

Tables of Terms Description according to Vettius Valens

Note: Valens follows the so called "Egyptian Terms" as are given in Ptolemy's *Tetrabiblos*, Book I, Ch. 20, with an exception of the disposition of degrees in Libra, where Valens instead of giving 6 to Saturn, 8 to Mercury, 7 to Jupiter, 7 to Venus, 2 to Mars (as in Egyptian terms); he gives 6 to Saturn 5 to Mercury and 8 to Jupiter, 7 to Venus and 4 to Mars. The inconsistency is at Mercury, Jupiter and Mars' disposition of number of degrees.

In the first column is shown the sign in which particular terms fall. Also, here are written some phrases from Valens' descriptions which I thought would fit better in a separate column.

<i>Sign</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Ruler</i>	<i>Description</i>
♈ - Aries	0° 00' - 5° 59'	Jupiter	Temperate, robust, prolific, beneficent.
	06° 00' - 11° 59'	Venus	Cheerful, clever, radiant, even, pure, handsome.
	12° 00' - 19° 59'	Mercury	Changeable, clever, idle, windy, stormy, full of thunder and lightning.
	20° 00' - 24° 59'	Mars	Baneful, fiery, unsteady, characteristic of rash, wicked men.
	25° 00' - 29° 59'	Saturn	Cold, barren, malicious, injured.
<i>"The following 8° fall under the ambiguous influence of Mercury"</i>			

<i>Sign</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Ruler</i>	<i>Description</i>
♉ - Taurus	0° 00' - 7° 59'	Venus	Prolific, with many children, moist, downward-trending, convicted, hating their children <?>.
	08° 00' - 13° 59'	Mercury	Intelligent, sensible, criminal, with few offspring, sinister, fatal.
	14° 00' - 21° 59'	Jupiter	Great-hearted, bold, lucky, ruling and beneficent, magnanimous, temperate, loving modesty.
	22° 00' - 26° 59'	Saturn	Sterile, barren, a eunuch, a vagabond, censorious, theatrical, gloomy, toilsome.
	27° 00' - 29° 59'	Mars	Masculine, tyrannical, fiery, harsh, murderous, a looter of temples and a criminal—not an unknown one, rather destructive and short-lived.

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♊ - Gemini	0° 00' - 05° 59'	Mercury	Temperate, with fine weather, intelligent, versatile, skilled, active, poetic, prolific.
	06° 00' - 11° 59'	Jupiter	Competitive, temperate, with fine weather, prolific, luxuriant, beneficent.
	12° 00' - 16° 59'	Venus	blossoming, artistic, addicted to plays and mimes, poetic, a contest winner, popular, cheerful, prolific.
	17° 00' - 23° 59'	Mars	Much-burdened, with no brothers, having few children, a wanderer, with a good income, destructive, bloody, inquisitive.
	24° 00' - 29° 59'	Saturn	Temperate, a procurator having possessions, intellectual, with a wide knowledge, distinguished, noted for intelligence, an arranger of great matters, most famous.

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♋ - Cancer	0° 00' - 06° 59'	Mars	Hurling thunderbolts, moved in different directions, uneven, contradictory in his wishes, manic, prolific, poor, destructive, and in the end, base.
	07° 00' - 12° 59'	Venus	Prolific, censorious, moist, changeable, skilled, popular, promiscuous,.
	13° 00 – 18° 59	Mercury	Precise, a robber, a leader in public matters, a tax gatherer, in the public eye, rich, wealth-producing.
	19° 00' - 25° 59'	Jupiter	kingly, imperious, glorious, judging, great-hearted, temperate, ruling, entirely noble.
	26° 00' - 29° 59'	Saturn	In this term everything is water, moist, poor in personal property, and in the end quite needy.

