Medieval Astrology Profile for Mahatma Gandhi

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Introduction to delineation of appearance and character in natal astrology. The following document is a hand-written analysis of **Mahatma Gandhi**, 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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Left. Gandhi as a lawyer in South Africa, 1906.
Center: Gandhi after landing at Folkstone in preparation for London Conference, 12-Sep-1931.
Right: Gandhi on Juhu Beach, Mumbai, May 1944. All photos public domain images, copyright expired.

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Mahatma Gandhi

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Mahatma Gandhi (October 2, 1869 - January 30, 1948)

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"Indian political and spiritual leader, called Mahatma ("Great Soul"). Gandhi helped India's struggle for independence from Britain through a campaign based on nonviolence and civil disobedience. His doctrine of nonviolent action had a profound influence on Martin Luther King Jr., the leader of the civil rights movement in the U.S, and Nelson Mandela, the most prominent figure of the black opposition to apartheid in South Africa. However, Gandhi never received the Nobel Peace Prize. Once, when he was asked what he thought about western civilization, he presumably replied that he thought it would be a good idea.

"Nonviolence and truth (*Satya*) are inseparable and presupposes one another. There is no god higher than truth."
(from *True Patriotism: Some Sayings of Mahatma Gandhi*, 1939, ed. by S. Hobhouse)

"Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born in Poorbandar, Kathiawar, on the western coast of India. For several generations, the Gadhi's had been Prime Ministers in several Kathiawald States. Karamchand Gandhi, his father was the chief minister of Porbandar and a member of the Rajasthanik Court. He married four times. Putlibai, his last wife and Gandhi's mother, was a deeply religious Hindu. When Gandhi was sixteen, his father died – four years later he lost his mother. "The outstanding impression my mother has left on my memory is that of saintliness," Gandhi later wrote in his book of memoir, *An Autobiography: The Story of My Experiments With Truth* (1927-29).

"Gandhi was married at the age of 13, as was not unusual by the custom. Officially he was betrothed three times, but his first two fiancees died. Gandhi's third bride, Kasturba Makanji, also 13, was the only daughter of rich merchants. Kasturba and Gandhi had four sons; their first child was born in 1885, but died after a few days. Kasturba could not read or write and Gandhi's attempts to teach her were fruitless. Although she often had to submit to her husband's decisions, she also had a will of her own. The marriage endured until her death in 1944.

"In 1888 Gandhi went to London to study law, leaving his wife for three years. While learning the law, he set to the task of making himself an English gentleman. He was told it was necessary for him to take lessons in dancing, French and elocution. In the new surrounding Gandhi also began experiments with diet that continued throughout his lifetime. After he was called to the bar at Inner Temple, he returned home to practice as a barrister in Bombay. Unable to find a suitable post, Gandhi moved to South Africa in 1893. During his journey to Pretoria he had a firsthand experience with racist degradation, a most crucial experience in his formative years. Gandhi worked for Dada Abdullah & Co and the Indian community. Kasturba had again waited with the children in India, but in 1897 she joined her husband in Durban. Gandhi gained fame as a tenacious political campaigner, who courageously opposed the Transvaal government's discriminatory legislation against Indian settlers. His ideological basis was much derived from the liberal-humanist values he had absorbed in England, exemplified in the works of Ruskin, Thoreau, and Emerson.

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“Gandhi remained in South Africa for 20 years and developed a system of non-violent defiance. During the Boer War (1899-1902) he organized an Indian Ambulance Corps to assist the British, wrote freelance field reports, and also contributed to Dadabhai Naroroji's *India.* For his services he was awarded the War Medal. In the Transvaal, he established the Phoenix Farm settlement, an attempt at communal living along the lines of Leo Tolstoy's estate at Yasnaya Polyana. *Indian Opinion*, a weekly from Durban originally launched by two of Gandhi's friends in 1903, became a medium for his thoughts.

“After the birth of their fourth son, Gandhi suggested to his wife that they sleep in separate beds. Gandhi's one-sided decision and sexual abstinence caused Kasturbai for a long time much stress. In search for spiritual development Gandhi studied the *Bible*, the *Koran*, and memorized the *Bhagavad Gita*. Also Leo Tolstoy influenced him deeply. Gandhi saw that his methods were in harmony with Hindu doctrines of *ahimsa* and that "the strongest physical force bends before moral force when it is used in the defense of truth."

“In his middle thirties, Gandhi took the vow of *bramahcharya*, which means not only complete chastity but the elimination of sexual desire. To test his self-control Gandhi slept naked with young women. On his return trip from England to South Africa, he composed *Hind swaraj*, an updated glimpse of dharma, on the stationery of RMS *Kildonian Castle*. This product of feverish writing, which first appeared in two instalments in *Indian Opinion*, has remained a key to the understanding of Gandhi's political philosophy.

