

The US 2020 Presidential Election Prediction: What went wrong!

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First I have to apologize it has taken me so long to get to this. I think it is very important to examine the results and see just where the prediction went wrong. It is important to see if the techniques were invalid and wrong or if, and this is more likely, the astrologer (meaning me) went wrong with understanding the significations. I am not going to blame the failed prediction on alleged voter fraud or some error of the system. Either astrology sees the results regardless of how it got there or it doesn't.

Specifically I used techniques that are a part of the historical record. They are not 'new' techniques although I think for many the knowledge of them is new, which is not the same as being a 'new' technique. When using these techniques I made a couple of assumptions that in hindsight really made and **ass** of **u** and **me**!

My first assumption was that the US election was decided on Election Day. In the US there is a process that starts from the closing of the polls until January 6 that actually could change any supposed result. I am not going to detail that in this paper, but it is a fact that no candidate becomes 'president elect' until a joint session of the US Congress certifies the votes from the States. From the closing of the polls on the first Tuesday in November of an election year until January 6 literally anything could happen. Now the mainstream media and its big Tech allies have been busy censoring any discussion of irregularities that have been alleged yet well documented under the 2021 election. Those irregularities are now going to be heard in the Supreme Court on the 19th of February 2021. Already one circuit court made it clear in the state of Virginia that changing voting laws by anyone other than state legislature was illegal.¹ 5 elections in US history were heatedly contested. So it is not a one off phenomena. The election between Gore and Bush was very heatedly contested by democrats in the 2000 election! We might say that if the astrology in January does not confirm the astrology of the Election Day then our predictions might just be wrong if they are solely based on the day of the election. As I stated at the beginning the astrology should reflect the process and result of an election. In this case it truly does but I will get to that.

My point is that using Election Day to tell the story of a US election is not fool proof and cannot be certain because it is only the first step in an election in the States.

My second and probably the worst assumption was that a malefic in its domicile and a good house will indicate something good. This was something taught by my teacher, Robert Zoller and in his diploma course lesson he says this,

*"If you have a malefic planet in a benefic house such as the 10th house then the malefic planet, say Saturn, will work against the realisation of the 10th house which is the destiny, the profession, success, etc. **If that malefic planet is in good zodiacal state** it will produce a profession and benefit from the profession. It will work in favour of the realisation of the 10th house, though it will give the 10th house a specifically Saturnian quality, which is to say it is going to make the profession very Saturnian, e.g., involvement with finance, real-*

¹ <https://www.dailysignal.com/2021/01/26/virginia-rule-allowing-late-ballots-missing-postmark-was-illegal-court-rules/>

estate, with construction etc., and it will bring typically Saturnian problems to bear in connection with the realisation of the 10th house – delays, hindrances, obstacles etc. But it will nevertheless produce a 10th house, as opposed to destroying a 10th house.”²

Robert was basing this on Morin and quotes him from his *Astrologie Gallica*,

"A benefic in poor zodiacal state, i.e. in Detriment or Fall, and determined towards an evil house, becomes accidentally malefic, and a malefic planet in good zodiacal state, i.e. Exaltation or Rulership, determined towards a good house becomes accidentally benefic.”³

You will notice that I have emphasized the words, “*If that malefic planet is in good zodiacal state...*” because this is at the root of the delineation mistake. Is Robert’s statement wrong? No, the statement of itself is true. Then how is it at the root of the delineation mistake? Very simply the problem is the definition of “good zodiacal state”! Both Morin and Zoller qualify ‘good zodiacal state’ by saying it is when a planet is in strong dignity (domicile or exaltation rulership) and determined to a profitable and good house; determined meaning being posited in and/or ruling a good house. That is not wrong either. But here lies the problem. This zodiacal state was exclusive; it does not take into account the planets phase to the sun, if it happens to be strong, mediocre, or weak in its joys etc. And most importantly of these determinants it totally ignores the sect of the chart.

I do blame Morin because he was 100% philosophically biased and couldn’t even delineate his own chart honestly⁴ and because he was offended by the ancient’s conceptual language he decided he knew better and rewrote it; wrongly! I believe Robert was honestly trying to piece together an art that had been seriously corrupted in its conceptual language. Roberts’s choices of Bonatti and Morin were the only available sources at that time. Thankfully we are no longer limited by those two sources and can in fact study the original sources, many now translated from their original language rather than through translators translating translators *ad nauseam!*⁵

Suffice it to say the idea of zodiacal state was totally **under**stated in what I learned and the result of that is lying at the root of my mistake in delineation and I will show you why.

