Medieval Astrology Profile for Perry Smith

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Introduction to delineation of appearance and character in natal astrology. The following document is a hand-written analysis of **Perry Smith** made using the principles of medieval predictive astrology. The discipline of natal astrology focuses on the fate of an individual based on a horoscope cast for the moment of birth. Within natal astrology, the 1st house occupying the eastern horizon at birth describes the native: physical vitality, appearance, and character. Between the Hellenistic and Medieval eras several specialized models have been developed to assess these characteristics. They include **longevity** (vitality and length of life), **physiognomy** (form and shape of the face and body), **victor of the chart** (overall life purpose), **manners** (social conduct including ethical behavior), and **temperament** (elemental mix of fire, earth, air, and water with applications in medical astrology). Prior research has presented models and results for longevity (*A Rectification Manual: The American Presidency*, Chapter 4) and physiognomy (*Astrological Physiognomy: History and Sources* & *Astrological Physiognomy: Empirical Tests of the Leo Rising Decan*). This paper presents one of forty horoscopes chosen to populate an initial data set to investigate the victor.

Victor of the Chart. Included are two competing models for computing the victor of the chart said to be the single most powerful planet in the horoscope. According to Plato's follower Porphyry, by configuration in the natal horoscope the planet signifying the victor of the chart shows the life choice made by the soul prior to incarnation. Plato explains the details of his soul model in *The Myth of Er* found in the closing pages of his work *The Republic*. Porphyry and his peer Antiochus offer specific rules for determining the victor of the chart. The method of Antiochus/Porphyry is compared to a later method for determining the victor suggested by the Jewish Rabbi Abraham ben Meir Ibn Izra who was an active philosopher and astrologer in the 12th century. For a discussion of these two models, see the companion paper *Victor of the Chart: Testing Methods of Antiochus/Porphyry and Ibn Ezra* which serves as a key to what is presented here.

Manners. Plato was not alone among Greek philosophers in conceiving models for the soul. Aristotle's model of vegetative, sensitive, and intellective soul levels assigned respectively to the plant, animal, and human kingdoms was taken up by Ptolemy who found a correspondence between the sensitive and intellective soul and Moon and Mercury in the natal horoscope. Configuration of the Moon and Mercury, with special emphasis given to their rulers, is a second method for analyzing the soul. Ptolemy introduces this model in *Tetrabiblos III.13* "Of the Quality of the Soul". Subsequent authors refer to this model as "Significators of the Soul" or "Manners". A summary template for the Moon and Mercury is presented in the paper and will be further developed in future versions.

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Birth Data
Perry Smith. 27 October 1928, 9:30 AM PST, Huntington, Nevada, USA.
Source: quoted BC/BR (Rodden Rating: AA). Provided by arrangement with Astro Dienst.
Birth Data Link: http://www.astro.com/astro-databank/Smith%2C_Perry

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Perry Smith

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Perry Smith (October 27, 1928 - April 14, 1965)

Together with Richard Hickock, Perry Smith murdered four members of the Clutter family in Holcomb, Kansas on November 15, 1959 after failing to find a safe rumored to contain $10,000. The safe did not exist. The brief one paragraph description of the Clutter murders printed in the *New York Times* came to the attention of Truman Capote who decided to make the subject of the Clutter murders the topic of his best-selling book *In Cold Blood*.

Capote's extensive research for In Cold Blood included interviews with both inmates, made possible by their lengthy confinement as death row inmates lasting more than five years. Of the two, Capote's relationship with Perry Smith became close; in turn, Smith provided Capote with as many details as he wished. Uncovered were the facts of Perry Smith's troubled family life:

- Parents were professional rodeo performers
- Father distilled bootleg whiskey; mother was an alcoholic
- Parents separated in 1935 when Perry was age 7; father had abused wife and children
- Mother died when Perry was age 13
- Perry and three siblings sent to Catholic orphanage where abuse continued and bedwetting started
- Later placed in a Salvation Army orphanage, a staff member allegedly tried to drown him
- Suicide victims included Smith's two siblings and his father who lived to over 100 years old
- As a young adult, Perry was a member of street gangs and committed petty theft. His first arrest was on 27-Oct-1936, his 8th birthday.

Smith spent time in the Army from 1948 to 1952 where he served in Korea. As a result of frequent fighting with Korean civilians and other Army members, he was disciplined harshly. Following his Army service, Smith purchased a motorcycle and sustained life threatening injuries which left his legs permanently disabled. With chronic pain, Smith started consuming aspirin continuously.

