Medieval Astrology Profile for Vilhjalmur Stefansson

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Introduction to delineation of appearance and character in natal astrology. The following document is a hand-written analysis of **Vilhjalmur Stefansson**, 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 were 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*).

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, the planet signifying the victor of the chart by configuration in the natal horoscope 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 *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 Ezra, a philosopher and astrologer active 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. The 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 the "Significators of the Soul" or "Manners." A summary template for the Moon and Mercury is presented in the paper and will be developed further in future versions.

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Birth Data Vilhjalmur Stefansson. 3-Nov-1879, Gimli, Manitoba, Canada. No birth time recorded.
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Vilhjalmur Stefansson

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Vilhjalmur Stefansson (November 3, 1879 - August 26, 1962)

Originally trained as an anthropologist and ethnologist, Vilhjalmur Stefansson completed three major Artic explorations in the years immediately prior to and after WWI when Artic exploration of both North and South poles was a global obsession. Unlike Robert Peary (also included in this victor study) who primarily sought out location of the actual North Pole on foot, Stefansson's interests focused more on Inuit culture and life in Arctic regions without the North Pole discovery as a specific quest. He gained fame for his sheer physical stamina and hunting skills which allowed him to survive for months at a time on the Arctic ice sheets. But he also suffered notoriety from several failed expeditions when men under his command died from starvation under unusual circumstances. His ability to survive on a 100% meat diet in the Arctic, a feat replicated by experiment in New York City during 1927, has been recently been revived as "The Paleo Diet" in a book of the same name by Loren Cordain published in 2002.

Contemporary popularity of the Paleolithic diet completes a circle which started in 1904 when Stefansson, originally a student of the Harvard Divinity School, transferred to anthropology and traveled to Iceland. The objective of his trip was to investigate the connection between tooth decay and cereal consumption in Iceland. A year later when investigating skulls in an Icelandic cemetery he noted the absence of tooth decay which reinforced his interest in how nutrition effects the body.

Stefansson participated in three major Arctic Expeditions: the Anglo-American Expedition, Mackenzie Delta, 1906-1907; the Ethnological Survey of Central Arctic Costs of North America, Alaska/Canada, 1908-1912; and the Canadian Arctic Expedition, regions west of the Parry Archipelago, 1913-1917. Common to each expedition was Stefansson's ability to learn methods of Artic survival and to thrive amidst conditions of adversity. In each case, Stefansson eventually left the expedition team and created his own itinerary. When Stefansson left his expedition for a hunting trip to find food in September 1913, he was later accused of abandoning his men some of whom died. Perhaps the most notorious expedition associated with Stefansson was the 1921-1923 Wrangel Island expedition which he arranged but did not participate as a member of the expedition team. Stefansson envisioned colonization of Wrangel Island with four men who would turn the Island into a base for what we would call today 'Arctic ecotourism.' All the men died and Stefansson was pilloried in the media for his choice of untrained men unfit for such an expedition.

Despite his notoriety, Stefansson wrote several best-selling books on his Arctic expeditions and after the outbreak of WWII was hired by both the Army and Navy to make use of his expertise in Arctic travel routes and survival skills. Less well-known, and a fact omitted from his NYT obituary, was his association with the pro-Soviet *American Committee for Settlement of Jews in Birobidjan* whose goal was creation of a socialist autonomous region for Jews in Eastern Siberia. For his involvement with this group, he was interrogated by the public prosecutor of New Hampshire in 1950 during the McCarthy Era; also his Navy contract for editing an Artic Encyclopedia was allegedly dropped for his ties to this group.

Stefansson was always a ladies man and fathered a child with Pannigabluk, an Inuit member of his support team. Though he promised to return to see his son, he never did making Stefansson probably the first dead-beat dad of Inuit children. Later he married Evelyn Schwartz in 1941. In the 1950s, he donated his personal library to Dartmouth, organized an Arctic Institute, and taught on the faculty.

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Research Interests

James Hillman's *The Soul's Code*, pp. 23, 25, 36.

Rectification

Available Birth Data

All published biographical sources agree that Stefansson was born on 3-Nov-1879 at Gimli, Manitoba, Canada. There is no public record of his birth time.