In the historical record similar statements are made without a qualification of zodiacal state, although if you take the text as a whole you can piece together a more complete picture of zodiacal state since it was the habit of the earlier writers to exemplify things through their delineations rather than a direct explanation. For example in Dorotheus we find him using a malefic to give a good outcome but he gives a rather interesting qualification when using the malefics.⁶

² P.50 “*Dignity/Debility and Accidental Malefics/Benefics*” - Diploma Course in Medieval Astrology Lesson Seven: Planets – © 2002 Robert Zoller and New Library Limited

³ Section II chapter II – *Astrologie Gallica* Book 21 – Translated from the Latin and edited by Richard S. Baldwin and Published by American Federation of Astrologers, Inc.

⁴ Just an off the top of my head example is him claiming many of his 11th house planets like Venus in her exaltation to be 12th house planets and him complaining no one supported his work which was a total lie considering the Queen of Sweden (Venus in her exaltation in the 11th of patrons) financed his work on his ephemeris and tables!

⁵ We should be thankful to have people like Benjamin Dykes PhD, and Charles Burnett and Levente László and his HOROI Project (<http://horoiproject.com>), not to forget the late Robert Schmidt & James Holden; for the wealth of translations we have today!

⁶ I could go through many texts to give examples but I am not going to here in this paper but will leave it to the reader to do some digging and find out for themselves.

Generally Dorotheus makes statements like this,

*“<If> Saturn is the lord of the 2nd they **will suffer** this from old persons, slaves or freed slaves, or someone disreputable, or on account of fields, farming, foundations, or sepulchres... The evil is worse when a malefic is its lord (or rather of the 2nd), and occupies a bad place.”⁷*

Here Dorotheus makes no distinctions for dignity but does concerning position in the chart; it is simply “malefic= bad”. Under Saturn finances suffer from everything Saturnine! He even tells us a malefic can give something when in a good condition,

*“The malefics also give occasional friendships when they are **well-placed, in their own places, and seeing the benefics**, except that they are not steadfast or safe.”⁸*

That is not much of a friendship. But if you’re desperate for friendship I guess it is something!

Māshā’allāh gives us an interesting chart in which the significator of the querent’s promotion into leadership was the malefic Saturn.

“A certain man asked whether he would acquire a kingdom in that year or not, at which time the Ascendant was the fourteenth degree of Cancer, and the Midheaven the third degree of Aries. And the Moon was in Libra in the fourth degree, twenty-second minute; and Saturn in Aries, the eleventh degree. And the Sun in Aries, the twenty-ninth degree, tenth minute, and Venus in Pisces, the seventeenth degree and ninth minute, and Jupiter in Taurus by 21° 10’, and Mercury in Taurus 10° 15’, and Mars in Gemini, by 22° 26’.

Therefore, in this interrogation I examine... the lord of the Ascendant which was the Moon. I found the Moon joined to Saturn from Saturn's exaltation in Libra, and Saturn received the Moon according to his exaltation, and signified the outcome of the matter, according to the command of God. [This was so] because Saturn received the Moon which was the lady of the Ascendant and Saturn was in a royal house, which is the place of the matter; and the querent's [obtaining of the] principedom was due to the reception by Saturn which received the Moon. But this would not be until it would be begged for by the lord of the interrogation and there will be some difficulty or suffering because Saturn receives the Moon by opposition or contrariety; and the spirit of the one who seeks the matter will be made anxious because of Saturn's placement; [this is] because Saturn... is in his descension or fall, and in vileness. Thus Saturn is distressed in its own place.”