After murdering the Clutter family, Smith and Hickock were arrested in Las Vegas on December 30, 1959. Pronounced guilty and sentenced to death on March 29, 1960, both men were executed by hanging on April 14, 1965 after exhausting the appeals process.

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Research Interests

- Criminal, protagonist of Truman Capote's novel *In Cold Blood*.

Available Birth Data

Astrodatabank reports an AA rated birth time of 9:30 AM, BC/BR in hand.

Proposed Rectification

Perry Smith
27-Oct-1928
9:16:37 AM
PST +8
Huntington, NV
115w41
40n18
ASC 10SA45'44"

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Rectification

Stage I. Determine the Ascendant sign

Configuration of the Chart. Saturn/Sagittarius/1st is consistent with Smith's motorcycle accident which caused damage to the physical body (1st house) through crushing (Saturn) of the thighs (Sagittarius). Sagittarius rising appears the correct Ascendant sign.

Firdaria. Murders committed on November 15, 1959 occur just days after the start of the major Moon Firdaria period on October 27, 1959. Execution occurs during the Moon-Sun subperiod.

Stage II. Determine the Ascendant's range within 1-4 degrees
Stage III. Determine the exact Degree and Minute of the Ascendant

For this horoscope, I am merging Stage II and Stage III.

Lot of Accusation, Exile, and Injury. For criminal horoscopes with limited event data like this one, I tend to focus on dynamic activity to the 12th house Lot of Accusation, Exile, and Injury which often comes into play either at the moment when a violent crime is committed, when one is accused of such a crime, or when one is caught by law enforcement. For the final rectification, the Lot is computed to be 2CA08. For the 1959 Solar Return for the year the murders were committed and Smith was caught, the Nodes square the lot within 1 minute of degree and Saturn 2CP39 opposes the lot.

Transit of North Node at time of arrest. Nodal transits to the angles connect the native to the world at large and are a commonly time arrests of criminals on the run. North Node transited the MC on 19-Dec-1959, eleven days before arrest on 30-Dec-1959.

Solar Arc Directions

9-Apr-1965. *d.s.a. Moon conjunct POF*
9-Apr-1965. *d.s.a. Sun conjunct ASC*

Execution, 14-Apr-1965. Notice that the Lot of Fortune at 23TA45 is placed in the bound of Saturn/Taurus which is the classic planet/sign placement for strangulation and death by hanging. Sun rules the 9th of the courts and criminal justice system. Firdaria rulers are Moon-Sun.

Primary Directions

REG	D	Jupiter/Gemini	P	opposition ASC c. => Mars (l=MA)	16-Nov-1959

Clutter family murdered, exact date

PT	D	Saturn/Virgo	P	MC c. => Sun	18-Jan-1966

Publication of hardback edition In Cold Blood, January 1966.

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Template for Computing Victor of the Chart a/c Ibn Ezra

Total Victor Scores for 12 Model Variations

			☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄	Victor
Perry Smith	Chaldean	IA	13	12	10	28	19	12	22	Venus
Perry Smith	Chaldean	IB	19	14	10	18	24	18	22	Mars
Perry Smith	Chaldean	IIA	19	12	10	28	17	11	29	Saturn
Perry Smith	Chaldean	IIB	25	14	10	18	23	17	29	Saturn
Perry Smith	Chaldean	IIIA	19	18	13	28	23	20	35	Saturn
Perry Smith	Chaldean	IIIB	25	20	13	18	29	26	35	Saturn
Perry Smith	Triplicity	IA	13	11	11	28	20	11	22	Venus
Perry Smith	Triplicity	IB	19	13	11	18	25	17	22	Mars
Perry Smith	Triplicity	IIA	19	11	11	28	18	10	29	Saturn
Perry Smith	Triplicity	IIB	25	13	11	18	24	16	29	Saturn
Perry Smith	Triplicity	IIIA	19	17	14	28	24	19	35	Saturn
Perry Smith	Triplicity	IIIB	25	19	14	18	30	25	35	Saturn

Breakout Scores for Triplicity – IB Model

1507 Version, In-sect triplicity ruler, Triplicity decans

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Sun	4SC02				3	8		
Moon	17AR02	8		2		5		
ASC	10SA45	3				1	7	
LOF	23TA45		4		8			3
Syzygy	20LI03			1	5		2	7
Superiors – Oriental						1	1	0
Houses		8	9	8	2	10	7	12
TOTAL		19	13	11	18	25	17	22