<i>Sign</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Ruler</i>	<i>Description</i>
♌ - Leo	0° 00' - 05° 59'	Jupiter	Experienced, masculine, imperious and in general having leadership qualities, active, eminent, with no mean traits.
	06° 00' - 10° 59'	Venus	Very temperate, yielding, talented, luxurious.
	11° 00' - 17° 59'	Saturn	having much experience, fearful, scientific, naturally clever, narrow, religious, with many children, searching out secret lore, barren, without offspring.
	18° 00' - 23° 59'	Mercury	Addicted to plays and mimes, popular, scholastic, guiding, prescribing, intelligent.
	24° 00' - 29° 59'	Mars	Very base and monstrous, destructive, injured, torpid, censured, unlucky.
<i>"This term is barren and characteristic of long-lived men".</i>			

Sign	Degrees	Ruler	Description
<p>♍ - Virgo</p> <p><i>This term is not, however, lucky in love. This misfortune is generally true of Virgo, especially in this term and in that of Venus. This term causes men who are open to criticism; the term of Venus causes those who err constantly. They fall conspicuously short in regard to boys.</i></p>	0° 00' - 06° 59'	Mercury	Lofty, procuratorial, an arranger, handsome, organizing great affairs, most intelligent, entirely noble and eminent.
<p><i>When the sun is in aspect, they commit hidden actions; when the moon is in aspect, they meet with reverses and political opposition. If this term is beheld by malefics, it causes prostitution.</i></p>	07° 00' - 16° 59'	Venus	Censured, wronging their marriage and falling into difficulty because of this, lucky in theatrical matters. <i>They are most unnatural in their passions, especially when Saturn is in aspect; when Mercury is in aspect, they commit adultery; when Jupiter is in aspect, they commit a great number of sins which are forgivable—but still there are condemnations.</i>
<p><i>Men born under this term are trustees, fruitful, upright.</i></p>	17° 00' - 20° 59'	Jupiter	Agricultural, proper, reclusive but not ignorant.
<p><i>These degrees assault men and lead them to chains, mutilation, tortures, and imprisonment.</i></p>	21° 00' - 27° 59'	Mars	Masculine, harsh, public, demagogues, night prowlers, <hired men>, counterfeiters, imposters.
<p><i>The term of deluded men</i></p>	28° 00' - 29° 59'	Saturn	Monstrous, chilled, destructive, short-lived.

<i>Sign</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Ruler</i>	<i>Description</i>
<p>♎ - Libra</p> <p><i>These degrees are also barren, moist, destructive.</i></p> <p><i>In general this term is rhythmic, pious, mild and slow, fortunate, making progress without effort, exceedingly fortunate in marriage, and lucky in everything.</i></p>	0° 00' - 05° 59'	Saturn	Kingly, lofty, effective—especially for day births, but <disturbed> for night births.
	06° 00' - 10° 59'	Mercury	Businesslike, craft working, marketing, the term of instruments of exchange and numbers, collecting; in general, just and intelligent.
	11° 00' - 18° 59'	Jupiter	Wealth-producing, but despite that, this term is characteristic of unlucky men, cheerlessly hoarding their possessions, living without ostentation, with a sordid lifestyle, with no appreciation of beauty, censorious—and not, of course, blessed with children.
	19° 00' - 25° 59'	Venus	Loving beauty, loving crafts, craftsmen themselves, e.g. sculptors, painters, engravers.
	26° 00' - 29° 59'	Mars	Ruling, leading, lucky in all martial affairs, optimistic/spirited, steady, successful, great-hearted; not, however, with many brothers or lucky with those he has.

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♏ - Scorpio	0° 00' - 06° 59'	Mars	Easily upset and disturbed, unsteady, irascible, frank-speaking, arrogant, with few children but many brothers, uneven in fortune, inflamed, very appropriate for nativities which promise campaigns and travel abroad.
	07° 00' - 10° 59'	Venus	Lucky in marriage, pious, loved by everyone, loving children, wealthy, selected for every office, living graciously.
	11° 00' - 18° 59'	Mercury	Military, competitive, prizewinning, and, where words are concerned, bitter, contentious, not to be despised.
	19° 00' - 23° 59'	Jupiter	Talented, lucky, high-priestly, glorified in gold, purple, and the high offices appropriate to the inherent greatness of the nativity.
	24° 00' - 29° 59'	Saturn	Punitive, with few children or brothers, haters of their own relatives, poisoners, melancholic, and misogynists, having secret wounds, and in general very punitive and cursing fate.
	<i>These degrees are also prolific and fecund. In general they plan mischief, especially against those who attempt evil or do it.</i>		
	<i>This term is beneficent and as a whole loves men and gods.</i>		
	<i>They are hated by both gods and men; they resist their superiors and are despised by their inferiors.</i>		