He gives this outcome for the querent from the delineation of the chart,

*The outcome for the man about whom I spoke above was one of little favour. He did not find what he was seeking in this matter except for a middling result. Yet **he received his authority**... Also, likewise, there came to pass little advantage for him **because Saturn, which decreed the kingship for him**, according to the command of God, was in the sign of his descension and of his baseness and evil, and his pit, and [Saturn was] in a place in which there was no dignity for him. Even that which was given to the querent of this [authority] was hateful because of the hate which Saturn had for his own place.”⁹*

⁷ From the Dorotheus Excerpts I:1 & 9 (p.335) – *Carmen Astrologicum* by Dorotheus – translated and edited by Benjamin Dykes PhD and published by Cazimi Press 2017

⁸ IBID XVI:5 (p.338)

⁹ Chapter 10, “On Reception” by Māshā’allāh, From Ben Dykes translation in his book, “The Works of Sahl & Māshā’allāh”

Here is the chart:

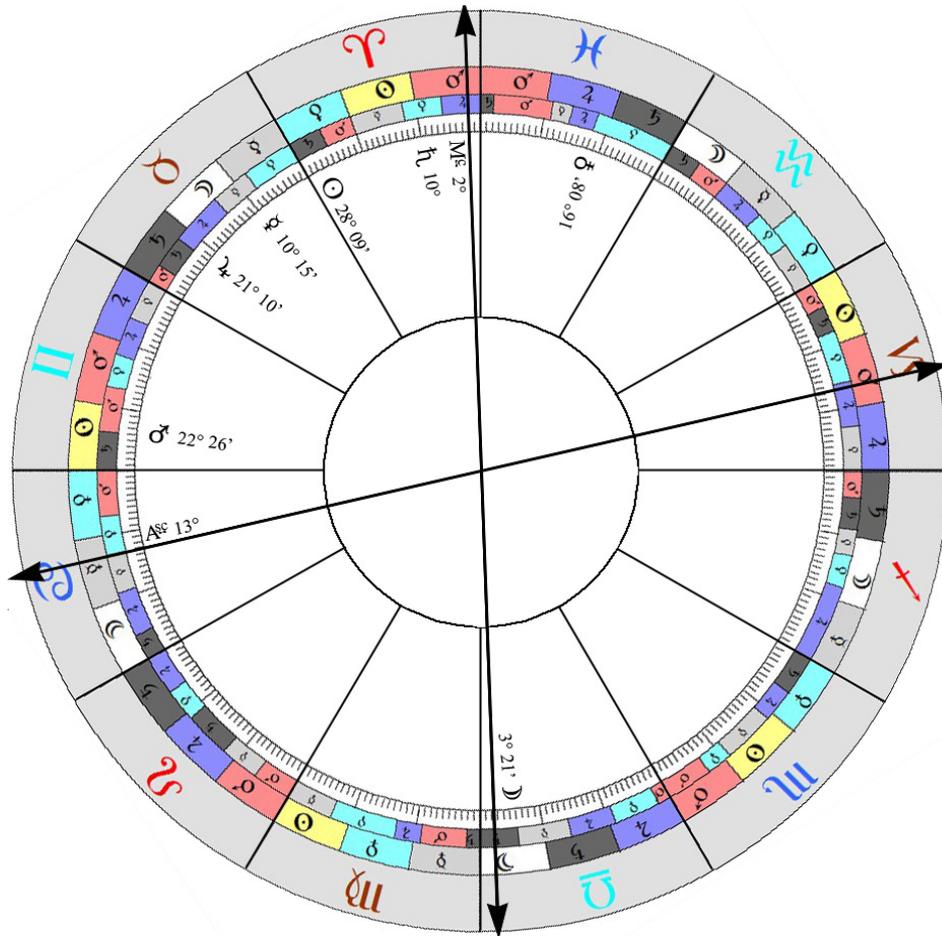


Figure 1 - Chapter X: A Question Concerning Kingship. Māshā'allāh "On Reception"

It is a shame Māshā'allāh does not take the time to really describe the condition of Saturn other than to say it was in its fall. So I will and its zodiacal state is all important. First of all **Saturn is of the chart sect**. What does that mean? I will let Robert Schmidt explain in his own words,

*"First of all, contrary to the Ptolemaic account of sect, in the original doctrine the condition of being 'of the sect' does not make any delineation better. It simply tells us, that as a member of the sect in favour, the planet can push through its own legislation so to speak, according to the principles of the sect to which it belongs. In other words, in Hellenistic texts, delineation is **normalised** on the condition of being of the sect. It constitutes a baseline subject to further modification. One of those modifications occurs when the planet is **contrary to the sect**. Then we might say that its legislation is always in some manner compromised so that the delineation is always worse than the delineation normalised on the condition of being of the sect. The planet cannot legislate according to the principles of its own sect. This follows directly from the political model I have been using. When a given party is not in favour, it has to add or subtract measures from the legislation it would otherwise put through if it were in favour. And such compromises always corrupt the legislation.*