Proposed Rectification

Vilhjalmur Stefansson
3-Nov-1879
11:35:34 PM
LMT +06:27:56
Gimli MB
Canada
96w59
50n38
ASC 22LE24'35"

Comment: I view this as a very preliminary rectification with the Ascendant only as accurate as the third rising decan of Leo. Many of Stefansson's dates are scattered and not easy to gather. I anticipate further refinement of this horoscope when more dates can be added to the timeline.

Stage I. Determine the Ascendant sign

Firdaria

I choose the Nocturnal series primarily for the match of a key chapter of Stefansson's writing career timed by the onset of Major Mercury period on 2-Nov-1941. In addition the disastrous Wrangel Island Expedition was timed by the South Node period, active in August-September 1913 when news of deaths of the entire expedition crew reached the media.

Moon's Configuration

For a nocturnal horoscope before sunrise, the Moon is in late Gemini and either separates from Saturn and applies to Venus or separates from Venus and is VOC. For a nocturnal horoscope after sunset, the Moon is in early Cancer and separates from Jupiter and applies to Saturn. I prefer the Cancer Moon because of the rumor, obsession, and media publicity surrounding his discovery of the 'White Eskimo" allegedly descended from Scandanavian explorers. The color white is assigned to

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Cancer and with no other planets in the sign of Cancer, Moon/Cancer is an obvious choice. See also the South Node is in Cancer. South Node destroys and is especially harmful to the Moon when in the same sign. The theory of the 'White Eskimo' has been completely disproven by modern DNA testing. Conclusion: based on Firdaria and the Moon's Configuration, the birth time can be narrowed to the time period between sunset and midnight on 3-Nov-1879. That leaves an Ascendant range beginning with the 2nd decan of Taurus all the way through Leo.

Physiognomy

Stefansson's hairstyle demonstrates a classic Scorpio/Leo feature: coarse hair which flairs up and out mimicking the Sun's rays. Beyond the photograph, the physical stamina to hunt and survive in extreme Artic conditions speaks to a Mars-ruled Scorpio body type. Ability to eat and thrive on purely meat and fat also suggests the Mars body type. With Sun and Mercury in Scorpio, and Mars/Taurus/rx functioning like Mars/Scorpio (my finding for retrograde planets up until their opposition to the Sun), either Sun, Mercury, or Mars should rule the rising decan according to the rising decan physiognomy model I have proposed. Those decans are:

Taurus 2nd decan – Virgo ruled by Mercury/Scorpio
Gemini 1st decan – Gemini ruled by Mercury/Scorpio
Cancer 2nd decan – Scorpio ruled by Mars/Taurus-rx
Leo 1st decan – Leo ruled by Sun/Scorpio
Leo 3rd decan – Aries ruled by Mars/Taurus-rx

Because the hair flairs out, as well as Stefansson's infatuation with the media and his legacy as an Arctic explorer, I narrow the choice to Leo rising, either 1st or 3rd decans.

Configuration of the Chart

With a Leo Ascendant as a trial horoscope, a number of life affairs stand out. First is that malefics are elevated in the horoscope which is consistent with Stefansson's notoriety from failed expeditions and men whose lives were lost under his command. Specifically, Saturn/Aries-rx in the 9th of exploration is consistent with not just one, but two incidents (retrograde planets can repeat affairs) of ships stuck in the ice which ruined expedition plans. Second is Mars/Taurus-rx in the 10th. Many texts state that whenever Mercury, Venus, or Mars is located in an angle to look no further for the significator of the native's profession which in many cases is also the victor of the horoscope. Mars is the universal significator of military service and Stefansson did function as a consultant to both the Army and Navy during WWII for servicemen stationed in Arctic regions. Third is the Moon-South Node conjunction in the 12th house which is consistent with false rumors of the existence of the alleged 'White Eskimo.'

