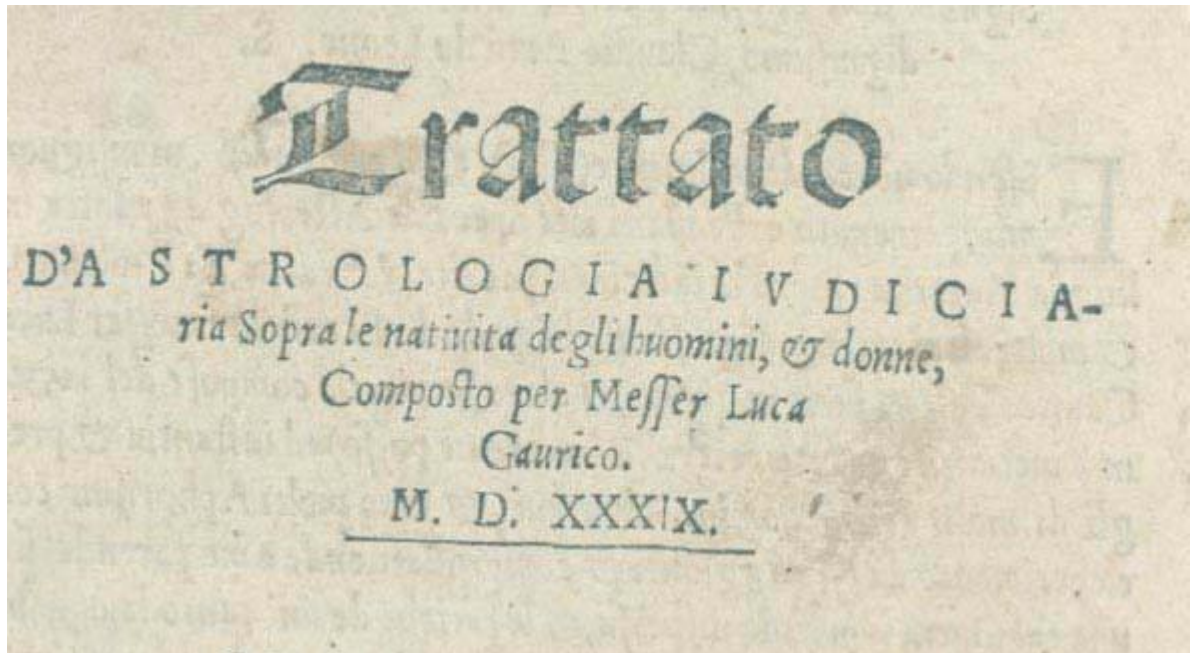


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Introduction

Luca Gaurico and Girolamo Cardano are two of the most important Italian astrologers, still they were always rivals and enemies.

Gaurico lived in Rome at the court of Paul III, as Pope's astrologer and courtier, because he was able to foresee for Alessandro Farnese the election as Pope, when the noble was not hoping for it anymore.

On the other hand, Cardano lived in Northern Italy, far from the luxury of aristocrats' life, and always looked more to Western Europe, Germany, France and Great Britain rather than Italy.

This fact did not prevent Philip Melanchthon to invite Luca Gaurico, "the prince of astrologers" but a bishop of Catholic Church too, in the heart of Reformed Germany to discuss Martin Luther's geniture.

In this selection from "Trattato di Astrologia iudiciaria sopra le natiuità degli huomini, & donne" (1539), Gaurico explains how stars and planets signify love and sex, in a Renaissance version of chapters 5-6-7 of the fourth book of Ptolemy's Tetrabiblos.

I desire just to stress how – as in Ptolemy chapter about the diseases of souls- the heliacal phase of the planets is of the main importance for sexuality, so Gaurico advises us every time to check if the planet is oriental or occidental, matutine or vespertine .

Using Ptolemy words "if Venus be femininely posited, women will be lustful and licentious, and men wanton and soft; seeking connexion contrary to nature; yet in privacy and not openly: but, if Mars be posited femininely, they will then put their desires in practice shamelessly and publicly.

The oriental and diurnal positions of Mars and Venus also contribute to more masculine and more reputable qualities; and their occidental and vespertine positions to qualities more feminine, and more sordid."

Gaurico doesn't use Ptolemy's technical language, preferring Bonatti's example and taking a lot of interest in the varieties of sexual expression.

And differently from Ptolemy, Gaurico makes no mention to the "horrida sidera": the anterior and hinder parts of Aries, and near the Hyades of Taurus, about the urn of Aquarius, in the hinder parts of Leo, and in the face of Capricorn.

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Marriage of men

♃ and ♀ are the wife: the ♃ in one of the four oriental houses ¹ signifies he will marry in youth, or old he will marry a young girl.

If in one of the four western, he will marry late or young he will marry an old woman.