“Written in a the form of a dialogue between an Editor and Reader, and addressing a mixed audience, Gandhi attempted to convince his readers, that to drive out the English from India by modern methods of violence was a suicidal policy and that "modern civilization" was a greater threat than colonialism. When the text was published in book form in 1910, under the title *Indian Home Rule*, by Gandhi's own International Printing Press in South Africa, it was banned for security reasons. The South African ban lasted almost thirty years. The first Indian edition was published by Ganesh and Co. in 1919, with a new foreword and a 'Note' by C. Rajagopalachari. An American edition came out under the title *Sermon on the Sea* in 1924.

“Most of Gandhi's writing between *Hind Swaraj* and *Satyagraha in South Africa* (1924-25) took the form of journalism. In 1914 he returned permanently to India. His most prominent adversary, Gen. Jan Smuts, wrote to a friend reliefed: "The saint has left our shores, I hope, forever." Gandhi became a highly influential figure in the National Congress, transforming it into an instrument of change. Following the massacre at Amritsar in 1919, in which British soldiers killed hundreds of Indians, Gandhi launched a policy of non-violent non-co-operation to secure *swaraj* (independence) from Britain. This process made Gandhi a gurulike figure. Resistance methods included strikes, refusal to pay taxes, abandonment of western for Indian dress, and refusal to respect colonial law. "One step enough for me," Gandhi often said without planning his actions far ahead.

“Gandhi himself adopted a simple, ascetic way of life, dressing only in a loincloth of handwoven cloth and sandals. He was jailed several times and went on hunger strikes to focus attention on his cause. The bulk of his autobiography, *Satayana Prayogo Athava Atmakatha*, he dictated in Gujarati while in Yeravada Jail in 1923-24. It was published serially in *Navajivan* and *Young India* and translated into English by Mahadev Desai, a lawyer and man of letters, who had joined Gandhi in 1917 and served as

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his secretary and diarist. Through the English translation, it has been the most widely read Gujarati book all over the world.

“When communal riots started on India's northwest frontier in 1924, Gandhi undertook a 21-day purificatory fast. After he had walked some 200 miles on foot to the sea to collect salt illegally, he was arrested at Surat and charged for planning to seize the Government salt depots. As a result of the international attention to the case, the Viceroy began to relieve the punitive salt taxes and the government monopoly.

"We may read the *Gita* or the *Ramayana* or *Hind Swaraj*", Gandhi said. "But what we have to learn from them is desire for the welfare of others." Gandhi also strove to raise the status of untouchables, the caste whom everybody avoided. He gave them the name *harijan*, or "children of God", and founded the weekly paper *Harijan*, which was published in English and Hindi. In an attempt to persuade the orthodox Hindus to wipe out the "blight of untouchability", Gandhi undertook fast in the summer of 1933 for three weeks. In order to promote village self-sufficiency, Gandhi popularized handspinning and made know *khadi*, hand-spun cloth, the "livery of freedom." However, Gandhi's rejection of the Industrial Revolution wasn't supported by some his most close fiends, among them Jawaharlal Nehru.

"I am not built for academic writings. Action is my domain."

“In 1936 Gandhi moved his headquarters from Sabarmati to Sevagram, a village near Wardha, which became a center to test his ideas. His eldest son Harilal turned into Islam in 1936 and changed his name to Abdullah Gandhi. During World War II Gandhi's struggle for India's independence and *satyagraha* (defence of and by truth) became a threat to the war effort of the Allies. Gandhi argued that India should remain passive and neutral in the world conflict. On May 10, 1942, Gandhi wrote in his newspaper: "The presence of the British in India is an invitation to Japan to invade India. Their withdrawal would remove the bait. Assume however that it does not, Free India would be better able to cope with invasion. Unadulterated non-co-operation would then have full sway." Gandhi was arrested with Nehru and other Congress leaders, and interned in Aga Khan’s Palace at Poona. At the age of 73, Gandhi began another fast. Winston Churchill, Britain's prime minister, who had earlier called Gandhi a "seditious fakir", suspected that Gandhi was fed glucose whenever he drank water: "... and this, as well as his intense vitality and lifelong austerity, enabled this frail being to maintain his prolonged abstention from any visible form of food. Nearly all the Indian members of the Viceroy's Executive Council demanded his release, and resigned in protest at our refusal. In the end, being quite convinced of our obduracy, he abandoned his fast and his health, though he was very weak, was not seriously affected." (from *The Second World War*, vol. 4., by Winston Churchill, 1951). Gandhi was released from custody unconditionally in the spring of 1944.

“Kasturba died at the palace of Aga Khan in 1944. Before her death, Harilal, the eldest son, had appreared drunk in the palace, and was chased away. Gandhi saw India gain independence in 1947. However, he had to witness deploring the formation of two new nations – and savage fighting. His illusion that India would gain indepencence by nonviolent means was shattered. "Who listens to me today?" Gandhi said, and did not remain in New Delhi to celebrate India's freedom on the Fifteenth of August.