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Stage II. Determine the Ascendant's range within 1-4 degrees

Lots

At this point I stalled in the rectification. Part of the reason why I was unable to use lots is the unusual configuration of key lots with natal planets which makes it more difficult to determine what the dynamic activity is actually picking up. Lot of Journeys by land (13CA15) and the 12th house Lot of Accusation, Exile, and Injury (9CA24) are very near the natal Moon (7CA33). In addition the Lot of Journeys by water (17TA36) is near natal Mars (23TA12). So I was unable to narrow the Ascendant degree range by lots.

Stage III. Determine the exact Degree and Minute of the Ascendant

What I present next are plausible measurements but I remain nonetheless unsatisfied with the results. However I can point to two types of directions which readers might want to experiment with using slightly different permutations than what I present next.

Saturn/Aries/rx in the 9th is consistent with travel obstructions. Stefansson had this in spades when on two different occasions ships stuck in ice forced him to abandon ship. The first was in late 1908-early 1909 during the Ethnological Survey of Central Arctic Coasts of North America sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History. The second was the Canadian Arctic Expedition sponsored in part by the Canadian Government. His ship the Karluk became stuck in the ice on 17-Aug-1913. Stefansson left the ship on a hunting mission. The failure of his return led some men to accuse Stefansson of a purposeful abandonment of his crew some of whom died. The ship was crushed by the ice and sunk on 11-Jan-1914.

The obvious direction for these incidents is a Saturn-MC direction, but which permutation of solar arcs or primary directions is not clear to me. The full time range of all of these directions is roughly 8 years so there is ample room for several possible Ascendants to match the directions.

10-Oct-1908. *dsa Saturn conj MC*
11-Mar-1909. *csa MC conj Saturn*

This set of solar arc directions is a close match to New York Times coverage of Stefansson's marooned ship, supplies which did not materialize, and risk of starvation, published between the dates of 1-Oct-1908 and 21-Feb-1909.

Though these solar arcs could also work for the 1913/1914 expedition failures, at the time of those disasters I note c. tr. South Node near the MC degree near those events.

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18-May-1911. *dsa Moon square MC*
15-Nov-1911. *csa MC square Moon*

With the Moon/Cancer/12th the logical significator for rumors surrounding existence of the 'White Eskimo,' this set of solar arcs is a rough match to Stefansson's first trip to Victoria Island in April 1910 to chase down this rumor, a NYT article of 8-Oct-1911 "A New Face, or Descendants of Franklin's Party?", and significant press coverage after Stefansson returned to mainland US in September 1912. These are not as exact as I would like but they are as close as I can get right now.

6-Sep-1923. *dsa Mars conj Moon*
15-Aug-1924. *csa Moon conj Mars*

The Wrangel Island expedition originally sailed from Nome, Alaska on 9-Sep-1921 but it was not until August/September 1923 when a rescue ship discovered there were no survivors. Stefansson suffered considerable notoriety from this expedition failure in the year following this event.

Though I don't present it here, there is a Moon-Mercury primary direction within one day of his death from stroke on 26-Aug-1962.

With a Leo Ascendant, Stefansson's horoscope should respond strongly to solar arc directions, moreso than primary directions which is why I have focused on solar arcs for this preliminary rectification.

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

Total Victor Scores for 12 Model Variations

			☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄	Victor
Vilhjalmur Stefansson	Chaldean	IA	15	14	14	16	26	20	5	Mars
Vilhjalmur Stefansson	Chaldean	IB	15	20	14	16	26	25	5	Mars
Vilhjalmur Stefansson	Chaldean	IIA	15	21	14	16	31	19	6	Mars
Vilhjalmur Stefansson	Chaldean	IIB	15	27	14	16	31	25	6	Mars
Vilhjalmur Stefansson	Chaldean	IIIA	21	27	14	25	34	19	12	Mars
Vilhjalmur Stefansson	Chaldean	IIIB	21	33	14	25	34	25	12	Mars
Vilhjalmur Stefansson	Triplicity	IA	15	15	13	16	26	21	4	Mars
Vilhjalmur Stefansson	Triplicity	IB	15	21	13	16	26	26	4	Mars Jupiter
Vilhjalmur Stefansson	Triplicity	IIA	15	22	13	16	31	20	5	Mars
Vilhjalmur Stefansson	Triplicity	IIB	15	28	13	16	31	26	5	Mars
Vilhjalmur Stefansson	Triplicity	IIIA	21	28	13	25	34	20	11	Mars
Vilhjalmur Stefansson	Triplicity	IIIB	21	34	13	25	34	26	11	Moon Mars