And if the ♃ is under the ☉ beams & in whichever aspect with ♃, he will never marry & especially if ♃ makes an unfortunate aspect.

And if the ♃ is in one of these signs, ♈, ♉ & ♊ and beholds just one planet, he will have just a wife, but if she is in a bicorporeal sign like ♋, ♌, and ♍ & in that sign she beholds more than a planet, the native will marry more than a woman.

And if the planets which the ♃ is beholding are the Fortunes, i.e. ♃ and ♀, the husband will have some convenience in the marriage.

And if the ♃ is beholding ♃, the wife will be furious, wild, intractable, of bad condition & nature.

And if the ♃ is beholding ♂, the wife will be strong willed & never will be tamed by the husband.

And if the ♃ is beholding ♀, the wife will be plumpy, beautiful, happy & pleasant.

And if the ♃ is beholding ♁ she will have a good mind and will be skilled.

And with ♃, she will be virtuous and gentle.

And if ♀ is with ♃ & ♁ or ♃, he will have a useful wife, who will be very affectionate & will love their children.

And if ♀ beholds ♂, the wife will be a waster of his own goods, changeable & of scarce wisdom, especially if ♀ beholds ♂ with an unfortunate aspect.

Marriage of women

The husband is the ☉: if the ☉ is in one of the four eastern houses,² the woman will marry in youth, or old she will marry a young husband.

¹ It should be quadrant. See Ptolemy, Tetrabiblos, IV.5
Oriental quadrants are the one between Asc. and MC and the one between Desc. and IC, the other are the occidental ones.

² See note n.1

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If in one of the four western houses, she will marry late, or young she will marry an old man.

If the ☉ is in a single-bodied sign, or if it beholds just one oriental planet she will have just one husband, & if in a bicorporeal sign, or it beholds more than a planet, she will have many husbands.

If ♃ beholds the ☉ or it is in ♌ with it, her husband will be honest, and fair & easygoing.

And if it will be with ♂, he will be cruel, without love and arrogant.

And if with ♀ he will be good & beautiful.

And if with ♃, he will be skilled and will work hard to earn.

When ♀ is with ♃ he won't be lustful & will refrain from venereal acts, or he will be used to the most wicked Lust.

And if ♀ is with ♉, her husband will be fair & good & shy.

And if with ♂, the husband will be short-tempered, and always ready to venereal acts.

And if with ♃, he will be compassionate with his children.

About friendship between Husband and Wife

When Lights in a husband's nativity behold by Δ or \times his wife's Lights, they will love each other a lot & the Marriage will last, but if they behold each other by a \square or an ρ , they will never care of each other.

And if these Lights are beheld by Fortunes, always they will be happy and healthy & always they love each other.

And if they are beheld by Misfortunes, always they will hate & detest each other, & they will be continuously in fights and discords.

And if $\text{\textcircled{v}}$ is there with Lights, the one will blame the other & there will be divorce because of adultery and soon they will part.

When $\text{\textcircled{m}}$ and $\text{\textcircled{v}}$ are together in the third house, especially in $\text{\textcircled{vs}}$ or $\text{\textcircled{x}}$ the husband will mix with a sister or a relative.

And if the $\text{\textcircled{d}}$ is with $\text{\textcircled{v}}$ & $\text{\textcircled{m}}$ he will mix with two relatives & in a woman's nativity, two of her relatives will mix with her. And if $\text{\textcircled{v}}$ is with $\text{\textcircled{u}}$, the marriage is good and will last a long time.

And if $\text{\textcircled{v}}$ is with those planets, both they will have great advantage from it.

And if $\text{\textcircled{m}}$ is with them, marriage will be stable, but with jealousy and damage.

And if $\text{\textcircled{v}}$ is oriental, the man will marry a younger woman & if $\text{\textcircled{v}}$ is oriental in a woman's nativity the woman will marry a younger man.

And if $\text{\textcircled{v}}$ and $\text{\textcircled{v}}$ are in $\text{\textcircled{u}}$ or in $\text{\textcircled{vs}}$ the native will marry a relative.

And if the $\text{\textcircled{d}}$ is in $\text{\textcircled{u}}$ or in $\text{\textcircled{vs}}$ & at the Ascendant, or at MC, he will mix with his step-mother or with his aunt.

And in a woman nativity, she will conjoin with her son, or the step-son, or her sister's son or with her son in law.

And if these planets are in feminine signs the native will sin with women, & if in a masculine sign the native will sin with men.

When these planets are in the beginning of Υ or in the beginning or the end of $\text{\textcircled{v}}$, $\text{\textcircled{d}}$, or $\text{\textcircled{vs}}$, this will be more evident: especially at the Ascendant, or at MC, or in fourth, or in the seventh house, being in these signs, & in these places, he will be hermaphrodite, i.e. man and woman, & sterile, or without meatus or foramen or penis, and if $\text{\textcircled{m}}$ is with these planets he will have the penis cut or the testicles, and if the native is a woman, she will have her nature closed, or a serious illness to pudenda.

