Medieval Astrology Profile for Abraham Lincoln

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Introduction to delineation of appearance and character in natal astrology. The following document is a hand-written analysis of **Abraham Lincoln** 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
Regulus Astrology LLC. *A Rectification Manual: The American Presidency*. Third Edition, 2009. pp. 510-515.

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Abraham Lincoln

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Abraham Lincoln (February 12, 1809 – April 15, 1865)

Chiefly remembered as the American President who led the Union to victory over the South in America's Civil War fought over slavery, Abraham Lincoln also laid the groundwork for westward expansion by supporting construction of the Transcontinental Railroad and signing of the Homestead Act (1862). Within the larger scheme of American history, Lincoln's assertion of federal control over Southern states who embraced Jefferson's States Rights philosophy resulted in a stronger national economy capable of overtaking the United Kingdom as a world power by the dawn of the 20th century.

Lincoln was born in rural Illinois to a pioneer family with its usual share of frontier hardships. Lincoln's physical strength was an asset to his father's farm but son and father had different ideas on the advantages of book learning – a subject alien to father Thomas Lincoln. Death of his mother from milk sickness (age 9) and his only sister Sarah in childbirth (age 19) were difficult. Fortunately for Lincoln, he got along well with his stepmother Sarah Bush Johnston which helped improve family dynamics. Nevertheless, the desire to escape the life of his father Thomas Lincoln was a powerful motivation for Abraham to strike out on his own: he did so as a ferryman on the Mississippi River transporting goods for sale in New Orleans. This was the location where he first witnessed a slave auction which turned him against that institution. Following a series of challenging career stints, ranging from part owner of a failed retail business which left him highly indebted to three years of land surveying in difficult wilderness conditions, Lincoln's career gained traction in 1836 after his re-election to the Illinois legislature and receipt of his Illinois law license.

For the next twenty years, Lincoln practiced law and built his political career. His initial legal practice focused on bankruptcy cases created by the deflationary economic policies of Andrew Jackson and the aftermath of the Panic of 1837. By the mid-1850s he was a prominent corporate lawyer focusing on railroad industry cases of national interest. Politically he sided with Henry Clay's economic development program based in part on railroad and canal construction necessary to move produced goods from rural districts to urban markets.

Passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act on May 26, 1854 was the signal event which radicalized Lincoln to the anti-slavery cause. The Act led Lincoln to challenge Stephen Douglas in a series of six debates beginning in August 1858 prior to the November 1858 election contest for the Illinois US Senate Seat. Though he narrowly lost the Senate race to Douglas, Lincoln gained a voice on the national stage which he parlayed into a successful bid for the 1860 Republican Presidential Nominee. Following his Presidential election on November 6, 1860, South Carolina seceded from the Union and precipitated the outbreak of the Civil War in April 1861. Prominent themes among Lincoln's Presidential terms include emancipation of slaves made as a wartime decision to harm the South, war funding through issuance of fiat currency ("greenbacks") which created severe inflation, association with ineffective generals like George B. McClellan which hindered the Union effort until he found Ulysses Grant, and a fatalistic philosophy which formed the basis of his enduring steadfastness in the pursuit of national unity.

Lincoln's assassination by John Wilkes Booth on April 14, 1865 five days after the surrender of Robert E. Lee was a national tragedy. Occurring the same day as an unsuccessful assassination attempt on the life of Secretary of State William Seward, there is reasonable evidence to support the theory of the Confederate Secret Service's role in both Lincoln and Seward assassination plots.

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References

With Lincoln one of the most often written about persons in modern history, there is much to choose from beginning with Carl Sandburg's multivolume epic written in the 1920s. Stephen Oates' biography *With Malice Toward None: A Life of Abraham Lincoln* remains popular but the most cited contemporary biography is David Herbert Donald's *Lincoln* published in 1996. I prefer the slightly dated but more readable *The Real Abraham Lincoln* by Reinhard H. Luthin published in 1960. For evidence favoring a larger plot behind Lincoln's assassination, see *Come Retribution: The Confederate Secret Service and the Assassination of Lincoln* by William Tidwell.

