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Q 7 - ELECTIONAL

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Question 7 **Electional**

You are finally ready to leave your salaried job to 'strike out' on your own so you need to elect the best date and time for your new business as an Astrologer. A basic guideline that can be applied to any 'business' enterprise is: the Sun in the chart should be in a Cardinal sign. So choosing your timing between June and October 2010 explain your date of choice.

What will be the challenging planetary forces at work in your new business life and where will you experience ease and support?

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Electional astrology is the astrology of timing - choosing the time to begin an action to which we are already committed. The premise of this technique is that a birth chart created when we begin a new venture, symbolises the potentials and challenges likely to be experienced by that venture. By applying the techniques we determine which astrological factors support the venture so that the most fortunate outcome results. (It also determines areas we may be hampered in our new venture.) A date and time is then chosen that will provide the greatest number of these beneficial astrological factors. It is unlikely that we will be able to choose a perfect time - we are generally only right about 80% of time in electional work. It is more a matter of choosing the best outcome within the time frames involved.

Starting my astrological counselling business this year when the sun is in a cardinal sign (a basic guideline for any business enterprise), the search for a suitable date between June and October 2010 begins. My first step is to use my ephemeris to narrow down the two sets of dates and to gather further information.

The Sun is in Cancer from the 22nd of June to the 22 of July and the Sun is in Libra from the 24th of September to the 23rd of October. With Venus, Jupiter, Uranus, Chiron and Neptune retrograde when the Sun is in Libra (and in its fall) during September and October, I chose to look for a date when the Sun is in Cancer during June and July to start my business. This energy also blends well with my natal Sun in the 4th house which is naturally ruled by Cancer. Neptune and Pluto are still retrograde during this time however the benefic planets Jupiter and Venus are direct and so is Uranus, the ruler of astrology. With Uranus going retrograde on the 5th of July my choice of dates is narrowed to between the 22nd of June and the 5th of July. I now begin using the Solar Fire program to refine my search for a more specific time.

The Moon is important to consider in electional astrology as she is responsible for setting events in motion. A waxing moon represents growth, expansion and gain and therefore is most advantageous when casting an electional chart. When the Sun enters Cancer on the 22nd of June, the moon is new, therefore waxing, and more than 12 hours past its conjunction with the Sun, however is in its fall in Scorpio. It will travel through the next sign of Sagittarius from the 24th to the 26th of June and following that will perfect its opposition to the sun (full moon) at 4° Capricorn on the 26th of June. As the moon will be waning and in its detriment after this time, I feel it would be more suitable to look for a time on Thursday the 24th or Friday the 25th of June with the Moon in Sagittarius.

As my business will be run from home rather than a shop front and is a sole owner venture, the time elected to begin my new enterprise is not restricted to business hours or the schedules of business partners etc. The time I have chosen is 9:18pm on the 24th of June 2010. I will conduct a ceremonial 'opening' of my business at home with my family supporting and participating in the ceremony.

The Sagittarius Moon, a major significator, is in the 10th house of business and is trine Venus in the 6th house of everyday work - women are likely to be supportive and could be the majority of the clientele. The Moon also indicates the response from the Public and above the horizon in the 10th the business is well received as a nurturing and caring counselling practice. The Moon will oppose Mercury and the Sun and conjunct Pluto before leaving Sagittarius so is not void of course (something to avoid).

Uranus as the ruler of Astrology, the main activity of the business, is conjunct Jupiter in the 2nd house in the sign of Aries. Uranus and Jupiter trine the Midheaven supports the new business out in the world. While Uranus in Aries could be considered unpredictable and disruptive, it is also original, and independent, and indicates great personal ingenuity and a tendency to seek change regardless of cost.¹ The conjunction to Jupiter expands these tendencies and brings positive energy to the second house of personal values and resources.

Saturn ruling business is in the 8th house showing that through structured business practices, organisation and an analytical approach (Virgo) the new business will have the support of others. Saturn further supports the venture with the sextile to the Midheaven and a conjunction to the Part of Fortune. Mars is angular in the 7th house however should not cause too much trouble sextile to the Sun and South Node and trine to the North Node.

The Ascendant of this chart is at 28° of Aquarius which rules Astrology, and is conjunct my own natal Ascendant at 27° Aquarius. This fixed sign brings longevity to the business. With Chiron rising in Pisces, the business will provide compassion and healing for clients by teaching people about themselves through counselling and practising new age disciplines, empowering them to heal their wounds².

There is a temptation to disregard practical considerations however they are mitigated by the inconjunct to Saturn providing structure. Though Neptune is retrograde and conjunct the Ascendant, it is accidentally dignified appearing in its own 12th house, bringing compassion and unconditional love to all connected with the business.

The Midheaven represents the business and at 27° Scorpio, Pluto is the ruling planet. Again this is in harmony with my natal MC at 24° Scorpio. While this is an intense angle, it is excellent for counselling which will form an essential component of the business. Pluto is in Capricorn in the 11th again indicating work with groups and society, transforming structures and raising awareness³. One will need to be aware of the ideals of the group and objective of sharing information and resist the tendency to want to be powerful within this arena which could cost 'the opportunity of allowing the power of the group or friends to combine with you and effect a mutual change'.⁴

One of the challenges for the business will be the chart ruler and ruler of the activity of the business, Uranus conjunct Jupiter, square Pluto (ruler of the MC), square Mercury and opposing Saturn. These relationships create a grand cross in the chart. Major aspect patterns offer a challenge to integrate the planetary energies and use them wisely and a grand cross is "an intense pattern indicating what must be faced but holding the potential for great success."⁵ The tension created here should serve to mitigate any erratic effects of Uranus conjunct Jupiter in Aries. Saturn especially will act as an anchor and will bring stability, longevity, structure and responsibility to the venture.

Mercury is dignified in Gemini in the 4th house supporting the goal of working from home teaching and conducting workshops as part of the business. The square to Saturn indicates a necessity to monitor the way information is communicated - information shared in the interests of teaching others is more beneficial than criticising as Saturn in Virgo can do. Trine to Chiron supports open communications as part of the healing process. My natal Sun Saturn conjunction in Gemini in the 4th house also provides the discipline and structure necessary to running a home-based business.

The ruler of the 2nd house is Neptune retrograde conjunct the ascendant from the 12th house, so I will need to be aware that earning money is a vital part of continued business success. Saturn again provides support with the inconjunct to Neptune correcting any compassion based accounting practices.

The sun in Cancer rules the 6th house of everyday work, providing a nurturing and caring environment for clients. Venus in Leo in the 6th and (ruling the 4th) provides a harmonious, warm-hearted, beautiful consulting space within the home environment.

The North Node, considered a lucky point in Electional Astrology is in the 11th house, conjunct Pluto and will be beneficial for working with groups and friends to make a fairer and equal community.

Working with Electional astrology usually means we are working within the constraints of time. There might be a perfect time to start a new venture at some point in the future however most often we are given a window of opportunity to work with. Considering these limitations placed on us our objective is to choose the best possible scenario within the window.

While there is a challenging major aspect pattern in my electoral chart that perhaps could have been avoided at another time, there are many positive factors supporting the commencement of my new vocation as an astrologer. The Sagittarius Moon waxing in the 10th, the Ascendant ruler as the ruler of Astrology conjunct my natal ascendant, a strong and supportive business oriented Saturn, a Midheaven signifying a counselling vocation and positive 2nd and 6th houses all combine to provide the best opportunity for success in the time frame involved.

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