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“Gandhi's last months were shadowed by communal strife between Hindu and Muslim. When he walked barefoot through the scorched villages in East Bengal, locals strewed shattered glass on his path. Gandhi pleaded for amicable settlement between India and Pakistan, but on January 30, 1948, he was assassinated in Delhi on his way to an evening prayer. A young Hindu Brahmin, named Nathuram Godse, viewed Gandhi's acceptance of partition as a betrayal of the Hindu population, and fired three shots point-blank. Gandhi had not allowed police to search people near him. Godse believed that the prayer and the purity of the mind were signs of superstitions and without the "father of the nation" India would free to follow the course founded on reason.

"Even Gandhi, with all his charisma, did not melt the hearts of his oppressors, as he had hoped. After softening, hearts harden again. Asoka too was wrong to think that he was changing the course of history, and that his righteousness woul last 'as long as the sun and the moon'." (Theodore Zeldin in *An Intimate History of Humanity*, 1994)

“Gandhi has been criticized for his nostalgia for ancient rural bliss and delaying the modernization and industrialization of his country. On the other hand, he has been regarded as the "true soul" of India. With other Hindu sages Gandhi shared a mistrust of worshipping followers, and he tried to avoid the title *mahatma*. In spite of this, his disciplines regarded him as a saint. Gandhi's denial of the pleasures of food, sex, family, and friendship, has made his way of life extremely demanding for ordinary people, who otherwise have found inspiration from his courage and teachings. This question troubled George Orwell in his essay 'Reflections on Gandhi' (1949). While admitting that Gandhi never made claims of sainthood, he did not hesitate to reject sainthood as an ideal: "The essence of being human is that one does not seek perfection, that one is sometimes willing to commit sins for the sake of loyalty, that one does not push asceticism to the point where it makes friendly intercourse impossible, and that one is prepared in the end to be defeated and broken up by life, which is the inevitable price of fastening one's love upon other human individuals." Joseph Lelyveld, a formed editor of the *New York Times*, tells in *Great Soul: Mahatma Gandhi and His Struggle with India* (2011), that Gandi left his wife for a long time to be with a German-Jewish architecht and weightlifter named Hermann Kallenbach, and he had a racist attitude towards Africans. Lelyveld's book was banned in part of India.

"Become the change you want to see in the world." (Vice President Al Gore's quotation from Gandhi)
For further reading: *Great Soul: Mahatma Gandhi and His Struggle with India* Joseph Lelyveld (2011); G*andhi's Passion: The Life and Legacy of Mahatma Gandhi* by Stanley Wolpert (2001); *Gandhian satyagraha: an analytical and critical approach* by Ajay Shanker Rai (2000); *Gandhi's Body: Sex, Diet, and the Politics of Nationalism* by Joseph S. Alter (2000); *Colonialism, Tradition, and Reform* by Bhikhu C. Parekh (1999); *Gandhi in the twenty first century: an alternative approach to development*, ed. by Vasant Kumar Bawa (1999); *The Forgotten Woman: The Untold Story of Kastur Gandhi, Wife of Mahatma Gandhi* by Arun Gandhi, et al. (1998); *Gandhi: A Life* by Yogesh Chadha (1998); *Gandhi Great Soul* by John B. Severance (1997); *Gandhi: Struggling for Autonomy* by Ronald J. Terchek (1998); *Gandhi: The Power of Pacifism* by Catherine Clemen (1996); *The Gandhi Reader: A Sourcebook of His Life and Writings*, ed. by Homer A. Jack (1995); *Gandhi: Prisoner of Hope* by Judith Brown (1990); *Mahatma Gandhi: A Biography* by B.R. Nanda (1989); *The Moral and Political Though of Mahatma Gandhi* by R.N. Iyer (1973); *Conquest of Violence* by Joan V. Bondurant (1965); *Mahatma* by Dinanath G. Tendulkar (1960-63, 8 vols.); *Mahatma Gandhi* by Bal Ram Nanda (1958) - **For further information**: - Epigrams from Gandhiji - Man of the Millenium - Mahatma Gandhi and His Myths

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Research Interests

- Indian Mundane Astrology
- James Hillman's *The Soul's Code*, pp. 23, 26, 36, 101.
- Similar Horoscopes: Gary Gilmore (Scorpio rising, Mercury-Venus-Mars in Scorpio)

Rectification

Available Birth Data

The A-rated Astrodatabank birth time of 7:11:48 AM LMT is given by the siderealist Cyril Fagan who published a 2:29:48 AM GMT birth time, or 7:11:48 AM LMT birth time in the October 1976 issue of American Astrology. Astrodatabank reports other times given around sunrise. Other times of 11:00 AM or 11:00 PM are also suggested.