KEY

Rulerships: *house=5; exaltation=4; in-sect triplicity=3; bound=2; face=1*
Houses: *H1=12; H10=11; H7=10; H4=9; H11=8; H5=7; H2=6; H8=5; H9=4; H3=3; H12=2; H6=1*
House system: *Alchabitius semi-arc with 5 degree offset rule*
Superiors – Oriental: *helical rising to sextile=3; sextile to square=2; square to 1st station=1*

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Investigating the Victor of the Chart a/c Antiochus/Porphyry – Stage I – Identify

	Significator	Position	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
	MC degree	29 VI 12							
*	MC degree - sign ruler				1				
	MC degree - bound ruler								1
	MC degree - dwad ruler	20 LE 34	1						
*	Planet in MC sign								
*	Planet in MC bound								
	Asc degree	10 SA 45							
*	Asc degree - sign ruler							1	
	Asc degree - bound ruler							1	
	Asc degree - dwad ruler	09 AR 06					1		
*	Planet in Asc sign					1			1
*	Planet in Asc bound					1			
	Moon degree	17 AR 02							
*	Moon degree - sign ruler						1		
	Moon degree - bound ruler				1				
	Moon degree - dwad ruler	24 LI 26				1			
	Sun degree	04 SC 02							
	Sun degree - sign ruler						1		
	Sun degree - bound ruler						1		
	Sun degree - dwad ruler	18 SA 33						1	
	Pars Fortuna degree	23 TA 44							
*	Pars Fortuna degree - sign ruler					1			
	Pars Fortuna degree - bound ruler								1
	Pars Fortuna degree - dwad ruler	14 AQ 59							1
	Pars Spirit degree	27 GE 46							
	Pars Spirit degree - sign ruler				1				
	Pars Spirit degree - bound ruler								1
	Pars Spirit degree - dwad ruler	03 TA 13				1			
	Syzygy degree	20 LI 03							
	Syzygy degree - sign ruler					1			
*	Syzygy degree - bound ruler							1	
	Syzygy degree - dwad ruler	00 GE 45			1				
	Planet Phases								
*	Rising within 7 days				1				
*	Setting within 7 days								
	Acronycal rising							1	
*	Station within 7 days				1				
	Total (Sign only)		0	0	2	2	2	1	0
	Total (Bound only)		0	0	1	0	1	2	3
	Total (Dwad only)		1	0	1	2	1	1	1
	Total (Sign + Bound)		0	0	3	2	3	3	3
	Total (Sign + Bound + Dwad)		1	0	4	4	4	4	4
	Total		1	0	6	6	4	5	5

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Investigating the Victor of the Chart a/c Antiochus/Porphyry – Stage II – Evaluate

SECT	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Diurnal planets: Is the chart diurnal?	1					1	1
Diurnal planets: Placed on same horizon as Sun?							
Diurnal planets: Placed in masculine sign?							1
Nocturnal planets: Is the chart nocturnal?							
Nocturnal planets: Placed on opposite horizon as Sun?		1					
Nocturnal planets: Placed in feminine sign (except Mars)?							
Is Mercury diurnal on diurnal chart, or nocturnal on nocturnal chart?			1				
SOLAR PHASE	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Velocity	1	14.7	-1	1.23	0.2	-0.1	0.1
Latitude	0	-3.62	0.17	-1	0.77	-1.5	1.26
Superiors oriental or inferiors occidental?				1	1	1	
ADVANCED: SUPERIOR PLANETS							
Superior: Cazimi - Conjunct Sun							
Superior: Oriental - Combust							
Superior: Oriental - Under sunbeams							
Superior: Oriental - Rising to waxing sextile							
Superior: Oriental - Waxing sextile to square							
Superior: Oriental - Square to 1st station					1		
Superior: Oriental - 1st station (retrograde)							
Superior: Oriental - Retrograde to acronycal rising							
Superior: Acronycal rising						1	
Superior: Occidental - Opposition to 2nd station							
Superior: Occidental - 2nd station (direct)							
Superior: Occidental - From 2nd station to waning square							
Superior: Occidental - Waning square to sextile							
Superior: Occidental - Sextile to sinking							1
Superior: Occidental - Under sunbeams							
Superior: Occidental - Combust							
ADVANCED: INFERIOR PLANETS							
Inferior: Cazimi - Retrograde conjunction							
Inferior: Oriental - Retrograde combust							
Inferior: Oriental - Retrograde under sunbeams			1				
Inferior: Oriental - Rising to 1st direct station							
Inferior: Oriental - 1st direct station							
Inferior: Oriental - From 1st direct station to sinking							
Inferior: Oriental - Direct under sunbeams							
Inferior: Oriental - Direct combust							
Inferior: Cazimi - Direct conjunction							
Inferior: Occidental - Direct combust							
Inferior: Occidental - Direct under sunbeams							
Inferior: Occidental - Rising to 2nd retrograde station				1			
Inferior: Occidental - 2nd retrograde station							
Inferior: Occidental - From 2nd station to setting							
Inferior: Occidental - Retrograde under sunbeams							
Inferior: Occidental - Retrograde combust							