Breakout Scores for Triplicity – IB Model

1507 Version, In-sect triplicity ruler, Triplicity decans

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Sun	11SC28			2		8	1	
Moon	7CA33		6		2	3	4	
ASC	22LE24	5		2		1	3	
LOF	26SA18	1				2	8	
Syzygy	6TA18		7		8			
Superiors – Oriental						1	0	0
Houses		9	8	9	6	11	10	4
TOTAL		15	21	13	16	26	26	4

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	09 TA 24							
*	MC degree - sign ruler					1			
	MC degree - bound ruler				1				
	MC degree - dwad ruler	22 LE 53	1						
*	Planet in MC sign						1		
*	Planet in MC bound								
	Asc degree	22 LE 24							
*	Asc degree - sign ruler		1						
	Asc degree - bound ruler				1				
	Asc degree - dwad ruler	28 AR 55					1		
*	Planet in Asc sign								
*	Planet in Asc bound								
	Moon degree	07 CA 33							
*	Moon degree - sign ruler			1					
	Moon degree - bound ruler					1			
	Moon degree - dwad ruler	00 LI 46				1			
	Sun degree	11 SC 28							
	Sun degree - sign ruler						1		
	Sun degree - bound ruler				1				
	Sun degree - dwad ruler	17 PI 38						1	
	Pars Fortuna degree	26 SA 18							
*	Pars Fortuna degree - sign ruler							1	
	Pars Fortuna degree - bound ruler						1		
	Pars Fortuna degree - dwad ruler	15 LI 47				1			
	Pars Spirit degree	18 AR 30							
	Pars Spirit degree - sign ruler						1		
	Pars Spirit degree - bound ruler				1				
	Pars Spirit degree - dwad ruler	12 SC 02					1		
	Syzygy degree	06 TA 18							
	Syzygy degree - sign ruler					1			
*	Syzygy degree - bound ruler					1			
	Syzygy degree - dwad ruler	15 CA 37		1					
	Planet Phases								
*	Rising within 7 days								
*	Setting within 7 days								
	Acronycal rising								
*	Station within 7 days							1	
	Total (Sign only)		1	1	0	2	2	1	0
	Total (Bound only)		0	0	4	2	1	0	0
	Total (Dwad only)		1	1	0	2	2	1	0
	Total (Sign + Bound)		1	1	4	4	3	1	0
	Total (Sign + Bound + Dwad)		2	2	4	6	5	2	0
	Total		2	2	4	6	6	3	0

