Medieval Astrology Profile for Benito Mussolini

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Introduction to delineation of appearance and character in natal astrology. The following document is a hand-written analysis of **Benito Mussolini**, 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. Benito Mussolini. 29-Jul-1883. Dovia il Predappio, Italy. 2:00 PM.
Source: Quoted BC/BR (Rodden Rating: AA). Provided by arrangement with Astro Dienst.
Birth Data Link: http://www.astro.com/astro-databank/Mussolini,_Benito

Photo Image
(Left) Depiction of Mussolini as soldier in 1917 during WWI service.
(Right) Undated photograph of Mussolini as Leader of Italy. Both images are in the public domain.

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Benito Mussolini

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Benito Mussolini (July 29, 1883 - April 28, 1945)

Originally a leading Socialist writer, editor, and speaker; Mussolini veered right politically after Italy's entrance to WWI. After the War he emerged as Europe's first Fascist leader, assuming position as Prime Minister on 29-Oct-1922 a day after his legendary March on Rome. Initially Mussolini's dictatorship was not totalitarian, but his leadership drew the ranks of the right wing willing to commit lawless acts on behalf of Mussolini's regime without his direct knowledge. The murder of Socialist deputy Matteotti on 3-May-1924 following criticism of national elections marked a point of no return for the development of Italian Fascism. It was significant tipping point which triggered the loss of liberal supporters including Benedetto Croce (included in the victor study). The final end of parliamentary democracy came on 5-Nov-1926 when the Council of Ministers adopted repressive measures against political opponents after four unsuccessful assassination attempts on Mussolini's life.

Between 1926 and Hitler's rise to power in 1933, Mussolini made few waves in international politics and managed to earn the favor of other European leaders for his control of the Italian state. He raised his profile in 1935 with the Italian invasion of Ethiopia on 3-Oct-1935 and declared victory on 5-May-1936 two months after Hitler occupied the Rhineland. Mussolini's excuse for invading Ethiopia was the attack and killing of Italian soldiers at Walwal on the frontier between Eithiopia and Italian Somaliland on 5-Dec-1934. But his real aim was the acquisition of land as part of Italy's imperial design following in the footsteps of Britain's victory in the Boer War and the French conquest of Algeria. Mussolini believed the concept of the Italian race as masters over the inferior Ethiopia black race would offer Italian citizens a rallying point for the Italian Fascist state. Within geopolitics, the ability of Mussolini to attack Ethiopia with only limited sanctions imposed by the League of Nations (lifted two months after Mussolini's victory) was also a "green light" for Hitler's territorial ambitions.

Mussolini's victory in Ethiopia marked his high water mark on the world stage as viewed by countries soon classified as the Allied Powers. Hitler's successful European offensives in 1940 drew Mussolini into an alliance with Germany. Thereafter, Mussolini's fortunes were directly tied to Hitler's rise and fall. Following Pearl Harbor, Mussolini with Hitler jointly declared war on the United States. One of the few high points of the war for Italy was a successful naval attack against Britain in June 1942 which Mussolini personally surveyed via airplane. June 1942 was the same month Rommel captured Tobruk in North Africa, also his high point in Germany's war effort. By early 1943, both German and Italian prospects for victory became in doubt. Nine days after Allied landings in Sicily, the Fascist Ground Council overthrew and imprisoned Mussolini on 25-Jul-1943. In an unlikely turn of events, Mussolini was rescued by Germans on 12-Sep-1943 and was made a puppet leader of the new Italian Socialist Republic in German-controlled Northern Italy where Mussolini lived for the balance of the war until his capture and execution on 28-Apr-1945. Photographs of the public display of his body in Milan, along with the bodies of his mistress Clara and three other fascists, remain one of the more pathetic images of a fallen 20th century dictator.

As a 20th century dictator, Mussolini's reputation hovers somewhat above Hitler's for Mussolini's reluctance to participate in the Holocaust. Despite his classification of Ethiopians as an inferior race, Mussolini did not ascribe to the concept of German racial purity. Agreements with Germany over deportation of Jews were seldom enforced. As a result, the number of Italian Jews sent to the gas chambers was the fewest among any European nation other than Denmark.