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Investigating the Victor of the Chart a/c Antiochus/Porphyry – Stage II – Evaluate - CONT

HOUSE POSITION	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Relative to Ascendant							
Whole Sign House Position (ASC): Angle				1			1
Whole Sign House Position (ASC): Succedent		5	11		8		
Whole Sign House Position (ASC): Cadent	12					6	
Relative to Lot of Fortune							
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Angle	7					1	
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Succedent				8			8
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Cadent		12	6		3		
Relative to Lot of Spirit							
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Angle				7			7
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Succedent		11	5		2		
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Cadent	6					12	
House of Joy							
Whole Sign House of Joy							
Quadrant Placement relative to Sex							
Masculine planets in masculine quadrants (4,5,6,10,11,12)	1					1	
Feminine planets in feminine quadrants (1,2,3,7,8,9)							
ESSENTIAL DIGNITY	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Dignity - Sign							
Dignity - Exaltation							
Dignity - Exaltation degree							
Dignity - Triplicity - Diurnal							
Dignity - Triplicity - Nocturnal			1		1		
Dignity - Triplicity - Participating							1
Dignity - Bound							
Dignity - Decan			1				
Dignity - Fall					1		
Dignity - Detriment							
PLANETARY/NODAL CONFIGURATION	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Moon's configuration							
From which planet does the Moon separate?							1
To which planet does the Moon apply?			1				
Reception							
Which planets are received by sign?	1	1	1		1		
Mutual reception by sign		1			1		
Which planets are received by exaltation?			1		1		
Mutual reception by exaltation							
Which planets are received by bound?	1	1	1				1
Mutual reception by bound							
Position relative to the Nodes							
Conjunct the North Node by sign?							
Conjunct the North Node within 12 degrees?							
Conjunct the South Node by sign?				1			1
Conjunct the South Node within 12 degrees?				1			
Square the Nodes within 5 degrees?							
TIME LORDS	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Day ruler							1
Planetary Hour ruler	1						

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Template for Investigation of Manners

MANNERS	-------	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
MOON 17AR02								
Sign Ruler	♂♋							
Bound	☿♈							
Bound Ruler	☿♎							
Mubtazz Scoring- single point	☉♏ => ♂♋	**1,1,1**		1		1		
Mubtazz Scoring – early medieval	☉♏ => ♂♋	**4,2,1**		3		5		
Mubtazz Scoring – late medieval	☉♏ => ♂♋	**4,3,1**		2		5	3	3
Fixed Stars								
Mars conj Alhena 1 06’ (Twins)	♀♃							
MERCURY 26LI45								
Sign Ruler	♀♐							
Bound	♀♎							
Bound Ruler	♀♐							
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – single point	♀♐ => ♄♐			1	**1,1**			**1,1**
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – early Medieval	♀♐			1	**5,3**			4,2
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – late Medieval	♀♐ => ♄♐			3,1	**5,2**		3	**4,3**
Fixed Stars								
Saturn conj Sabik 1 21’ (Ophiuchus)	♀♄							
Saturn conj Ras Algethi 0 28’ (Hercules)	♂							

KEY – Mubtazz Scoring
Single point: assigns 1 point for each essential dignity
Early medieval: sign 5, exaltation 4, bound 3, primary triplicity lord 2, decan 1. Used by Al-Kindi and Māshā’allāh.
Late medieval: sign 4, exaltation 4, triplicity lords (all) 3, bound 2, decan 1. Used by Schoener; taught by Zoller.

Fixed Stars from Janus 4.3 software. Criteria: conjunction within 2 degrees longitude.