By returning to the principles the two sects stand for; uniformity and stability in the case of the diurnal planets and diversity and change in the case of the nocturnal, this formulation

*should give you a way of beginning to think about what it means for a planet to be contrary to the sect, (and) why a delineation associated with such a planet never concretises properly or according to norm.”*¹⁰

So he is of the sect and his indications will support the chart agenda! Secondly, Saturn has just risen at its heliacal rising and oriental so very intense in its indications! It's above the horizon in the proper light! It is in a masculine/diurnal sign together with the chart luminary who is the exalted ruler of that sign! It is in a diurnal quadrant! And what Māshā'allāh also fails to mention is that Saturn is a triplicity ruler of the chart luminary and the Midheaven. Regardless that Saturn is in the sign of his fall, he absolutely has the authority to indicate something supporting professions and honours! Which is why the querent received the position he was seeking. The fact that it was a malefic in its fall is what indicated the misfortune with the fortune of getting the position. We don't know what the actual delineation contained because all we have is a Latin translation of a text that no longer exists in its original form. Some of the charts I have seen from the Byzantine era have more context than I have seen from Māshā'allāh or the early Persians! Here I have to give a shout out to the tireless work of Levente László and his HOROI Project¹¹ which has translated several important delineations and charts.

One thing I do know for sure is that one of the biggest distinctions about the misfortune of the malefics was the distinction of whether or not the malefic was a member of the chart sect, or in the opposite sect of the chart. For example 'Umar writing,

*“The malefics: if **Saturn were in an angle in the night and Mars in the day**, and especially in the Ascendant or the Midheaven, the native **will not have a memory**,¹² or an assembly, or work, or a kingdom...”*¹³

But it is Abu Ma'shār in his *Great Introduction to Astrology* who really makes distinctions and clarifies many misunderstandings I had assumed concerning zodiacal state. I am going to use his discussion of Saturn since Saturn was a primary reason I called this election for Trump.

*“When in the case of Saturn... **its temperateness and good fortune are during the day**, because of its heat and **being in diurnal and masculine signs**, and **when it is in the east** by itself or **when it is in one of the signs that conform to it, such as a house, exaltation, or term, or one of the shares suitable to it**, then, this being so, it indicates good fortune and, according to which good conditions come together with it, its indication indicates the abundance of good fortune and its power. If these conditions decrease a little, the indication of its good fortune decreases.”*¹⁴

So the very **first** thing Abu Ma'shār points to with regards to a good “zodiacal condition” is **sect**; then its joys in its sect like being in diurnal signs and oriental and finally he talks about

¹⁰ An excerpt transcribed from Robert Schmidt's lecture found on Tape 7, “Planets, Classification continued” in his basic classes on “The System of Hermes”.

¹¹ <http://horoiproject.com>

¹² That doesn't mean he has a bad memory but that there will be no memory of him in a profession... that is no reputation.

¹³ Chapter III.9: Work and Mastery (p.68) – *Three Books of Nativities* by 'Umar al-Tabarī – translated by Benjamin Dykes PhD in Persian Nativities Volume II, published by the Cazimi Press 2010

¹⁴ Part IV 6:6b (p.405) – *The Great Introduction to Astrology* by Abu Ma'shār – translated by Charles Burnett and Keiji Yamamoto, published by Brill 2019 (In Ben Dykes translation this would be Chapter IV.6:15 &16, i.e. pp.236 -237)

being in signs that he has a share in and summarizes by saying that the fortune is dependent on how many of the good conditions exist!

When writing about Mars we find the exact same things,

*“Mars is a malefic by its nature... When Mars is in the nocturnal position, in the west, in the nocturnal, feminine signs, in the wet, cold signs, or in positions that conform to it, such as a house and exaltation, and in good positions, it indicates temperateness and a good mixture, and it is in the nature of the benefics. Whenever these conditions that mix with it increase, its indication of good fortune becomes stronger.”*¹⁵

Again we find first sect then its joys in its sect and then its strength in the sign as well as its position relative to the sun and in the chart.