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When ♂ is separated from ♀ or ♃ and it is applying to ♃, the native will be gentle & does not push the nature in coitus if not when modestly wanted by her.

And if ♀ is in a masculine sign with ♃, the native will be lazy and slow in coitus and disposed towards a damned Venus.

If ♂ is with the ♃ & with ♀ in the same sign, the Native soon will apply to coitus, & he will have plenty of it & with great voluptuousness, but later he will miss & fall in this & he will refrain from wanton & dishonest & deformed affairs.

If ♂ is with ♀ or with ♃ and ♃ is not aspecting them, he will have great desire to mix with virgins & to live pleasantly.

If one of the them is vespertine, and the other matutine, he will be inclined both to women and men & if both are occidental, he will mix just with women, & if both are oriental, the native will mix with men, or young damsels.

And if in masculine signs, the native will love just men & if in feminine signs he will be submissive in coitus as a woman & will be very effeminate.

If ♀ is more occidental than ♂, the native will mix with low women and house maids.

And if ♂ is more occidental than ♀, he will mix with noble women & married ones & ladies & older women.

If ♀ is with ♃ & ♃, the woman will be pleasant, honest and true in coitus.

And if ♀ is with ♃, the woman has a great desire of it, but she will be scared so she will abstain.

If ♀ is with ♂, she will practise it a lot, and if ♃ is with them & ♂ is combust, or under the ☉ beams, the woman will mix with servants, familiars & low people.

If ♀ is combust she will mix with noble men and older ones & lords, & if in feminine sign this woman will mix with other women.

♃ shows and increases adultery & ♃ makes her insatiable & inclined to love all the men she meets, & ♃ calms coitus.

Children

Tenth, eleventh & fifth house tell us about children, ☽, ♀ & ♃ give children & ♃ & ♂ deny them.

An occidental ♃ gives children, but when oriental denies them.

Signs giving children are ☉, ♀ and ♃, and the ones denying & not giving them are ☽ & ♃: so if the tenth & eleventh & fifth house are in sterile signs, which don't

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give children, the woman will have no children, & if she has, they will die. And if in a sign promising children, she will have well proportionate, lucky children and with a long life.

And if Planets giving children are oriental, the native will be powerful & his name honoured because of his children.

And if Planets promising children behold each other with a fortunate aspect, the Native will love his brothers, & they will be strongly united.

And these both for men and women, because they are male with masculine planets, and female with feminine planets.

Friends and Enemies

When the ☉, the ☽ and the Part of Fortune & the Ascendant of a native are the same of the ones in the other's nativity, or the greatest part of these signs and planets, they signify the greatest benevolence and perfect love. which will never lack or end.

When the Lights are in commutation, i.e. when one of the natives has the ☉ where the other has the ☽ and the other has the ☽ where the first one has the ☉, it means good and great friendship and mutual benevolence, and more than love between brothers.

The same if in a native's geniture the ☉ and the ☽ are beholding by a trine or sextile the other's ☉ or ☽, this signifies great benevolence, but not so fervent.

The same if the sign rising in a native's geniture is the same of the other's Ascendant, or in eleventh, or fifth house, it signifies gracious friendship, especially if both Lights are counterchanged in position, or at least one of them, and they will perfectly love.

When a sign is rising in a geniture and the same sign is in the other's twelfth, sixth or eighth house, they will be enemies.

And if the Lights of a native behold the others with a ☐ or an ♂, they will be cruel enemies, who never love each other.

And if they are with the Part of Fortune of the other, they will love each other because of utility and gain.

And when ♀ of the one is in agreement with ♀ of the other, they will love each other because of virtue.

And if ♀ of the one is in agreement with the ♀ of the other, they will love each other because of lust.

If they are in ☐ or ♂ there is great jealousy between them.

When ♃ of the native is with ♃ of the other in the same sign, there will be friendship because of farming and legacies that they share.

When ♃ & ♂ are one in the place of the other, or in ☐ or ♂, they never agree.

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When ♃ and ♀ are in the same sign, or in good aspect, or ♃ of the one is in the place of the ♀ of the other, they will be friends because of relatives.

And if ♃ and ♀ are in the same sign in both genitures, they are friends because of goods.

When ♃ & ♀ of the one are like ♃ & ♀ of the other, they will be friends because of money, or women, or because of the same job.

♃ & ♀ in agreement give friendship because of science.

♂ and ♀ give friendship because of lust.

♂ and ♀ give friendship because of deceits, & for being both two thieves and robbers.

♀ and ♀ give friendship because of music, or science and doctrine.

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