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Research Interests

- Italian Fascism
- Synastry to Benedetto Croce (Mussolini-Jupiter/Cancer :: Croce-Moon/Cancer)
- Similar Horoscope: Menachem Begin, Israeli Prime Minister.
  (Same signs for Ascendant, Sun, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Saturn)

Rectification

Available Birth Data

Astrodatabank reports an AA-rated birth time of 2:00 PM. The proposed birth time is 5 minutes earlier.

Proposed Rectification

Benito Mussolini
29-Jul-1993
1:55:05 PM
-00:50:00
Predappio, Italy
11e58, 44n06
ASC 19SC35’02”

<u>Stage I. Determine the Ascendant sign</u>

With an AA-rated birth time the objective of Stage I rectification is to confirm the Ascendant sign.

Physiognomy

Mussolini is an easy match to Scorpio rising based on coarse hair in his youth (compare hair to Picasso Leo rising + Sun/Scorpio) and a thug-like thickness in his older years.

Configuration of the Chart

Ascendant lord Mars/Gemini/8th in aversion to the Ascendant is consistent with Mussolini’s inability to control the violence of his underlings who often launched their attacks without Mussolini’s direct knowledge. Assassinations of Father Guiseppe Minzoni (23-Aug-1923) and Socialist Deputy Matteotti (30-May-1924) by Mussolini loyalists are examples of this life pattern.

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

Physiognomy

For a 2:00 p.m. birth time the Ascendant is in the 21st degree of Scorpio at the cusp between the 2nd decan (assigned to Pisces ruled by Jupiter/Cancer) and the 3rd decan (assigned to Cancer ruled by Moon/Gemini). The question is whether the decan rulers can help refine the Ascendant sign. The fact that Mussolini's head was as round as a billiard ball favors Jupiter placed in the sign of Cancer as 2nd decan ruler. If Moon/Gemini ruled the 3rd Cancer decan of Scorpio, we would expect facial features more Gemini-like with a higher than average probability of wearing corrective lenses.

For physiognomy students, please note there is a Cancer influence on both 2nd and 3rd decans. Jupiter in *Cancer* rules the 2nd decan which is Pisces; Moon in Gemini rules the 3rd decan which is *Cancer*. Though the decan itself can contribute to the shape of the face, my application of John Willner's facial type-sign model consistently shows it is the sign placement of the decan ruler which predominates, not the decan itself. Mussolini is a good example of this distinction.

Conclusion: Ascendant is the 2nd decan of Scorpio; birth time is prior to 2:00 p.m.

Typically I rely on Lots to refine the Ascendant degree range to within 1-4 degrees of precision during Stage II rectification. Given Mussolini's multiple arrests, initially it seemed as though I would have no problem in matching arrest events to the Lot of Exile, Accusation, and Injury. But no luck here. For Mussolini, the key breakthrough was solar arc directions to the Moon presented next.

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

Solar Arc Directions

26-Apr-1912. *dsa Mercury conj MC*
6-Jul-1912. *csa MC conj Mercury*

****LOCK**** On 20-Apr-1912 Mussolini gave notice that he intended to oust right wing members of the Socialist Party for their support of the Italian invasion of Libya in September 1911. The speech was made 8-Jul-1912 with both these dates matching this solar arc pairing. As one would expect with Mercury in Leo, the speech electrified the audience and made waves in internationalist Socialist circles with Lenin recognizing it in the 28-Jul-1912 issue of *Pravda*.

21-Feb-1917. *dsa South Node conj Moon* **(The AHA! rectification step).**

Suffered injury from an overheated gun which exploded on the Isonzo front, 22-Feb-1917.

24-Apr-1930. *csa MC conj Jupiter*.

Marriage of daughter Edda and Count Galeazzo Ciano. 24-Apr-1930.

11-Jan-1944. *csa Nodes square Moon* **(The AHA! rectification step).**

Son-in-law former Foreign Minister Count Baleazzo Ciano is executed on 11-Jan-1944 along with four other men who voted against Mussolini at the Grand Council meeting of 24-Jul-1943. Forever destroyed his relationship with his daughter Edda.