When he speaks of the malefics misfortune again he starts with sect,

*“If it (Saturn) **is in the nocturnal position**, in the west, in nocturnal, feminine signs, in its fall, in its detriment, or in bad positions for it, it shows its nature, **which is corruption and misfortune**. Whenever these bad conditions increase, its indication of misfortune is stronger.”*¹⁶

Being placed in the wrong sect was a guarantee the malefic was every bit malefic. But that is not the only thing Abu Ma’shār had to say. And this part I actually did refer to in my delineation.

*“As for the malefics, **even if they indicate good fortune, they are not called benefics**, but are said to be ‘in the nature of the benefics’ in the thing about which they indicate good fortune. That good fortune is acquired with difficulty and hardship and the possessor of it dislikes it, having many troubles because of it. He sometimes does not turn to his advantage the good fortune in a thing, and does not take pleasure in it, and he gives its benefit to someone else or bequeaths it to another or many harms and misfortunes happen to him because of it.”*¹⁷

That quote sounds an awful lot like Māshā’allāh’s delineation where the querent got the position he wanted (the good fortune) but it did not make him happy or satisfied and in fact was a burden (the misfortune associated with the malefics). And that is when it is in good condition. A two edged sword!

So what has this to do with my prediction? Absolutely everything! Even though I have had many texts and the whole counsel before me for many years, we tend to chisel ideas in stone so when new information and understanding comes it is not easy or immediately obvious that the chiselled stone was wrong and did not contain the full council. So just to say this again so that there are no misunderstandings; I am not blaming Robert Zoller. I am blaming myself since I have had much of the correct understanding for 10 years or better. The reason for this paper is not to play victim and blame others for something I clearly have had the full counsel for. I only want to put it into context.

So getting to the heart of my prediction, I based my prediction on one principle chart and supporting charts; i.e. I used the chart of Trumps inauguration in 2017 as a beginning chart of

¹⁵ Ibid Part IV Chapter 6.7 (p.407)

¹⁶ Ibid Part IV Chapter 6.6 (p.406 &407)

¹⁷ Ibid Part IV Chapter 6.19 (p.415)

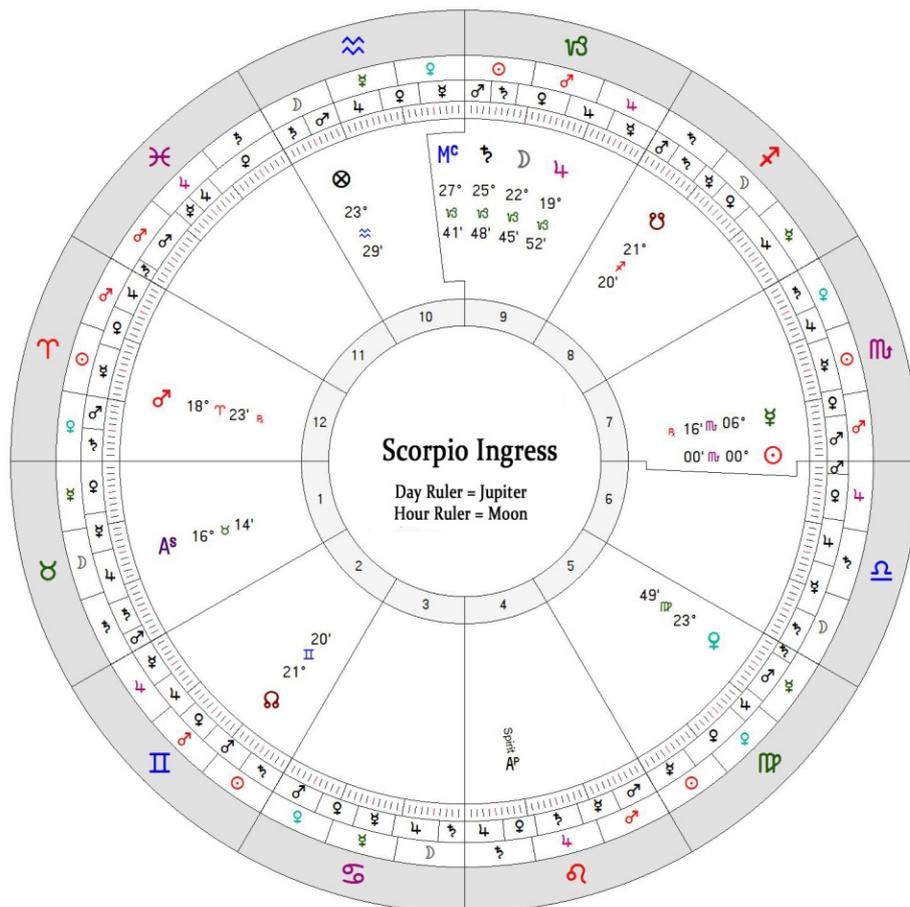
his rule. The fact that US presidencies can only be for 4 years and a maximum of 2 terms is inconsequential because it is very simple to use the inauguration chart as significant for a 4 year term and use return charts and ingress charts to fill in details and give understanding to the directions of the principle signifiers in the inauguration chart. This of course is based on natal astrology that assumes a beginning as the birth chart and subsequent ingresses or solar returns as filling in details along with other time-lord techniques that are used to highlight probable events like the yearly profecion and directions of signifiers through the bounds.