Proposed Rectification

Mahatma Gandhi
2-Oct-1869
8:24:08 AM
LMT -04:38:24
Porbandar, India
69e36'
21n38'
ASC 12SC58'16"

Stage I. Determine the Ascendant sign

The proposed rectification varies considerably from published accounts by proposing a Scorpio Ascendant (12SC58) rather than a Libra Ascendant (26LI36)

Moon's Configuration

One of the significant differences between 7:11:48 AM and 8:24:08 AM is the Moon's configuration. In the former, the Moon separates from Mars and applies to Jupiter. In the latter, the Moon separates from Jupiter and is void of course. Maternus gives delineations for cases when the Moon is waxing ("full of light") and waning ("little light"). Though the Moon is just beyond its waning square, I suggest the Leo Moon amplified by the North Node produces effects similar to a waxing Moon and offer Maternus' delineations for both configurations here:

> *If the Moon separating from Mars moves toward Jupiter in fortunate houses of the nativity, it makes generals leading an army, powerful, imperious, and terrifying in every way, and those who hold provinces and cities by the power of their own power. They will certainly be rich,*

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wealthy, with much money, and those who get everything that they want in the easiest way, and who are the victors in the conflict of all battles. (Mathesis, trans. Holden, pp. 193-194.)

If the Moon separating from Jupiter moves towards nothing but directs her own course through emptiness and is full of light, it will make travelers constantly departing, paupers, and those who with the passage of time lose all the distinctions of good fortune. (Mathesis, trans. Holden, p. 206)

The fact that Gandhi renounced wealth, progressively stripped down his wardrobe as he aged, and cared little about money is more consistent with the Moon's separation from Jupiter, not the Moon's application to Jupiter.

Moon's Degree

Another item I noticed about the Cyril Fagan reported time is the exact transit of Saturn to the Moon for Gandhi's assassination on 30-Jan-1948. While not unexpected, this does suggest a rectification and not a "from memory" birth time as Astrodatabank suggests. Now I know a thing or two about rectification and as anyone who has followed my progress over the years knows - it is a central thesis of my research that the modern rectification toolbox of transits, progressions, and solar arc directions is grossly underspecified. In the medieval system, transits were ranked at the lowest point on the predictive hierarchy.

With this in mind, note the following differences and event matches:

7:11:48 AM Horoscope	**Date**	**Event**
trSaturn conj Moon	9-Oct-1947	25-Sep-1947. Accession of Kashmir to Indian Union 22-Oct-1947. Outbreak of Indo-Pakistan War
trSaturn-rx conj Moon	30-Jan-1948	30-Jan-1948. Assassination
trSaturn conj Moon	28-Jun-1948	no event match

8:24:08 AM Horosope	**Date**	**Event**
trSaturn conj Moon	18-Oct-1947	22-Oct-1947. Outbreak of Indo-Pakistan War
trSaturn-rx conj Moon	21-Jan-1948	18-Jan-1948. Broke Fast 20-Jan-1948. Bomb detonated near prayer service 21-Jan-1948. Refused enhanced security measures
trSaturn conj Moon	5-Jul-1948	no event match

The later time yields not the assassination on 30-Jan but the end of Gandhi's fast, an unsuccessful assassination attempt, and refusal to have attenders of prayer services searched. This series of event matches is at least as good as the assassination for the earlier birth time. In addition, the later time proves a better match to the outbreak of the Indo-Pakistan War.

As to prior iterations of Saturn's transit to the Moon, the August/September 1918 pass is not conclusive as Gandhi was ill for a lengthy period of time overlapping both transits. In addition, there were no significant event matches for the July 1889 Saturn-Moon transit.

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While I do not consider this evidence to overtly favor the latter birth time, I wish to present it here as a demonstration of potential errors that can be made by use of selected transits to support a birth time which is what I suspect may be the case with Cyril Fagan's 7:11:48 AM reported birth time.

Configuration of the Chart

One of the principal characteristics of Gandhi's life was a pattern of arrest and imprisonment. Often arrests were made without any direct action on Gandhi's part (Viewers of the Academy of Award winning film *Gandhi* will recall the many times when Gandhi was walking down the street and was arrested to which he replied 'On what charge?').

A lifelong patter of arrest and imprisonment requires a connection between the ruler of the 1st and the ruler of the 12th houses. Usually if the ruler of the 1st is in the 12th, the individual gets himself into trouble. If the ruler of the 12th is in the 1st, then arrests are handed down to the individual.

For the Libra rising horoscope, 1st house ruler Venus is placed in the 2nd in a wide conjunction separating from the 12th house ruler Mercury. The two rulers are connected by conjunction, but placement in the 2nd house does not ring many bells.

For the Scorpio rising horoscope, Venus is now the 12th house lord and she is placed in the Ascendant in a close applying conjunction to Mars/Scorpio which is the 1st house lord. Here is the more obvious connection and moreso than any other evidence I supply in Stage I suggests the correctness of the Scorpio Ascendant.

Moon's Degree and Configuration of the Chart

Linking these two Stage I procedures is the transit of Jupiter to natal Moon on 22-Feb-1944 for the exact day of Gandhi's wife Kasturba's death. Only for the Scorpio rising horoscope does Jupiter rule the 2nd house, or death of the spouse (2nd = 8th from the 7th).