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Primary Directions

REG	D	Jupiter/Cancer	P	dex. trine ASC d. => Mars	2-Sep-1922
PT	D	Jupiter/Cancer	P	dex. trine ASC d. => Mars	24-Sep-1922
REG	D	Jupiter/Cancer	P	dex. trine ASC d. => Mars (l=MA)	22-Nov-1922
PT	D	Jupiter/Cancer	P	dex. trine ASC d. => Mars (l=MA)	30-Nov-1922

This primary direction sequence captures the events leading up to, including, and following Mussolini's famous March on Rome of 28-Oct-1922. Within the context of this sequence, Mars transited Mars' exaltation degree on 27-Oct-1922 as the March on Rome was underway.

Earlier in 1922, the Blackshirt movement had successfully occupied Ferrara, Bologna, and Ravenna. By August there was talk of why not Rome? On 24-Sep-1922, Mussolini addressed a rally of 30,000 Fascists and responded favorably to demand to march "To Rome, to Rome!" The March on Rome started on midnight 26-27 October and culminated on 28-Oct-1922 with approximately 26,000 Fascists participating. Mussolini took over the government and accepted the position of Prime Minister on 29-Oct-1922. As the sequence closed, Mussolini addressed the Chamber of Deputies and Senate for the 1st time as Prime Minister on 16-Nov-1922 and asked for emergency powers. Another aggressive speech was made to the Senate on 27-Nov-1922.

REG	D	Venus/Leo	P	Sun d. => Saturn	27-Feb-1943
PT	D	Venus/Leo	P	Sun d. => Saturn	30-Jul-1943
REG	D	Venus/Leo	P	Sun d. => Saturn (l=SA)	19-Oct-1944
PT	D	Venus/Leo	P	Sun d. => Saturn (l=SA)	11-Dec-1944
REG	D	Jupiter/Gemini	P	Saturn c. => Sun	16-Feb-1945
PT	D	Jupiter/Gemini	P	Saturn c. => Sun	23-May-1945
REG	D	Jupiter/Gemini	P	Saturn (l=SA) c. => Sun	3-Jul-1945
PT	D	Jupiter/Gemini	P	Saturn (l=SA) c. => Sun	7-Aug-1945

This set of Sun-Saturn primary directions timed Mussolini's fall from power and execution.

The situation for the Axis powers in early 1943 was dire. Rommel's last offensive against the 8th Army on 6-Mar-1943 failed leaving Mussolini in a desperate situation in North Africa. Against these losses the Fascist Grand Council voted to terminate Mussolini's leadership just after midnight on 25-Jul-1943, the closest event match to the 2nd Sun-Saturn direction listed above. This was Mussolini's effective fall from power. After this fiasco, he was imprisoned for a short time then miraculously rescued by the Germans who placed Mussolini as a puppet leader for a German controlled rump state in Northern Italy for the balance of the war.

The second set of directions computed by Saturn as promissor is kicked off by Mussolini firing the unpopular Interior Minister Guido Buffarini-Guidi on 21-Feb-1945. The Germans retaliated by arresting his secret Police Chief. These events are a close match to the 5th direction listed above for 16-Feb-1945. Mussolini was executed on 28-Apr-1945 and his body was displayed in Milan on 29-Apr-1945.

On the day of his capture, 27-Apr-1945, the Sun transited natal South Node.

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

Total Victor Scores for 12 Model Variations

			☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄	Victor
Benito Mussolini	Chaldean	IA	21	5	26	15	21	12	17	Mercury
Benito Mussolini	Chaldean	IB	14	10	19	16	26	13	22	Mars
Benito Mussolini	Chaldean	IIA	34	4	26	16	17	10	13	Sun
Benito Mussolini	Chaldean	IIB	28	10	20	15	23	9	19	Sun
Benito Mussolini	Chaldean	IIIA	34	13	29	16	26	16	16	Sun
Benito Mussolini	Chaldean	IIIB	28	19	23	15	32	15	22	Mars
Benito Mussolini	Triplicity	IA	20	5	27	16	21	12	16	Mercury
Benito Mussolini	Triplicity	IB	13	10	20	17	26	13	21	Mars
Benito Mussolini	Triplicity	IIA	33	4	27	17	17	10	12	Sun
Benito Mussolini	Triplicity	IIB	27	10	21	16	23	9	18	Sun
Benito Mussolini	Triplicity	IIIA	33	13	30	17	26	16	15	Sun
Benito Mussolini	Triplicity	IIIB	27	19	24	16	32	15	21	Mars