Research Interests

- American President, Republican Party Founder
- Similar horoscope: Charles Darwin (born same day)

Rectification

Abraham Lincoln
12-Feb-1809
3:48:55 AM
LMT +5:42:58
Hodgenville, KY
85w44'24
37n34'26
ASC 29SA45'20"

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

Total Victor Scores for 12 Model Variations

			☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄	Victor
Abraham Lincoln	Chaldean	IA	10	13	12	7	23	21	34	Saturn
Abraham Lincoln	Chaldean	IB	13	19	6	3	26	15	24	Mars
Abraham Lincoln	Chaldean	IIA	10	13	12	7	22	21	45	Saturn
Abraham Lincoln	Chaldean	IIB	13	19	6	3	25	15	35	Saturn
Abraham Lincoln	Chaldean	IIIA	16	13	12	13	28	24	54	Saturn
Abraham Lincoln	Chaldean	IIIB	19	19	6	9	31	18	44	Saturn
Abraham Lincoln	Triplicity	IA	9	12	14	8	23	21	33	Saturn
Abraham Lincoln	Triplicity	IB	12	18	8	4	26	15	23	Mars
Abraham Lincoln	Triplicity	IIA	9	12	14	8	22	21	44	Saturn
Abraham Lincoln	Triplicity	IIB	12	18	8	4	25	15	34	Saturn
Abraham Lincoln	Triplicity	IIIA	15	12	14	14	28	24	53	Saturn
Abraham Lincoln	Triplicity	IIIB	18	18	8	10	31	18	43	Saturn

Breakout Scores for Triplicity – IB Model

1507 Version, In-sect triplicity ruler, Triplicity decans

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Sun	23AQ19			3	1	2		5
Moon	25CP11		3	1		4		7
ASC	29SA45	1				2	8	
LOF	27CP53		3	1		6		5
Syzygy	11LE22	5					4	2
Superiors – Oriental						1	0	2
Houses		6	12	3	3	11	3	2
TOTAL		12	18	8	4	26	15	23

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	20 LI 50							
*	MC degree - sign ruler					1			
	MC degree - bound ruler							1	
	MC degree - dwad ruler	10 GE 05			1				
*	Planet in MC sign						1		
*	Planet in MC bound								
	Asc degree	29 SA 45							
*	Asc degree - sign ruler							1	
	Asc degree - bound ruler						1		
	Asc degree - dwad ruler	27 SC 09					1		
*	Planet in Asc sign								1
*	Planet in Asc bound								
	Moon degree	25 CP 11							
*	Moon degree - sign ruler								1
	Moon degree - bound ruler								1
	Moon degree - dwad ruler	02 SC 15					1		
	Sun degree	23 AQ 19							
	Sun degree - sign ruler								1
	Sun degree - bound ruler						1		
	Sun degree - dwad ruler	09 SC 55					1		
	Pars Fortuna degree	27 CP 54							
*	Pars Fortuna degree - sign ruler								1
	Pars Fortuna degree - bound ruler						1		
	Pars Fortuna degree - dwad ruler	04 SA 49						1	
	Pars Spirit degree	01 SA 37							
	Pars Spirit degree - sign ruler							1	
	Pars Spirit degree - bound ruler							1	
	Pars Spirit degree - dwad ruler	19 SA 29						1	
	Syzygy degree	11 LE 22							
	Syzygy degree - sign ruler		1						
*	Syzygy degree - bound ruler								1
	Syzygy degree - dwad ruler	16 SA 35						1	
	Planet Phases								
*	Rising within 7 days								
*	Setting within 7 days								
	Acronycal rising								
*	Station within 7 days								
	Total (Sign only)		1	0	0	1	0	2	3
	Total (Bound only)		0	0	0	0	3	2	2
	Total (Dwad only)		0	0	1	0	3	3	0
	Total (Sign + Bound)		1	0	0	1	3	4	5
	Total (Sign + Bound + Dwad)		1	0	1	1	6	7	5
	Total		1	0	1	1	7	7	6

