



## Classical Mundane

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## Eclipses in Literature

*Gliff.* These late eclipses in the Sunne and Moone portend  
no good to vs, though the wisedome of nature can reason thus  
and thus, yet nature finds it selfe scourg'd by the fequent effects,  
loue cooles, friendship falls off, brothers diuide, Cities muti-  
nates, in Countries discords, Pallaces treason, the bond crack  
betweene sonne and father; find out this villaine Edmund, it shall  
loose thee nothing, doe it carefully, and the noble and true lar-  
ted *Kew* banish, his offence honest, strange strange!

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## Mundane Charts

- ◆ Eclipses, whether solar or lunar.
- ◆ Grand conjunctions, defined as the conjunction of any two superior planets. Obviously, with the discovery of the three outer planets, we have a lot more of them to consider than the classicists did.
- ◆ Solar Ingresses, generally the Cardinal ones
- ◆ Lunations, both Full and New Moons

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## Eclipse Definition

- ◆ A **Solar Eclipse** occurs at the New Moon
  - ◆ The Moon is between the Earth and the Sun: the Moon blocks light passing from the Sun to the Earth.
- ◆ A **Lunar Eclipse** occurs at the Full Moon
  - ◆ The Earth is interposed between the Sun and Moon; the Earth blocks light from the Sun to the Moon: with no light received from the Sun, the Moon cannot reflect that light back to the Earth, so the Moon is not visible.

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## Mundane Charts

- ◆ Civil Dates, such as the First of the Year, or the birthday of a country
- ◆ Event charts, for mundane occurrences.
- ◆ Founding charts for entities, whether political, corporate, spiritual or otherwise. These represent the nativity of a mundane entity.

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## Eclipse Layout

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## Comments on Mundane Charts

- ◆ Ingresses, civil dates and lunations are generally given potency until the next event of the series.
- ◆ Eclipses have their own built-in timing system, as we will see.
- ◆ Major conjunctions work much the same as ingresses unless there is an additional built-in cycle for sequential conjunctions, such as the **great mutation** series for Jupiter-Saturn conjunctions.

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## Eclipse Definition

- ◆ Eclipses occur when the nodal axis is conjunct a Full Moon or a New Moon.
- ◆ This means that the Sun-Earth-Moon configuration forms close to a straight line.

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## Degrees of Eclipses

- ◆ Total: entire Sun or Moon becomes invisible.
- ◆ Partial: eclipsed body appears as if a chunk has been taken out of it.
- ◆ Annular (for Solar) or Appulse (for Lunar). The relative positions of the bodies within their elliptical orbits result in the two bodies not appearing to be the same size. The annular eclipse appears as a bright ring around the black portion blocked by the Moon; the appulse appears as a shadow across the Moon.

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## Morinus' Revision

- ◆ Morinus had noted that, while an eclipse might represent a diminishment of light, heat was unaffected. Thus, Morinus rejected the doctrine that a visible eclipse was more powerful, even going so far as to reverse the conclusion.
- ◆ Morinus rejected the regions of influence, basically because he rejected Ptolemy's attributions of regional rulerships - and probably quite justly.

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## Ptolemy's Eclipse Method

- ◆ The interpretation of eclipses may be analogous to the interpretation of the stations of the superior planets.
- ◆ Countries affected by an eclipse are those ruled by a sign of the same Triplicity as the Triplicity in which the eclipse occurs. There are several key points in the nativity of the mundane entity which may be triggered by familiarity.
- ◆ The duration of the effect of the eclipse is proportional to the actual length of the eclipse.

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## Morinus' Revision

- ◆ Morinus rejected the idea that eclipses could effect non-living things. Thus, he rejected the notion that an eclipse could affect a country, except through its effect on the country's human ruler.
- ◆ He rejected the interpretation of eclipse nature by the constellation in which it occurs.

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## Ptolemy's Eclipse Method

- ◆ The immediacy with which the effects become obvious depends on which quadrant of the chart the eclipse is posited.
- ◆ Other planetary conjunctions which occur after the eclipse can trigger or attenuate the effects.
- ◆ The eclipse can be interpreted through the meaning of the constellation in which it occurs.
- ◆ The planet(s) ruling the sign of the eclipse determine(s) the quality of the eclipse, whether good or bad.

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## *Annus Tenebrosus*, p 14

- ◆ Lilly calls the first eclipse in Libra (the Moon's position: being the body eclipsed, she is the "subject" of the eclipse, thus her sign is used).
- ◆ However, the Moon's position is in the middle third of Virgo sidereally: this shows very clearly that Lilly is using a variant of the sidereal zodiac: namely a constellational one.

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## Lilly's Eclipse Method

- ◆ Lilly mostly followed Ptolemy's system of delineation.
- ◆ Lilly followed Cardan in noting that eclipses produce a greater effect when visible; i.e., posited above the horizon. He also affirmed that an angular location produces a greater effect.
- ◆ Lilly considerably extended Ptolemy's use of the constellation in which the eclipse occurs by enumerating the effect by decanate.

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## *Annus Tenebrosus*, p 14

- ◆ Notice that both the Vedic and modern sidereal systems, while taking precession into account, nonetheless use constellations of 30°.
- ◆ Lilly follows Ptolemy's emphasis on the meaning of the constellations by describing "decanates" which are actually thirds of (unequal) constellations.

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## Avoiding the Climates Difficulty

- ◆ Ascribe certain countries to signs, apart from Ptolemy's zones
- ◆ Analyze a mundane chart with respect to a chart for the founding of a political entity, such as a city or kingdom, or to use the crowning of the ruler
- ◆ Use the mundane chart with respect to the natal chart of the ruler

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## Morinus (1583-1656) on Eclipses

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- ◆ Rejected the idea that eclipses could effect non-living things. Thus, he rejected the notion that an eclipse could affect a country, except through its effect on the country's human ruler.
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## Ramesey on Ingresses

- ◆ Aries Ingress with mutable sign rising is good for 6 months.
- ◆ Aries Ingress with fixed sign rising is good for whole year.
- ◆ Aries Ingress with cardinal sign rising is good for 3 months.

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## Mundane Rulerships (Ramesey)

- ◆ Kings & Grandees: 10<sup>th</sup>
  - ◆ Sign Ruler, if fortified
  - ◆ Exaltation Ruler, if fortified
  - ◆ Sun, if fortified
- ◆ The people
  - ◆ The Ascendant
  - ◆ The Moon
- ◆ The Rich – Jupiter
- ◆ Soldiers – Mars

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