Breakout Scores for Triplicity – IB Model

1507 Version, In-sect triplicity ruler, Triplicity decans

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Sun	6LE01	9			2			
Moon	9GE08			6			2	3
ASC	19SC35				3	5	3	
LOF	22VI42			9	4	2		
Syzygy	27CP02			1	3	6		5
Superiors – Oriental						3	3	3
Houses		4	10	4	5	10	5	10
TOTAL		13	10	20	17	26	13	21

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	03 VI 08							
*	MC degree - sign ruler				1				
	MC degree - bound ruler				1				
	MC degree - dwad ruler	07 LI 36				1			
*	Planet in MC sign								
*	Planet in MC bound								
	Asc degree	19 SC 34							
*	Asc degree - sign ruler						1		
	Asc degree - bound ruler							1	
	Asc degree - dwad ruler	24 GE 58			1				
*	Planet in Asc sign								
*	Planet in Asc bound								
	Moon degree	09 GE 08							
*	Moon degree - sign ruler				1				
	Moon degree - bound ruler							1	
	Moon degree - dwad ruler	19 VI 37			1				
	Sun degree	06 LE 01							
	Sun degree - sign ruler		1						
	Sun degree - bound ruler					1			
	Sun degree - dwad ruler	12 LI 12				1			
	Pars Fortuna degree	22 VI 41							
*	Pars Fortuna degree - sign ruler				1				
	Pars Fortuna degree - bound ruler						1		
	Pars Fortuna degree - dwad ruler	02 GE 23			1				
	Pars Spirit degree	16 CP 27							
	Pars Spirit degree - sign ruler								1
	Pars Spirit degree - bound ruler					1			
	Pars Spirit degree - dwad ruler	17 CA 33		1					
	Syzygy degree	27 CP 02							
	Syzygy degree - sign ruler								1
*	Syzygy degree - bound ruler						1		
	Syzygy degree - dwad ruler	24 SC 28					1		
	Planet Phases								
*	Rising within 7 days							1	
*	Setting within 7 days								
	Acronycal rising								
*	Station within 7 days								
	Total (Sign only)		1	0	3	0	1	0	2
	Total (Bound only)		0	0	1	2	2	2	0
	Total (Dwad only)		0	1	3	2	1	0	0
	Total (Sign + Bound)		1	0	4	2	3	2	2
	Total (Sign + Bound + Dwad)		1	1	7	4	4	2	2
	Total		1	1	7	4	4	3	2

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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	1
Diurnal planets: Placed in masculine sign?	1						1
Nocturnal planets: Is the chart nocturnal?							
Nocturnal planets: Placed on opposite horizon as Sun?							
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	0.96	13.9	2.09	1.23	0.68	0.22	0.09
Latitude	0	-2.67	1.66	0.39	-0.2	0.11	-1.8
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					1	1	1
Superior: Oriental - Waxing sextile to square							
Superior: Oriental - Square to 1st station							
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							
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			1				
Inferior: Cazimi - Direct conjunction							
Inferior: Occidental - Direct combust							
Inferior: Occidental - Direct under sunbeams							
Inferior: Occidental - Rising to 2nd retrograde station							
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		10				
Whole Sign House Position (ASC): Succedent		8			8		8
Whole Sign House Position (ASC): Cadent				9		9	
Relative to Lot of Fortune							
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Angle		10			10		10
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Succedent				11		11	
Whole Sign House Position (LOF): Cadent	12		12				
Relative to Lot of Spirit							
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Angle				7		7	
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Succedent	8		8				
Whole Sign House Position (LOS): Cadent		6			6		6
House of Joy							
Whole Sign House of Joy							
Quadrant Placement relative to Sex							
Masculine planets in masculine quadrants (4,5,6,10,11,12)							
Feminine planets in feminine quadrants (1,2,3,7,8,9)		1		1			
ESSENTIAL DIGNITY	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Dignity - Sign	1						
Dignity - Exaltation						1	
Dignity - Exaltation degree							
Dignity - Triplicity - Diurnal	1			1			1
Dignity - Triplicity - Nocturnal							
Dignity - Triplicity - Participating							
Dignity - Bound							
Dignity - Decan	1						
Dignity - Fall							
Dignity - Detriment							
PLANETARY/NODAL CONFIGURATION	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Moon's configuration							
From which planet does the Moon separate?							1
To which planet does the Moon apply?					1		
Reception							
Which planets are received by sign?	in	1	1		1		1
Mutual reception by sign							
Which planets are received by exaltation?				1		in	
Mutual reception by exaltation							
Which planets are received by bound?				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?							
Conjunct the South Node within 12 degrees?							
Square the Nodes within 5 degrees?	1		1				
TIME LORDS	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
Day ruler	1						
Planetary Hour ruler	1						