<u>Stage II. Determine the Ascendant's range within 1-4 degrees</u>

Lots

12th House Lot of Accusation, Exile, and Imprisonment ***6SA54***/***23CP06***

10-Apr-1919. trNorth Node ***6SA27*** conj Lot
Gandhi arrested following Rowlatt Satyagraha Day of 6-Apr-1919.

25-Apr-1934. d.s.a. Mars ***23CP07*** partile conjunct Lot's antiscion.
Car attacked by Jasidih sanatanists who attacked car with lathis and stones, 25/26-Apr-1934.

25-Jun-1934. d.s.a. Mars ***23CP17*** conjunct Lot's antiscion.
Escaped attempt on life by bomb, 25-Jun-1934.

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

Solar Arc Directions

27-Apr-1920. *d.s.a. North Node conj Lot of Fortune*
30-Sep-1921. *c.s.a. Lot of Fortune conj North Node*

Gandhi joined Home Rule League and became its president, 28-Apr-1920
Wrote on "Tempering with Loyalty" in reply to Bombay Governor's warning against sedition in *Young India*, 29-Sep-1921.

10-Apr-1924. *d.s.a. MC conj Sun* *****LOCK*****
29-Nov-1925. *c.s.a. Sun conj MC*

Wrote preface of *Satyagraha in South Africa*, 2-Apr-1924.
Resumed editorship of Young India, 3-Apr-1924.
Resumed editorship of Navajivan, 6-Apr-1924.
Final 26th chapter of *Satyagraha in South Africa* published, 22-Nov-1925.
This solar arc pairing establishes the period Gandhi wrote *Satyagraha in South Africa*.

Primary Directions

PT	D	Mars/Scorpio	P	sin square North Node d. => MC	26-Sep-1944

Gandhi announced breakdown of talks with Jinnah on Hindu-Muslim Unity, 27-Sep-1944.

1	PT	D	Mercury/Scorpio	P	ASC d. => Moon (l=MO)	15-Aug-1947
2	PT	D	Mercury/Scorpio	P	ASC d. => Moon	20-Dec-1947
3	REG	D	Mercury/Scorpio	P	ASC d. => Moon (l=MO)	26-Jan-1948
4	REG	D	Mercury/Scorpio	P	ASC d. => Moon	17-May-1948

Independence Day of India, 15-Aug-1947. Gandhi observed by fasting, spinning, prayer.
Many prayer meetings and discussions, December 1947. No specific match to #2
Assassins meet on 26-Jan-1948 in Bombay after failed attempt on 20-Jan-1948.
Assassination, 30-Jan-1948.
Trial opened against assassins and conspirators, 27-May-1948.

****LOCK**** This set of Ascendant-Moon directions is a very powerful set which links the partition of India and Pakistan (as of Independence Day) directly to Gandhi's death. The assassin Nathuram Godse was a Hindu nationalist who opposed the partition because land was forfeited to the Muslims. Godse opposed the policy of nonviolence and held Gandhi responsible for the formation of Pakistan at the expense of the Hindus. Note the Distributor Mercury/Scorpio sets the tone not only for violence and recriminations following Independence Day but also for Gandhi's assassination.

When the Moon is the releaser, as is the case here, directing the Moon to the Ascendant is specifically stated a valid arcus vitae. The Ascendant is the enemy of the Moon as this is the position where the Moon gives up her pleasure as a nocturnal planet.

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Kheda/Rowlatt Satyagrahas and the Amritsar Massacre (1918-1919)

Gandhi's first efforts in mass protests in India started in Champaran district of Bihar in 1917. During 1918-1919 another peaceful protest was launched in the Kheda district of Gujarat - this latter protest was the first time the name Satyagraha was formally employed. The cause in Kheda was a famine which had devastated the local agrarian economy. To add insult to injury, the British insisted residents pay not only their usual tax but an additional 23% tax increase slated to take effect. The British proceeded to seize property and cattle in lieu of tax payments through coercive actions. Eventually the government agreed to suspend taxes for the next two years, reduce the size of the proposed tax increase, and returned confiscated property.

At the same time the Kheda Satyagraha was winding up, the final months of WWI set into motion another set of events. Gandhi again attempted to straddle the fence of his British enemies by both encouraging Hindu recruitment for WWI service under the British flag at the same time he lobbied to seek further amendments to the Montagu-Chelmsford reforms which offered limited legislative participation by Indians in the government for the first time. At this time, Gandhi fell ill and his illness (not specified) coincided with a nationwide influenza pandemic from June to October 1918.

At the conclusion of WWI, the British were still paranoid over potential for civil unrest and passed the Rowlatt Act on 21-Mar-1919 designed to curtail the right to jury trial, authorize house arrest, and forbid sedition. Gandhi again took up Satyagraha to protest the Rowlatt Act. Unfortunately, not all Indians were prepared for peaceful protest. Riots broke out and as a pre-emptive move against perceived violence, Colonel Reginald Edward Harry Dyer massacred over 1000 and injured over 1800 unarmed Indians in Amritsar on 13-Apr-1919 which ranks as one of the worst 20th century atrocities.