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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?							
Diurnal planets: Placed in masculine sign?							1
Nocturnal planets: Is the chart nocturnal?		1		1	1		
Nocturnal planets: Placed on opposite horizon as Sun?		1			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	11.99	1.44	0.62	-0.4	0.02	-0.1
Latitude	0	0.9	-1.93	-0.9	-0.3	-1.3	-2.7
Superiors oriental or inferiors occidental?			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							
Superior: Oriental - 1st station (retrograde)							
Superior: Oriental - Retrograde to acronycal rising					1		
Superior: Acronycal rising							
Superior: Occidental - Opposition to 2nd station							1
Superior: Occidental - 2nd station (direct)							
Superior: Occidental - From 2nd station to waning square						1	
Superior: Occidental - Waning square to sextile							
Superior: Occidental - Sextile to sinking							
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				1			
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	4		4		10		
Whole Sign House Position (ASC): Succedent				2		8	
Whole Sign House Position (ASC): Cadent		12					9
Relative to Lot of Fortune							
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Angle				10		4	
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Succedent		8					5
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Cadent	12		12		6		
Relative to Lot of Spirit							
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Angle		4					1
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Succedent	8		8		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)				1			
ESSENTIAL DIGNITY	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Dignity - Sign		1				1	
Dignity - Exaltation							
Dignity - Exaltation degree							
Dignity - Triplicity - Diurnal				1			
Dignity - Triplicity - Nocturnal							
Dignity - Triplicity - Participating		1			1		1
Dignity - Bound							
Dignity - Decan		1		1		1	
Dignity - Fall				1			1
Dignity - Detriment					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	in	1	1	1	in	
Mutual reception by sign							
Which planets are received by exaltation?		1		1	1	1	
Mutual reception by exaltation							
Which planets are received by bound?	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					
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 7CA33								
Sign Ruler	☽♋							
Bound	♀♋							
Bound Ruler	♀♍							
Mubtazz Scoring- single point	☽♋ => ♀♍		**1,1**		1	1	1	
Mubtazz Scoring – early medieval	☽♋ => ♀♍		**5,1**		3	2	4	
Mubtazz Scoring – late medieval	☽♋ => ♀♍		**5,3,1**		3,2	3	4	
Fixed Stars								
Moon conj Alhena 0 34’ (Gemini)	♀♃							
Venus conj Markeb 1 27’ (Argo)	♃♄							
MERCURY 28SC31								
Sign Ruler	♂♉							
Bound	♄♏							
Bound Ruler	♄♈							
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – single point	♂♉		1			**1,1**		1
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – early Medieval	♂♉		1			**5,2**		3
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – late Medieval	♂♉		3,1		3	**5,3**		2
Fixed Stars								
Mercury conj Rigel Kentaurus 0 01’ (Centaur)	♀♃							
Mars conj Algol 1 59’ (Perseus)	♂♄							
Mars conj Zurak 0 19’ (Eridanus)	♄							
Mars conj Capulus 0 01 (hilt of the sword)	☿♂							

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-Kindī 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 Saturn, nocturnal, preventional.

Moon-Mercury whole sign aspect? Yes. Moon is trine Mercury.

Do scoring methods agree? Yes. Manners are signified by **Mars-Venus**.

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Model Summary

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

Physiognomy

Ascendant sign: Leo
Ascendant sign ruler: Sun/Scorpio
Ascendant decan: Aries
Ascendant decan ruler: Mars/Taurus-rx
Planets/Nodes placed in the Ascendant sign or decan: Saturn/Aries/rx in sign of rising decan.

Longevity: 82y 9m 22d

Releaser and kadukhudhāh. Figure is nocturnal and the Moon is preferred but disallowed for placement in the 12th house. Sun/Scorpio/4th is allowable. Bound lord Mercury is in a good solar phase and in the same sign. Decan ruler Jupiter is in the sign of his rulership, aspects by trine, and though oriental still has strength as it approaches the waning square to the Sun. Note Jupiter also rules the Lot of Fortune. Mercury is a reasonable choice considering its angularity, solar phase, and likely victor of the horoscope. Yet Mercury suffers on essential dignity compared to Jupiter. If Jupiter, then major years are 79 with no logical additions or deductions. At age 78 Stefansson suffered a serious stroke and died at age 82 of another fatal stroke. On an empirical basis Jupiter also works better as Mercury's 77 major years would require a deduction of Mars' 15 minor years (by opposition aspect) for a net projection of 62. Stefansson lived much longer.

Victor of the Chart: Mercury/Scorpio

Ibn Ezra's method selects Mars or Jupiter; Porphyry's Stage I adds Mercury and Venus. Venus in fall can safely be ruled out as well as Mars/Taurus/rx in the MC though Mars will add a military influence to his career. Jupiter, immediately following its direct station and ruling the Lot of Fortune does help Stefansson with funding for his expeditions, but Jupiter is not Stefansson. This leaves Mercury/Scorpio as bound lord of both ASC and MC, angular, and in a favorable solar phase with the Sun as the logical victor. Mercury/Scorpio signifies investigations and writing initially on anthropology but later with military applications for the Army and Navy. His first study of Inuit culture was timed by the Jupiter-Mercury Firdaria subperiod; late in life the bulk of his writing was completed during his Major Mercury Firdaria period.