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Template for Investigation of Manners

MANNERS	-------	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄
MOON 9GE08								
Sign Ruler	☿♏							
Bound	♃♊							
Bound Ruler	♃♋							
Mubtazz Scoring- single point	☿♏			**1,1**			1	1
Mubtazz Scoring – early medieval	☿♏			**5,1**			3	2
Mubtazz Scoring – late medieval	☿♏			**5,3,1**		3,2	3	
Fixed Stars								
Moon conj Aldebaran 0 16’ (Taurus)	♂							
Moon conj Ain 1 36’ (Taurus)	♀☽							
MERCURY 5LE31								
Sign Ruler	☉♏							
Bound	♃♏							
Bound Ruler	♃♋							
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – single point	☉♏ => ♀♋	**1,1,1**					1	
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – early Medieval	☉♏ => ♀♋	**5,2,1**					3	
Mubtazz Scoring for Mercury – late Medieval	☉♏ => ♀♋	**5,3,1**					3,2	3
Fixed Stars								
Mercury conj Asellus Borealis 1 05’ (Crab)	☉♂							
Mercury conj Praesepe 0 45’ (Crab)	☽♂							
Venus conj Pollux 0 44’ (Twins)	♂							

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 Saturn and applies to Mars, diurnal, preventional.

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

Do scoring methods agree? Yes. **Venus-Mercury** are significators of manners.

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Model Summary

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

Physiognomy

Ascendant sign: Scorpio
Ascendant sign ruler: Mars/Gemini
Ascendant decan: Pisces
Ascendant decan ruler: Jupiter/Cancer
Planets/Nodes placed in the Ascendant sign or decan: North Node in Ascendant sign

Longevity: 61y 8m 29d

Releaser and kadukhudhāh. Figure is diurnal and Sun/Leo/10th qualifies as the releaser. The question here is whether we consider the Sun strong enough in Leo to also qualify as kadukhudhāh, take Mercury (as victor) as the kadukhudhāh, or work through the Sun's rulers starting with bound ruler Venus in her diurnal triplicity in a morning setting solar phase.

The curious feature of malefics in this figure is that they cannot deduct years as they sextile both Sun and Mercury without reception; likewise they are in aversion to and do not receive Venus.

With both Sun and Mercury at the bendings of the Nodes and with the South Node conjunct both Sun and Mercury by antiscia; the overall impression given by this horoscope is that both Sun and Mercury are life giving forces for Mussolini but the Nodes deduct years.

Suppose Mercury grants 76 major years; South Node deducts 25% by antisica leaving net 57 yrs or 29-Jul-1940. Italy declared war on 10-Aug-1940 after Hitler's victory after invasion of the Low Countries. Arguably Mussolini's death can be dated from this event which thereafter tied him to Hitler's rise and fall. Alternatively, consider the Sun grants 120 major years and the Nodes cut the projection in half, net is 60. There is nothing in the literature to support anything other than a 25% reduction in years by the Nodes. What I am wondering here if there is an exception with the Sun at the bendings with each Node deducting 25% for a total of 50%.

Victor of the Chart: Mercury/Leo

Ibn Ezra's method selects Mars; Porphyry's Stage I criteria adds Mercury and Jupiter as contenders. Jupiter/Cancer can be safely ruled out though by this placement in the 9th Mussolini was certainly helped by lenient courts which routinely reduced his sentences. The testimony for Mars/Gemini is stronger based on favorable solar phase compared to Mercury. Though combust, Mercury is received by the Sun which mitigates the effects of combustion according to some authors. Life events by Firdaria periods also confirm the greater relative importance of Mercury to Mussolini's life history. He rose to fame as a writer and speaker during his major Mercury period and led the March on Rome under the Moon-Mercury Firdaria subperiod. I favor Mercury over Mars as victor though Mercury's reception of Mars clearly adds a Martian influence to Mussolini's life purpose.

