

# **2022 Relationships & Specialist Techniques Exam - Horary**

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A female client has telephoned you and wants to know whether she and her partner will stay together? She asks the question: **“Should I stay or go?”** The time and date she asked the question was **7.14 pm, on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022, in Brisbane, Queensland.** (Ascendant is approximately 25 degrees Cancer).

**Using the traditional technique of Horary, how would you assist her? What would you share with her in your consultation together? Validate your answer by demonstrating the relevant rules & regulations of this technique utilised by reliable sources on the subject.**

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A female client has sought out our astrological advice on a horary question concerning her relationship, on whether she should stay or leave her partner. Horary is a branch of astrology that examines a question asked at a sacred time, using the chart cast for this particular moment. As the quality of our relationship largely determines the quality of our lives, this is a grave question, affecting our client’s personal happiness and could potentially change the course of her future. Her earnestness in seeking out an astrologer and beseeching the heavens to shed light on the relationship situation show that she has stake in the outcome of the question, and thus would constitute this question as a sacred horary moment.

Lily gave *“warning to the Astrologer, that before he deliver judgement he well consider whether the Figure is radicall, capable of judgement... When the Lord of the hour at the time of proposing the Question, and affecting the Figure, and the Lord of the Ascendant or first House, are of one triplicity, or be one, or of the same nature”* (Lily, 1647, pg.121). Our horary chart has Cancer rising, the Moon is the Ascendant ruler. The planetary hour ruler, Mars, is the nighttime triplicity ruler of the Water signs. Both Moon and Mars are rulers of the triplicities of Earth and Water, therefore the chart is radical and fit to be judged.



We note the relatively late rising degree, 24 Cancer 55, which depicts a situation coming being well advanced in its progression or close to a conclusion. The cardinal angles describe events of short duration and thus suggest that our client would made up her mind about her relationship dilemma soon enough.

The Ascendant represents the querent while the Descendant represents her partner. For an affirmative answer, we are seeking a perfection by Ptolemaic aspects (sextile, square, trine, opposition and conjunction) between the two significators. Receptions, mutual or otherwise, would aid the ease of success, whereas the lack of reception, even when there is perfection may not warranty success. If there were no perfections, we would look for other methods which could bring the two significators together such as translation of light or collection. Translation of light is a technique where a faster planet, usually the Moon or Mercury, separates from one significator and applies to the other whilst being *“received from the planet it is separating from or applying to”* (Lily, 1647, pg. 111). Collection of light is a technique where the two significators apply to a third heavier planet. The third heavier planet collects and stores the nature of the two significators, acting as a facilitator bringing the two parties together.

In this horary chart, the Moon is both the ruler and almuten of the Cancer Ascendant and so she represents our client. The Moon is perigrine, in Pisces and in the 8<sup>th</sup> house. Perigrine planet is a planet without essential dignities, lacking the necessary strength to yield effective action and having to rely on others to get things done. Pisces, amongst other things, is a sign of confusion, delusion and confinement. Our client may feel she is stuck in the relationship with some degree of disillusion and unrealistic expectations. Pisces is also a double-bodied sign; hence she is of two minds, oscillating between two decisions.

Lily describes the 8<sup>th</sup> house as “... *death, its quality and nature; the wills ... dowry of the wife's (partner's money) ... fear and anguish of the mind*” (Lily, 1647, pg. 54). Whilst we can eliminate death and wills as this horary concerns relationship, we can safely deduce that our client (the Moon) is in a state of turmoil and crisis (8<sup>th</sup> house). The 8<sup>th</sup> house is considered a weak house as it is in aversion to and does not behold the Ascendant. Therefore, our querent is not in an effective position to affect matter. The location and state of the Moon describe our client's difficult situation and state of mind very well, thus a further testament to the radicality of the chart.

Furthermore, being in the house of her partner's money, we suspect that our client may be beholden to him financially or is embroiled in his finance in some way, either of which gives her an equal footing in the relationship. The ruler of the 8<sup>th</sup> house, Jupiter (Pisces on the 8<sup>th</sup> cusp), is in rulership and conjunct its own house cusp. Jupiter signifies excess and abundance and being in rulership would connote her partner's copious wealth. He is a man of monetary success and influence. This description of wealth supports the assumption that our client relies on his resources (the Moon in 8<sup>th</sup> house). Mercury rules the second house of our client's resources and is in the 7<sup>th</sup> house, in her partner's house, indicating that her values or money are under his control. Of course, we would need confirmation from our client to verify this interpretation. In either case, she is beholden to him, financially or otherwise.