Manners: Mars-Venus

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Firdaria

MOON 9 yrs		3-Nov-79	Victor	Life Event
Moon	Saturn	14-Feb-81		
Moon	Jupiter	30-May-82		
Moon	Mars	11-Sep-83		
Moon	Sun	24-Dec-84		
Moon	Venus	7-Apr-86		
Moon	Mercury	21-Jul-87	X	
SATURN 11 yrs		2-Nov-88		
Saturn	Jupiter	30-May-90		
Saturn	Mars	25-Dec-91		
Saturn	Sun	21-Jul-93		
Saturn	Venus	14-Feb-95		
Saturn	Mercury	10-Sep-96	X	
Saturn	Moon	7-Apr-98		
JUPITER 12 yrs		2-Nov-99		
Jupiter	Mars	20-Jul-01		
Jupiter	Sun	8-Apr-03		Summer 1904. Turns to anthropology and makes trip to Iceland.
Jupiter	Venus	24-Dec-04		1905. Another trip to Iceland. Summer 1906. Joined Anglo-American Expedition to study Inuit.
Jupiter	Mercury	11-Sep-06	X	Aug/Sep 1906. Sailed and arrived at Shingle Point, Mackenzie River area and studied Inuit culture. 18-Apr-1908. Departed for Arctic coast of Alaska.
Jupiter	Moon	29-May-08		Ear-Jul-1908. Arrived Fort McPherson. Supplies did not arrive; near starvation.
Jupiter	Saturn	14-Feb-10		
MARS 7 yrs		2-Nov-11		
Mars	Sun	2-Nov-12		Feb-1913. Received funds from Canada for next Arctic Expedition. July-1913. Departed from Nome, Alaska. Aug-1913. Ship gets stuck in ice, Stefansson left with hunting crew.
Mars	Venus	2-Nov-13		11-Jan-1914. Ship sank, some died.
Mars	Mercury	2-Nov-14	X	For much of this time lived on the ice pack, making use of survival skills.
Mars	Moon	2-Nov-15		
Mars	Saturn	1-Nov-16		
Mars	Jupiter	2-Nov-17		
NORTH NODE 3 yrs		2-Nov-18		9-Sep-1921. Wrangel Island expedition sailed from Nome, Alaska.
SOUTH NODE 2 yrs		2-Nov-21		Aug-1923. Rescue mission finds all men from Wrangel expedition died.
SUN 10 yrs		2-Nov-23		
Sun	Venus	7-Apr-25		
Sun	Mercury	11-Sep-26	X	1927. Participates in controlled experiment on all-meat diet while in New York.
Sun	Moon	14-Feb-28		
Sun	Saturn	20-Jul-29		
Sun	Jupiter	24-Dec-30		
Sun	Mars	29-May-32		
VENUS 8 yrs		2-Nov-33		
Venus	Mercury	24-Dec-34	X	
Venus	Moon	14-Feb-36		
Venus	Saturn	7-Apr-37		
Venus	Jupiter	29-May-38		
Venus	Mars	21-Jul-39		
Venus	Sun	10-Sep-40		
MERCURY 13 yrs		2-Nov-41	X	1941. Compiled volumes of for northern sea routes for US Navy (WWII) 30-May-1942. Hired by Army to identify personal needs of Arctic servicemen.
Mercury	Moon	11-Sep-43	X	23-Apr-1944. Published *Arctic Manual*.
Mercury	Saturn	20-Jul-45	X	1946. Contracted to edit *Enyclopedia Arctica* 20 volume collection.
Mercury	Jupiter	29-May-47	X	1948. US Navy pulled plug on Encyclopedia for suspected Communist ties.
Mercury	Mars	7-Apr-49	X	1950. Interrogated by New Hampshire public prosecutor on Communist ties.
Mercury	Sun	14-Feb-51	X	9-Dec-1951. Donated personal library to Dartmouth College.
Mercury	Venus	23-Dec-52	X	

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MOON 9 yrs		2-Nov-54		
Moon	Saturn	14-Feb-56		
Moon	Jupiter	29-May-57		
Moon	Mars	10-Sep-58		
Moon	Sun	24-Dec-59		
Moon	Venus	7-Apr-61		
Moon	Mercury	20-Jul-62	X	26-Aug-1962. Death, stroke
SATURN 11 yrs		2-Nov-63		

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