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⏏ - Sagittarius <i>All the terms in Sagittarius indicate varied possibilities in all matters.</i>	0° 00' - 11° 59'	Jupiter	Active men. These degrees are damp but temperate, dabbling in all crafts and skills, prolific, with many children and brothers, yet poor.
	12° 00' - 16° 59'	Venus	Temperate, prominent, victorious, prizewinning, pious, honored both by the masses and by the rulers, blessed with children and brothers, living with many women.
	17° 00' - 20° 59'	Mercury	Verbal, subtle, active, producing eternal verities, philosophical, and in general prominent in science and wisdom; fond of learning if Mercury inclines, but if Mars inclines, loving weapons and tactics.
	21° 00' - 25° 59'	Saturn	Sterile and baneful, cold, harmful, characteristic of base and completely unlucky men.
	26° 00' - 29° 59'	Mars	Hot, rash, violent, shameless, destructive—except that this term is restless in all things.

<i>Sign</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Ruler</i>	<i>Description</i>
<p>♄ - Capricorn</p> <p><i>This term is barren, having female or deformed children, of low rank, vulgar.</i></p>	0° 00' - 06° 59'	Mercury	Theatrical, comic, on the stage, lying, whoring, seducing, covetous of others' things, of no reputation, <talented> in everything, blessed, wealthy, but not of high rank.
	07° 00' - 13° 59'	Jupiter	It brings vicissitudes of glory and infamy, wealth and poverty, largess and public ridicule.
	14° 00' - 21° 59'	Venus	Profligate, lecherous, downward-trending, thoughtless, censured, having their ends very much in doubt, not dying well, nor steady in marriage.
	22° 00' - 25° 59'	Saturn	Severe, cheerless, alien, unlucky with their children and brothers, bloody and destructive, cold, pitiless/stand-offish, malicious, slow to act, but tricky.
	26° 00' - 29° 59'	Mars	Lofty, prosperous, dictatorial, aiming at rule in everything, poor, destructive of their own relatives and of <brothers>, wandering, loving solitude, quarrelsome to the end.

<i>Sign</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Ruler</i>	<i>Description</i>
♒ - Aquarius	0° 00' - 06° 59'	Mercury	Rich, miserly, gladly hoarding wealth up to the measure of the nativity, intelligent, learned in the law, precisely defining everything, imperious, petty, careworn, loving education and all disciplines, supervisory, overseeing, philanthropic.
	07° 00' - 12° 59'	Venus	Loving well, pious, wealthy without effort, profiting by sudden and unexpected good fortune, prosperous, seafaring.
	13° 00' - 19° 59'	Jupiter	Lucky, petty, lurking at home, careless of his reputation, living in obscurity, fortunate in his children, misanthropic.
	20° 00' - 24° 59'	Mars	Diseased (particularly in the internal organs), troubled by lawsuits;
	25° 00' - 29° 59'	Saturn	Barren, moist, conceiving with difficulty, enfeebled, especially in the dura mater and the internal organs, afflicted with dropsy and fits, poor, with few brothers or children, envious, unlucky in their ends.

These are prolific degrees. It is beneficial for anyone born under these degrees to unite with old women, the feeble, or with eunuchs, and to gain advantage from the barren or the aged.

This term is characteristic of wicked, intractable, and incapable men—except that these men readily attempt evil deeds.

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♛ - Pisces	0° 00' - 11° 59'	Venus	Cheery, fecund, downward-trending, luxurious, living graciously, with a friendly greeting, celebrating, loving, making progress without effort, dear to the gods.
	12° 00' - 15° 59'	Jupiter	Literary, learned, preeminent among the masses and victorious over everyone because of his words, with many brothers, prolific, with many children, having too many associates and brothers.
	16° 00' - 18° 59'	Mercury	Fecund, ruling, those of high rank, with many friends, bounteous, loving their parents, charitable, pious, temperate.
	19° 00' - 27° 59'	Mars	Active, naval warriors, bold guides, attaining success in mystic lore, plundering but then restoring, varied, not dying a natural death.
	28° 00' - 29° 59'	Saturn	Enfeebled, moist, subject to fits, entirely unlucky.

We have given instruction about what effect each degree produces. <We add that> if the houseruler is located in a given term, the houseruler will produce its proper effect as well, whether good or bad.

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