Our client's partner is represented by Saturn, ruler of the Capricorn Descendant. Saturn is wildly dignified, being angular in the 7<sup>th</sup> house, his own house, fast and direct in

motion and in rulership and triplicity.<sup>1</sup> Unlike our ineffectual client, her partner is in a position to wield power and affects changes. In other words, he has the upperhand in this relationship.

There are no reception nor perfection between the two significators, Moon and Saturn, which heralds that they are likely not end up staying together. Let's look for other ways that could potentially facilitate them coming together. The Moon is the fastest planet in the chart, thus there is no translation of light possible between her and the other significator, Saturn. There is also no collection possible in the chart as Saturn is the slowest moving planet here.

The Moon not only represents the querent, but also the sequence of events in the chart. She separates from a square to Mars by just over 1 degree and will shortly mutually apply to Venus by sextile in less than 1 degree. Mars is perigrine in the 5<sup>th</sup> house of sex and love and governs discord and quarrels. Venus represents reconciliation and is weak in a cadent house, severely afflicted by retrogradation and combustion. While there is mixed mutual reception between the Moon and Mars, Mars is the triplicity ruler of the Moon and the Moon is the face ruler of Mars. Face rulership is a weak rulership, "*operating from a position of worry and fear*" (Lehman, 1996, pg. 91), thus would not be able to improve the stressful Moon-Mars square aspect. Our client would have recently had an argument with her partner about the state of their relationship (5<sup>th</sup> house) roughly a week or a month ago. According to Anthony Louis, the sign and house of the applying planet would determine time interval and in this case, the Moon's mutable sign and succedant house describe

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<sup>1</sup> Note that whilst Lily did not include out-of-sect triplicity rulership in the calculation of a planet's dignity, modern horary astrologers eg. L. Lehman and A. Louis do with good results, therefore, I am following their technique.

moderate time of weeks or months (Louis, 2014, pg. 195). They most likely will reconcile very soon, in a week/month or so. We would ask our client to confirm if she had an argument and if so, when? The unit of time (week/month) that she tells us would be the appropriate unit of time to be used for future events.

There is mixed mutual reception of the Moon and Venus. Venus is in the exaltation ruler of the Moon while the Moon is the triplicity ruler of Venus. We would surmise that they both have the will and good intention to work things out. However, this reconciliation would do little to save their relationship or change the footing of the two parties as Venus is weak and severely afflicted, unable to perform her function well.

The Moon next sextile the Part of Fortune in approximately 4 degrees. This would signify only a minimally fortunate event in four weeks/months as ruler of the Part of Fortune Venus, as mentioned before, is in a heavily debilitated state.

The Moon will ingress into Aries, a sign of eagerness in action, in just over 11 degrees. A significator's change of sign usually denotes a change in circumstances. Our client would move from a place of confusion (Pisces) to a place of motivation and self-initiation (Aries) and potentially would adjust her frame of mind to become more geared towards taking decisive actions in 11 or 12 weeks/months.

After analysing the horary chart, we would advise our client that whilst there is imminent reconciliation with both parties having good intention to work things out (Moon sextile Venus with mixed mutual reception), the chart portends that she and her partner will part ways in the near future (no perfection nor reception between her significator and her partner's). A mildly fortunate turn of event would occur in about 4 weeks/months but

without lasting benefit. Our client will feel more encouraged for a fresh start or a change of scenery in 11 or 12 weeks/months time (Moon ingresses into Aries).

We would encourage our client to take a step back to examine her relationship in a more objective light, use this time to consider all her options and reconnect with other important relationships in her life such as family and friends. We highly recommend that she consults a psychotherapist who could help to process her feelings and come to terms with the potential ending of her relationship. In the meantime, it would be in our client's best interest to focus on the fact that she would soon be in a more empowered position to take charge of her life and steer it in a more fulfilling direction.

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