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

SECT	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Diurnal planets: Is the chart diurnal?							
Diurnal planets: Placed on same horizon as Sun?						1	
Diurnal planets: Placed in masculine sign?	1						1
Nocturnal planets: Is the chart nocturnal?		1		1	1		
Nocturnal planets: Placed on opposite horizon as Sun?					1		
Nocturnal planets: Placed in feminine sign (except Mars)?		1			1		
Is Mercury diurnal on diurnal chart, or nocturnal on nocturnal chart?			1				
SOLAR PHASE	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Velocity	1.01	14.04	1.49	1.14	0.19	0.23	0.05
Latitude	0	4.94	-0.03	0.21	2.64	-1.1	2.01
Superiors oriental or inferiors occidental?			1	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							1
Superior: Oriental - Square to 1st station					1		
Superior: Oriental - 1st station (retrograde)							
Superior: Oriental - Retrograde to acronycal rising							
Superior: Acronycal rising							
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							
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	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			4			4	1
Whole Sign House Position (ASC): Succedent		2		5	11		
Whole Sign House Position (ASC): Cadent	3						
Relative to Lot of Fortune							
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Angle		1		4	10		
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Succedent	2						
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Cadent			3			3	12
Relative to Lot of Spirit							
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Angle			4			4	1
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Succedent		2		5	11		
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Cadent	3						
House of Joy							
Whole Sign House of Joy				1			
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)		1		1			
ESSENTIAL DIGNITY	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Dignity - Sign						1	
Dignity - Exaltation							
Dignity - Exaltation degree							
Dignity - Triplicity - Diurnal							
Dignity - Triplicity - Nocturnal		1					
Dignity - Triplicity - Participating							1
Dignity - Bound				1			
Dignity - Decan							
Dignity - Fall			1				
Dignity - Detriment	1	1	1	1	1		
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	in	1
Mutual reception by sign				1	1		
Which planets are received by exaltation?		1		1	1		
Mutual reception by exaltation							
Which planets are received by bound?	1			in	1		1
Mutual reception by bound							
Position relative to the Nodes							
Conjunct the North Node by sign?							
Conjunct the North Node within 12 degrees?					1		
Conjunct the South Node by sign?							
Conjunct the South Node within 12 degrees?							
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 25CP11								
Sign Ruler	♄♐							
Bound	♄♒							
Bound Ruler	♄♐							
Mubtazz Scoring- single point	♄♐		1	1		1		1,1
Mubtazz Scoring – early medieval	♄♐		2	1		4		5,3
Mubtazz Scoring – late medieval	♄♐		3	1	3	4,3		5,2
Moon separates from Jupiter and applies to Mars Nocturnal, preventional								
Fixed Stars	**none**							
MERCURY 10PI06								
Sign Ruler	♃♓							
Bound	♀♓							
Bound Ruler	♀♈							
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – single point	♀♈		1		1,1	1	1	
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – early Medieval	♀♈		1		4,3	2	5	
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – late Medieval	♀♈		3,1		4,3,2	3	5	
Fixed Stars								
Jupiter conj Markab (Pegasus) 0 32’	♂☿							
Venus conj Algenib (Perseus) 0 07’	☿♂							

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 Jupiter and applies to Mars.

Moon-Mercury whole sign aspect?
Yes. Moon sextile Mercury.

Do scoring methods agree?
Yes. **Saturn and Venus** are significators for manners.

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Model Summary

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

Physiognomy

Ascendant sign: Sagittarius
Ascendant sign ruler: Jupiter/Pisces
Ascendant decan: Leo
Ascendant decan ruler: Sun/Aquarius
Planets/Nodes placed in the Ascendant sign or decan: Saturn/Sagittarius (Ascendant sign)

Rising decan ruler Sun/Aquarius gives Lincoln skinny legs due to Sun in the sign of his detriment (Aquarius) which is in turn assigned to the shanks. Saturn/Sagittarius gives Lincoln height, prominent bony features, and a dark countenance.

Longevity: 56y 2m 2d

Releaser and kadukhudhāh. Releaser is the Moon; kadukhudhāh is Saturn. For further details see *A Rectification Manual: The American Presidency*, pp. 514-515.