Additional

Moon’s Configuration: Moon separates from Saturn and applies to Mercury, diurnal, conjunctional.

Moon-Mercury whole sign aspect? No. Moon inconjunct Mercury.

Do scoring methods agree? No. Mubtazz for Mercury is either Venus or Saturn. This makes significator of manners either **Saturn-Mars** or **Mars-Venus**.

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Model Summary

(for model details see www.regulus-astrology.com/research.html)

Physiognomy

Ascendant sign: Sagittarius
Ascendant sign ruler: Jupiter/Taurus
Ascendant decan: Aries
Ascendant decan ruler: Mars/Cancer (sign); Sun/Scorpio (exaltation)

Intensity of face, somewhat heavy in nature, with dark contrasting eyebrows set against the forehead are Scorpio facial characteristics, consistent with Sun/Scorpio as Smith's facial physiognomy significator. Sun is received by Mars which may account for Sun as exalted ruler of the rising decan taking over the role of physiognomy significator from Mars/Cancer.

Longevity: 31y 4m 21d (sentenced to death); 36y 5m 17d (executed)

Releaser and kadukhudhāh. Figure is diurnal and Sun is preferred as releaser but placement in the 12th disqualifies. Moon/Aries/5th qualifies with the Moon's participating triplicity ruler Saturn, who has dignity as the diurnal triplicity ruler of fire, placed in the 1st house. Saturn gives his 57 major years. Venus applies to Saturn by conjunction and receives Saturn by bound; Venus adds 8 minor years and 45 middle years as months. Distance between South Node and Saturn exceeds 12 degrees, meaning the South Node does not deduct years; perhaps instead the South Node renders Venus unable to add years. In any case, whether 57yr or 68yr 9mo the longevity projections are too long. In the rectification, the suggested arcus vitae is solar arc Moon conjunct Lot of Fortune. In this interpretation Fortune is the releaser and Moon as 8th house ruler is the killer. Perhaps the Moon's 8th house rulership disqualifies her from being a releaser. Assuming the Lot of Fortune is the releaser, consider this workout: Venus (though she does not aspect the Lot) gives 82 major years. South Node by conjunction reduces by 25%, Saturn subtracts 30 minor years. Net projection of 31y 6mo is within 6 weeks of Perry's death sentence. If correct, this is an important example because it demonstrates that the *kadukhudhāh* need not aspect the releaser.

Victor of the Chart: Mars/Cancer

Ibn Ezra's formula suggests Mars and Saturn as strong candidates; Porphyry's, no clear winner. Though Mars' only qualification as VOC candidate is his rulership of the Moon by sign, he is nonetheless the most logical candidate for Smith's actual life affairs. Killing the Clutter family defined his life and this event was timed by a Mars direction. Consider that Mars is the only oriental superior planet and has a strong solar phase: between the waxing square and 1st station. More significant is the configuration of Mars with the luminaries. Moon-Mars is in mutual reception by sign. Mars also receives the Sun. This grants Perry Smith eminence as of the most famous convicted murderers on death row in the United States, made so by Truman Capote's literary interest in Smith's case.

Manners: Saturn-Mars or Mars-Venus.

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Firdaria

SUN 10 yrs		27-Oct-28	Victor	Comments
Sun	Venus	1-Apr-30		
Sun	Mercury	5-Sep-31		
Sun	Moon	8-Feb-33		
Sun	Saturn	15-Jul-34		
Sun	Jupiter	18-Dec-35		
Sun	Mars	23-May-37	X	
VENUS 8 yrs		27-Oct-38		
Venus	Mercury	18-Dec-39		
Venus	Moon	8-Feb-41		
Venus	Saturn	1-Apr-42		
Venus	Jupiter	24-May-43		
Venus	Mars	14-Jul-44	X	
Venus	Sun	4-Sep-45		
MERCURY 13 yrs		27-Oct-46		
Mercury	Moon	4-Sep-48		
Mercury	Saturn	14-Jul-50		
Mercury	Jupiter	23-May-52		
Mercury	Mars	1-Apr-54	X	
Mercury	Sun	8-Feb-56		
Mercury	Venus	18-Dec-57		
MOON 9 yrs		27-Oct-59		Clutter Family Murdered, 15-Nov-1959
Moon	Saturn	8-Feb-61		
Moon	Jupiter	23-May-62		
Moon	Mars	5-Sep-63	X	
Moon	Sun	17-Dec-64		Executed, 14-Apr-1965

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