In my prediction I specifically was using the ingress chart of the Sun into Scorpio which was just days before the election to see what transits were involved and their relationship to the inauguration chart and the places in the inauguration chart where directions had come to.

After explain the different directions through the bounds of the inauguration chart I wrote the following:

*None of these distributions are distributed by malefics or seriously corrupted. However, just because the planets distributing in the inauguration chart do not show or indicate corruption does not mean there is no corruption **at the time of the election**. We need to see these distributions in the context of the ingress chart at the time of the election.*¹⁸

Here is that ingress chart again:



¹⁸ P.5 of my delineation

My conclusion was this:

“There is nothing as powerful towards the testimony to his continued presidency as the transit of Saturn to the MC of his inauguration chart by degree.”

Here is the blatant mistake. The first question that one has to ask themselves is this; the ingress chart, is it a diurnal or nocturnal chart? The Sun is below the horizon so the answer is it is a nocturnal chart! Is Saturn of the chart sect? The answer is easy; no it is not of the chart sect. If it is not of the nocturnal sect then what is Saturn’s zodiacal state? To quote Abu Ma’shār one time more,

1) *If it (Saturn) is in the nocturnal position...* Saturn is in a nocturnal chart so it is in the nocturnal position.

2) *(If) in the west, in nocturnal, feminine signs...* Saturn is occidental of the Sun (in the west) and it is in an occidental (western) quadrant as well and posited in a nocturnal feminine sign!

3) I will also add it is in the nocturnal light above the horizon rather than in the light of the sun below the horizon!

4) In the chart I would say it is on the Midheaven so its indications will be strong! Just because it rules the 9th and 10th houses does not mean it is good! That is a fallacy and misinformation. In fact the only ‘good’ thing about Saturn’s situation in the chart is that it is in its domicile which only means it has absolute authority to fulfil its indication of maleficence for that house because in its zodiacal state at the ingress *it shows its nature, which is corruption and misfortune.*

So the real delineation should have said that this ingress of Saturn transiting the degree of the inauguration MC only indicates the corruption and misfortune of the election and subsequently the misfortune and corruption of his rule!

This also means that the other transit that I pointed too was even more obvious because Mars is in the nocturnal sect so its delineation would be very potent which I also included in my delineation. I put this delineation from Abu Ma’shar because it was very relevant to what would happen following the election!

“7 And if the distribution belonged to Mercury and Mars partnered with him in the management, it indicates a powerful illness, **harm, and malicious gossip and speech, and contention, and he will act according to his own opinion and thought in [what is] wrong, detestable, and evil, and he will be blamed in his works and exploits, ...**”¹⁹

Is this not what happened? Did he not act according to his own opinion and thought in what was wrong, detestable and evil? Was he not blamed in his works and exploits? Sometimes astrology just blows my mind.

I hope I was able to explain myself and my mistake clearly. These kinds of mistakes are great because they should teach us if we are honest!

¹⁹ Ibid Chapter III.7:7 (p.328)