A careful study of eight permutations of Saturn-Moon primary directions presented on the next page is an excellent opportunity to test the efficacy of latitude options and computational methods. The Distributor Mercury/Libra shows both the conciliatory actions of Gandhi in the Satyagraha strategy and the British in the Montagu-Chelmsford reform proposals. Gandhi was successful maintaining a peaceful tone to protests until his arrest on 10-Apr-1919 which unleashed mob violence. April 10 is five days before the conclusion of this set of directions.

The Amritsar Massacre of 13-Apr-1919 ranks high as a major life event for Gandhi as it demonstrated the limited ability of the Indian nation as a whole to commit to Satyagraha. It is not timed by solar arc direction; only the North Node transit to the Lot of Accusation, Exile, and Imprisonment for Gandhi's arrest suggests problems for Gandhi at this time. The Amritsar Massacre is best timed by the final primary direction computed for 15-Apr-1919. This is confirmed by the natal horoscope of Colonel Reginald Edward Harry Dyer (b. 9-Oct-1864, Murree, Punjab, no time) which features natal Sun 16LI and natal Saturn at 20LI. These positions are placed in the 12th house of enemies in Gandhi's horoscope and recapitulate the participating direction of the dextile sextile of Saturn computed as 12LI21. In Dyer's natal horoscopes, Saturn/Libra is combust which excites the validity in his own mind of the 'rightness' of his actions. Note also the penultimate direction #7 computed for 16-Jan-1919 arrived only two days before the Rowlatt Bills were first published in Indian media on 18-Jan-1919. Both directions #7 and #8 are computed with the full latitude of Saturn which is the latitude method I have advocated in *A Rectification Manual: The American Presidency*.

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Saturn-Moon Primary Directions to Accompany the Kheda/Rowlatt Satyagrahas and the Amritsar Massacre (1918-1919)

1	PT	D	Mercury/Libra	P	dex sextile Saturn d. => Moon (L=MO)	3-Mar-1918
2	PT	D	Mercury/Libra	P	dex sextile Saturn (L=BI) d. => Moon (L=MO)	3-Jun-1918
3	REG	D	Mercury/Libra	P	dex sextile Saturn d. => Moon (L=MO)	18-Jun-1918
4	PT	D	Mercury/Libra	P	dex sextile Saturn d. => Moon	15-Jul-1918
5	REG	D	Mercury/Libra	P	dex sextile Saturn (L=BI) d. => Moon (L=MO)	15-Sep-1918
6	REG	D	Mercury/Libra	P	dex sextile Saturn d. => Moon	18-Oct-1918
7	PT	D	Mercury/Libra	P	dex sextile Saturn (L=SA) d. => Moon	16-Jan-1919
8	REG	D	Mercury/Libra	P	dex sextile Saturn (L=SA) d. => Moon	15-Apr-1919

21-Feb-1918	Traveled to Kheda and interviewed the Collector
22-Mar-1918	Inauguration of Kheda Satyagraha
6-Jun-1918	End of Kheda Satyagraha after British concessions
21-Jun-1918	Launched military recruitment campaign
8-Jul-1918	Montagu-Chelmsford Constitutional reform proposals (Mercury/Libra as Distributor)
9-Jul-1918	Wrote to Jinnah saying they should simultaneously work for military enlistment as well as amendments to the Montagu-Chelmsford proposed reforms to seek more legislative participation
11-Aug-1918	Fell seriously ill at Naiad
17-Sep-1918	Still ill now at Sabarmati Ashram
23-Sep-1918	Imperial Council discussed Rowlatt Committee Report
20-Oct-1918	Death of Ahmed Mohamed Cachalia, President, BIA
18-Jan-1919	Rowlatt Bills published in Gazette of India. Paris Peace Conference Started.
20-Jan-1919	Gandhi operated on for piles by Dr. Dalal at Bombay.
21-Mar-1919	Rowlatt Bill passed
6-Apr-1919	Rowlatt Satyagraha Day observed all over India
9-Apr-1919	Gandhi sent out message not to resist arrest or commit violence
10-Apr-1919	Gandhi arrest triggers widespread mob violence
11-Apr-1919	Gandhi released and made appeals to avoid violence
11/12-Apr-1919	Mob violence at Ahmedabad and other disturbances at Lahore, Bombay, Viramgam, Nadiad, Amritsar, and Calcutta
13-Apr-1919	AMRITSAR MASSACRE
14-Apr-1919	Upbraided people for violence, announced three-day penitential fast
18-Apr-1919	Announced temporary suspension of civil disobedience