Manners: Venus-Mercury

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Firdaria

SUN 10 yrs		29-Jul-83	Victor	Life Event
Sun	Venus	31-Dec-84		
Sun	Mercury	6-Jun-86		
Sun	Moon	10-Nov-87		
Sun	Saturn	15-Apr-89		
Sun	Jupiter	18-Sep-90		
Sun	Mars	22-Feb-92		
VENUS 8 yrs		28-Jul-93		
Venus	Mercury	18-Sep-94		
Venus	Moon	10-Nov-95		
Venus	Saturn	31-Dec-96		
Venus	Jupiter	22-Feb-98		
Venus	Mars	15-Apr-99		
Venus	Sun	5-Jun-00		
MERCURY 13 yrs		28-Jul-01	X	2-Jul-1902. Spoke at Socialist rally on 20th anniversary of Garibaldi's death after speaker failed to appear. Active in anarchist circles in Switzerland Feb-1903. Arrested in France with another anarchist. Biographer Ridley: "Mussolini had already developed the style of oratory and journalism that he kept all his life - the short, lucid sentence, coming straight to the point and striking home with savage force.", pp. 18-19.
Mercury	Moon	6-Jun-03	X	June 1903. Published "The Sport of the Crowned Heads" in Il Proletario. 18-Jun-1903. Arrested by Swiss.
Mercury	Saturn	14-Apr-05	X	Serving in Army during this time in Verona.
Mercury	Jupiter	22-Feb-07	X	18-Jul-1908. Arrested after threatening a factory manager in Predappio; sentence reduced and freed Nov 1908.
Mercury	Mars	31-Dec-08	X	6-Feb-1909. Accepted offer to edit Socialist paper Il Popolo Several arrests after protests libelous articles against clergy. 9-Jan-1910. Editor of new Socialist paper "The Class Struggle."
Mercury	Sun	9-Nov-10	X	17-Nov-1910. Death of father. 24-Sep-1911. In anti-war speech following Italy's invasion of Libya, recommended that Socialists blow up railroads preventing transport of Italian troops. Arrested 14-Oct-1911, sentenced 23-Nov-1911, released 12-Mar-1912. 8-Jul-1912. At Socialist Party Congress, made motion to expel right wing of Socialist Party, those who supported the war. This even timed by Mercury-MC solar arc directions (see rectification).
Mercury	Venus	18-Sep-12	X	Dec-1912. Appointed editor of Avanti!, daily newspaper of National Socialist Party. 10-Jun-1914. Socialists call off their strike during "Red Week" disappointing Mussolini who wanted more aggressive action.
MOON 9 yrs		28-Jul-14		
Moon	Saturn	10-Nov-15		
Moon	Jupiter	21-Feb-17		
Moon	Mars	6-Jun-18		Oct 1918. Italian losses in the last days of WWI. 28-Jun-1919. Treaty of Versailles.
Moon	Sun	18-Sep-19		
Moon	Venus	31-Dec-20		
Moon	Mercury	15-Apr-22	X	28-Oct-1922. March on Rome

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SATURN 11 yrs		28-Jul-23		
Saturn	Jupiter	21-Feb-25		
Saturn	Mars	18-Sep-26		5-Nov-1926. After four unsuccessful assassination attempts, the Council of Ministers adopted repressive measures against political opposition effectively ending parliamentary democracy.
Saturn	Sun	14-Apr-28		
Saturn	Venus	9-Nov-29		
Saturn	Mercury	6-Jun-31	X	23-Oct-1932. Made speech proposing Four Power Pact of Friendship between Italy, Britain, France, and Germany.
Saturn	Moon	31-Dec-32		
JUPITER 12 yrs		28-Jul-34		3-Oct-1935. Attack on Ethiopia launched.
Jupiter	Mars	14-Apr-36		5-May-1936. Italian victory in Ethiopia. High water mark for Mussolini's reputation among foreign powers before leaning towards Nazi Germany.
Jupiter	Sun	31-Dec-37		
Jupiter	Venus	18-Sep-39		
Jupiter	Mercury	5-Jun-41	X	11-Dec-1941. Mussolini and Hitler jointly declare war on USA.
Jupiter	Moon	22-Feb-43		
Jupiter	Saturn	9-Nov-44		28-Apr-1945. Executed.
MARS 7 yrs		28-Jul-46		

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