
Longevity: Can We Predict It?

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Summary Ideas in all Systems

- All systems “want” to have the Sun or the Moon as Hyleg.
 - The Ptolemy system favors the Star Light as Hyleg.
 - The Bonatti systems favor the Sun as Hyleg.
- The Bonatti-Lehman and Bonatti-Omar systems only rarely produce a different Hyleg.
 - In this case, I had pulled up 42 charts as candidates for this ed, and *none* of them differed in Hyleg in Solar Fire’s default setting, and 5 of them changed with my preferred settings.

Summary Ideas in all Systems

- Differences between the Ptolemy and Bonatti-based systems are relatively common.
- Where the Bonatti-Lehman and Bonatti-Omar systems will vary the most is in the attribution of the Alchocoden, which we will cover soon.

Considerations against Literalism

- It’s doubtful that **this** calculation was ever this cut and dry until computers.
- It’s unknown what to do with the fact that the Ascendant and the Part of Fortune have no orb.
- Any astrologer doing this system by hand was likely to consider other factors *while* doing the computation.

Table of Years

	Old Years	Mean Years	Least Years
☿	57	43	30
♃	79	45	12
♂	66	40	15
☼	120	69	19
♀	82	45	8
♁	76	48	20
♄	108	66	25

Calculating Longevity

- Begin with the Alchocoden (or the Hyleg, if it is much stronger than the Alchocoden).
- Pick between long, average or short years.
- Add least years and average months for aspects from benefics
- Subtract least years and average months for aspects from malefics