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

Total Victor Scores for 12 Model Variations

			☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄	Victor
Mahatma Gandhi	Chaldean	IA	11	12	28	30	23	16	13	Venus
Mahatma Gandhi	Chaldean	IB	11	12	18	30	23	16	13	Venus
Mahatma Gandhi	Chaldean	IIA	11	12	28	30	29	15	20	Venus
Mahatma Gandhi	Chaldean	IIB	11	12	18	30	29	15	20	Venus
Mahatma Gandhi	Chaldean	IIIA	11	21	31	30	38	21	23	Mars
Mahatma Gandhi	Chaldean	IIIB	11	21	21	30	38	21	23	Mars
Mahatma Gandhi	Triplicity	IA	10	11	27	32	23	17	13	Venus
Mahatma Gandhi	Triplicity	IB	10	11	17	32	23	17	13	Venus
Mahatma Gandhi	Triplicity	IIA	10	11	27	32	29	16	20	Venus
Mahatma Gandhi	Triplicity	IIB	10	11	17	32	29	16	20	Venus
Mahatma Gandhi	Triplicity	IIIA	10	20	30	32	38	22	23	Mars
Mahatma Gandhi	Triplicity	IIIB	10	20	20	32	38	22	23	Mars

Breakout Scores for Triplicity – IB Model

1507 Version, In-sect triplicity ruler, Triplicity decans

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Sun	8LI58			2	6			7
Moon	20LE41	8		2		1		
ASC	12SC58			2	3	5	1	
LOF	24VI41			9	4	2		
Syzygy	27PI53				7	3	5	
Superiors – Oriental						0	1	0
Houses		2	11	2	12	12	10	6
TOTAL		10	11	17	32	23	17	13

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	14 LE 27							
*	MC degree - sign ruler		1						
	MC degree - bound ruler								1
	MC degree - dwad ruler	23 CP 33							1
*	Planet in MC sign			1					
*	Planet in MC bound								
	Asc degree	12 SC 58							
*	Asc degree - sign ruler						1		
	Asc degree - bound ruler				1				
	Asc degree - dwad ruler	05 AR 36					1		
*	Planet in Asc sign				1	1	1		
*	Planet in Asc bound					1	1		
	Moon degree	20 LE 41							
*	Moon degree - sign ruler		1						
	Moon degree - bound ruler				1				
	Moon degree - dwad ruler	08 AR 21					1		
	Sun degree	08 LI 58							
	Sun degree - sign ruler					1			
	Sun degree - bound ruler				1				
	Sun degree - dwad ruler	17 CP 43							1
	Pars Fortuna degree	24 VI 41							
*	Pars Fortuna degree - sign ruler				1				
	Pars Fortuna degree - bound ruler						1		
	Pars Fortuna degree - dwad ruler	26 GE 14			1				
	Pars Spirit degree	01 CP 14							
	Pars Spirit degree - sign ruler								1
	Pars Spirit degree - bound ruler				1				
	Pars Spirit degree - dwad ruler	14 CP 58							1
	Syzygy degree	27 PI 53							
	Syzygy degree - sign ruler							1	
*	Syzygy degree - bound ruler						1		
	Syzygy degree - dwad ruler	04 AQ 39							1
	Planet Phases								
*	Rising within 7 days								
*	Setting within 7 days								
	Acronycal rising								
*	Station within 7 days				1				
	Total (Sign only)		2	0	1	1	1	1	1
	Total (Bound only)		0	0	4	0	2	0	1
	Total (Dwad only)		0	0	1	0	2	0	4
	Total (Sign + Bound)		2	0	5	1	3	1	2
	Total (Sign + Bound + Dwad)		2	0	6	1	5	1	6
	Total		2	1	8	3	7	1	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?	1					1	1
Diurnal planets: Placed on same horizon as Sun?						1	
Diurnal planets: Placed in masculine sign?	1						1
Nocturnal planets: Is the chart nocturnal?							
Nocturnal planets: Placed on opposite horizon as Sun?				1	1		
Nocturnal planets: Placed in feminine sign (except Mars)?				1			
Is Mercury diurnal on diurnal chart, or nocturnal on nocturnal chart?			1				
SOLAR PHASE	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Velocity	0.99	14.45	0.61	1.19	0.7	-0.1	0.07
Latitude	0	1.32	-3.32	-1	-0.6	-1.3	1.38
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							
Superior: Oriental - 1st station (retrograde)							
Superior: Oriental - Retrograde to acronycal rising						1	
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							1
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		10	1	1	1	7	
Whole Sign House Position (ASC): Succedent							2
Whole Sign House Position (ASC): Cadent	12						
Relative to Lot of Fortune							
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Angle							4
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Succedent	2						
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Cadent		12	3	3	3	9	
Relative to Lot of Spirit							
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Angle	10						
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Succedent		8	11	11	11	5	
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Cadent							12
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						
Feminine planets in feminine quadrants (1,2,3,7,8,9)				1			
ESSENTIAL DIGNITY	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Dignity - Sign					1		
Dignity - Exaltation							
Dignity - Exaltation degree							
Dignity - Triplicity - Diurnal				1			
Dignity - Triplicity - Nocturnal					1		
Dignity - Triplicity - Participating							1
Dignity - Bound						1	
Dignity - Decan							
Dignity - Fall	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?							
Reception							
Which planets are received by sign?		1	1	1	in	1	
Mutual reception by sign							
Which planets are received by exaltation?	1					1	
Mutual reception by exaltation							
Which planets are received by bound?		1	1	1	1	in	
Mutual reception by bound			1		1		
Position relative to the Nodes							
Conjunct the North Node by sign?		1					
Conjunct the North Node within 12 degrees?							
Conjunct the South Node by sign?							
Conjunct the South Node within 12 degrees?							
Square the Nodes within 5 degrees?			1				
TIME LORDS	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Day ruler							1
Planetary Hour ruler					1		

