

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## Short-term Electionals can escape Failure

- An operation can be a success if it fixes the problem – but it cannot prevent death.
- A habit can be broken, and once so, there is a permanent change.
- An event can occur to produce a desired result, like a job offer or acceptance into graduate school.

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## As long as “Things” can have birth dates, electional will be used.

- If a corporate chart can be interpreted, then it can be elected
- If a first trade chart can be interpreted, then it can be elected
- If the outcome of a game can be predicted, then games can be elected
- If the outcome of a political election can be predicted, then a voting date can be elected

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## What of all the rules?

- Ramesey gives two types of electionals:
  - Universal
  - Particular

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## How do the Two Types work?

- If you cannot interpret the chart for a universal election by event rules to be successful, then it's not a good electoral, no matter what your rule book says
- A particular electoral may not work as well by event rules, but the ideal would be to have a good universal electoral chart that ties in to the charts of the principals.

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## Can a "Bad" Chart Succeed?

- Sure.
- Like horary, event charts show the expected outcome if nobody applies any extraordinary free will and unexpected attention.
- People are capable of greatness "against the odds."

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## Can a "Good" Chart Fail?

- Absolutely!
- Any time that people attempt to do something unprepared or casually, failure is likely.
- A good chart does not make up for the need for hard work.
- A good chart does not make up for bad preparation.

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## Electional Placebo

- An odd feature of electoral is that it may "work" even when the method or its application doesn't.
- The very process of a person choosing to elect a time means they are putting attention on the activity – and this can make the foundation more firm.
- This simple fact raises particular problems with bad method, especially with medical electionals.

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## Differences between Event Interpretation and Electoral

- A mine disaster is not the same as the incorporation of the company that owns the mine.
- One would hope to predict the disaster from company charts, but this explosion in NZ is probably not predictive of future explosions.

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## Differences between Event Interpretation and Electoral

- In other words, not all events start a chain of events in the sense of creating a "birth" chart
- These events are what used to be called "accidents," which was not originally an astrological word.
- They are external factors that are seemingly impersonal in effect.

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## When an Event could have been Elected

- Natal astrology teaches that there are times when the Native is more susceptible to accidents.
- Transits or mundane events provide the general timing, but not the specifics.
- If a chart is providing this kind of prediction, then it represents an electable event.

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## Why waste an electable event by not electing?

- Is interpreting a chart morally superior to creating one?
- If you complain about “not playing god” with electional, then maybe you should just stop planning everything else too.
- Planning always means the utilization of special knowledge.

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