Victor of the Chart: Mars/Libra

Ibn Ezra and the Antiochus/Porphyry criteria suggest Mars, Jupiter, or Saturn. If we start from the premise that Saturn receives many testimonies under both models, then we can ask if there is enough support for either Mars or Jupiter to knock out Saturn as victor of the chart. Jupiter's rulership and angularity by whole signs are noteworthy but Jupiter receives Saturn (helping Saturn) and the Moon's separation from Jupiter indicates Jupiterian issues fade as Lincoln ages. Jupiter is also occidental. Mars oriental, completely in sect, closely conjunct the MC, and the planet to which the Moon applies has to be taken seriously despite the difficult reception with Venus. Arguably, the Mars-Venus reception does not "dilute" Mars' power to act in the horoscope; it only makes Mars' actions difficult to bear. Finally Mars occupies the 10th sign from the Lot of Fortune which Mars receives by exaltation and bound. This condition is powerful.

Consider the delineation of Mars/Libra as ineffective wartime generals (e.g., McClellan) because Mars in the sign of Libra likes to delay martial action. The fact these generals were ineffective did in no way diminish their stamp over Lincoln's life and career as a wartime president. In fact they closely defined it. Mars is also tied to emancipation of slaves by its rulership of the 2nd by exaltation. Second house is 9th (freedom) from the 6th (slavery). Moon placed in the 2nd applying to its exalted ruler Mars with reception amplifies the theme. Though we can consider Lincoln's melancholic temperament which made him a sage advisor (Saturn/Sagittarius) over end-of-the-matter bankruptcy settlements involving debt forgiveness in his early legal career (Jupiter/Pisces/4th) as a strong contender for victor, I favor Mars/Libra/10th for its connections to slavery and the Civil War.

Manners: Saturn-Venus.

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MOON 9 yrs		12-Feb-09	Victor of the Chart
Moon	Saturn	27-May-10	
Moon	Jupiter	9-Sep-11	
Moon	Mars	21-Dec-12	x
Moon	Sun	5-Apr-14	
Moon	Venus	18-Jul-15	
Moon	Mercury	30-Oct-16	
SATURN 11 yrs		12-Feb-18	
Saturn	Jupiter	9-Sep-19	
Saturn	Mars	5-Apr-21	x
Saturn	Sun	31-Oct-22	
Saturn	Venus	26-May-24	
Saturn	Mercury	21-Dec-25	
Saturn	Moon	18-Jul-27	
JUPITER 12 yrs		11-Feb-29	
Jupiter	Mars	30-Oct-30	x. Captain of volunteer company for Black Hawk War; did not see service.
Jupiter	Sun	18-Jul-32	
Jupiter	Venus	5-Apr-34	
Jupiter	Mercury	22-Dec-35	
Jupiter	Moon	8-Sep-37	
Jupiter	Saturn	27-May-39	
MARS 7 yrs		11-Feb-41	X While on steamboat trip to St. Louis, saw a dozen slave chained together ready for sale “like so many fish upon a trot-line.” Later described the sight as a “continual torment to me” in a letter to Joshua Speed dated 24-Aug-1855.
Mars	Sun	12-Feb-42	x
Mars	Venus	12-Feb-43	x
Mars	Mercury	12-Feb-44	x
Mars	Moon	11-Feb-45	x
Mars	Saturn	11-Feb-46	x
Mars	Jupiter	12-Feb-47	x
NORTH NODE 3 yrs		12-Feb-48	
SOUTH NODE 2 yrs		12-Feb-51	
SUN 10 yrs		11-Feb-53	
Sun	Venus	18-Jul-54	
Sun	Mercury	22-Dec-55	
Sun	Moon	26-May-57	
Sun	Saturn	30-Oct-58	
Sun	Jupiter	4-Apr-60	
Sun	Mars	8-Sep-61	x. General McClellan/Emancipation Proclamation
VENUS 8 yrs		12-Feb-63	
Venus	Mercury	4-Apr-64	
Venus	Moon	26-May-65	

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