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Template for Investigation of Manners

MANNERS	-------	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
MOON 20LE41								
Sign Ruler	☉♎							
Bound	☿♌							
Bound Ruler	☿♏							
Mubtazz Scoring- single point	☉♎ => ☿♏	1,1		1		1		
Mubtazz Scoring – early medieval	☉♎ => ☿♏	5,2		3		1		
Mubtazz Scoring – late medieval	☉♎ => ☿♏	5,3		2		1	3	3
Fixed Stars								
Moon conj Algenubi 1 07’ (Leo)	♂♄							
Sun conj Vindemaitrix 0 10’ (Virgo)	♄☿							
Sun conj Caphir 0 03’ (Virgo)	☿♀							
Mercury conj Gacrux 1 50’ (Southern Cross)	♃							
Mercury conj Princeps 1 47’ (Bootes)	☿♄							
Mercury conj Syrma 1 08’ (Virgo)	☿♂							
MERCURY 3SC48								
Sign Ruler	♂♏							
Bound	♂♏							
Bound Ruler	♂♏							
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – single point	♂♏				1	1,1,1		
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – early Medieval	♂♏				2	5,3,1		
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – late Medieval	♂♏		3		3	5,3,2,1		
Fixed Stars								
Mars conj Zuben Eschemali 0 11’ (Scorpion)	♃☿							

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 5, 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 is void of course, diurnal, preventional.

Moon-Mercury whole sign aspect? Yes. Moon and Mercury are in square aspect.

Do scoring methods agree? Yes. **Mars-Mercury** are significators for manners.

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Model Summary

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Physiognomy

Ascendant sign: Scorpio
Ascendant sign ruler: Mars/Scorpio
Ascendant decan: Pisces
Ascendant decan ruler: Jupiter/Taurus-rx
Planets/Nodes placed in the Ascendant sign or decan: Mercury, Venus, Mars

Longevity: 78y 3m 27d

Releaser and kadukhudhāh. Figure is diurnal and Sun is preferred but disallowed for placement in the 12th. Moon/Leo/10th is acceptable as releaser with bound lord Mercury in square aspect, with Mercury in his house of joy and received by Mars. Mercury grans 76 major years to which the North Node by antiscia adds 25% and Mars by reception deducts 15 minor years.

Net projection: 76 + (76*1.25) - 15 = 80 yrs. Gandhi lived slightly fewer years.

Victor of the Chart: Mercury/Scorpio (preferred because of physiognomy) or Mars/Scorpio

Ibn Ezra's method suggests either Venus or Mars but note that Mercury's score is lower only because by quadrant houses he is placed in the 12th; by whole sign houses Mercury is angular in the 1st. Porphyry's expanded criteria suggests either Mercury or Mars. Also notable is Mercury as bound lord of the Ascendant, Moon, and Sun - recalling Valens' rule to choose the victor when it rules both luminaries as bound lord. Mercury meets Valens' criteria in addition to ruling the Ascendant bound (and the Lot of Fortune by sign).

If we take Mercury as Victor, we define Gandhi as the political agitator for which writing (and walking) are central to his successful Satyagraha movement for Indian Independence. Strength and stamina granted by reception of Mars/Scorpio facilitated his numerous fasts and steadfast dedication to Satyagraha. In addition, Gandhi's thin and wiry body type are more consistent with Mercury's mutable characteristic; a better match than the thicker and brutish appearance were Mars/Scorpio the physiognomy significator.

If we take Mars as victor, we define Gandhi as a member of the warrior class. Taken together with Mars-Mercury as significators for manners, on a blind reading we might delineate Gandhi as a thief and murderer (as some British certainly did). How in fact is one to distinguish Gandhi's horoscope from the infamous murderer Gary Gilmore who also has the identical configuration of Mars, Venus, and Mercury rising in a Scorpio Ascendant? I suggest the difference for Gandhi is the conjunction of Mars/Scorpio with the fixed star Zuben Eschemali which is placed both in the northern claw of the scorpion as well as the scales of justice in the Libra constellation. The nature of this star is Jupiter-Mercury which shines forth as truth and justice Gandhi was willing to fight for through Satyagraha.

Manners: Mars-Mercury

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