Dealing with Difficult Charts

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Nescientibus nulla libertas est.

For those who do not have knowledge, there is no freedom.
Rules for Participating

You must be willing to share!

This is not a consultation. It is a workshop and you must be a bit more thick skinned. I will be as diplomatic as possible but the purpose is to teach, not primarily to counsel except insofar as I am teaching counseling technique.
As used in astrology a “benefic” is a planetary energy that is inherently and essentially mostly capable of producing good results even if it does not always do so. They are essentially benefic.

On the other hand a “malefic” is a planetary energy that is inherently and essentially mostly capable of producing bad or evil results even though they may, under certain circumstances, produce good results. They are essentially malefic.
The truth is that these categories are unreal.

A **benefic** is only an energy that is handled well.

A **malefic** is only an energy that is handled badly.

Both qualities are not essential but accidental and the “accident” is the skill, awareness and consciousness of the individual who has to deal with the energy.

The same is true of all other indicators in astrology that are classified as benefic and malefic, including houses and aspects.
The Three Levels of Fate
Heimarmene, Ananke, Pronoia

Reason [comes] under Providence [Pronoia]; unreason [falls] under Necessity [Ananke]; the things that happen in the corporal [fall] under Fate [Heimarmene].*

Heimarmene (εἰμαρμένη)

- **Heimarmene** – “That which is already been allotted.”
- Refers to whatever is determined by a thing’s physical and material nature according to physical law.
- It is, therefore, completely determined insofar as physical law determines the outcome of things.
- It is often translated as “fate.” This is a poor translation. It is only one kind of fate.
- In astrology the only things that are absolutely pre-determined are the dates in which astronomical phenomena occur as well as transits, progressions, directions etc.
Ananke (ἄνάγκη)

- *Ananke* is also often translated as “fate.”
- It is not, however, absolutely predetermined.
- It is a function of the level of “unreason” and its power over the mind.
- *Ananke* is closely connected to the concept *agnoia*, which means “ignorance.” It is precisely the same thing as the Sanskrit word *avidya*.
- *Ananke* determines the fate of an individual only in so far as that individual and his or her actions are the result of ignorance.
Pronoia (πρόνοια)

• *Pronoia* is the highest form of fate or, more precisely, destiny. Usually translated as “providence,” the Greek word means something more like “foreknowledge.”
• This does not mean seeing the future. It is more like knowing exactly who you are and where you are in present time and, thereby, knowing where you are going.
• While there are many potential destinies for any given person, all of these fall within a certain range of possibilities, each of which fulfills the *pronoia*.
• In this respect *pronoia* is deterministic but contains many possibilities.
The Three Taken Together

- *Heimarmene* determines the physical structure within which one has to work. You do not get to choose. You already have.

- *Ananke* or ignorance limits the possibilities for achieving self-actualization. The notions of *malefic* and *benefic* come from the degree of ignorance within one’s life.

- To the degree that ignorance is minimized and replaced with awareness the individual has the capacity to follow a path more determined by *pronoia* than *ananke*.

- Every astrological indication is capable of functioning at a low or high level of consciousness, either with more *ananke* or more in accord with *pronoia*.

- It is the proper function of astrology to dispel ignorance and to show the way of *pronoia*. 
The Levels of the Planets

The Personal Planets. ☉, ☪, ☪
The Collective or Social Planets. ♂, ♄
The Transcendental Planets. ♄, ♅, ♄
Two Transitional Planets. The Sun ☉ & Saturn ☯
The Ladder of the Planets: A New Classification

1. Personal Planets  
   ♀, ☉, ♂.
2. The Sun ☉ by itself.
3. Collective/Social Planets  
   ♂, ♍.
5. Transpersonal ♆ ♉ ♋ ♌.
1. Each planet has a minimal level at which it will work properly, except for the $\odot$.

2. The Personal Planets are capable of operating very well to fulfill the needs of each individual. They also operate well at the higher levels.

3. The Collective Planets do not operate well at the personal level. They do work well at the transcendental level.

4. The Transcendental Planets only operate well at the transcendental level. So do all of the other planets.
5. The ⌀ has a positive role at all three levels and, at the same time transcends all three. It is a star.

6. ℭ is the boundary between collective and transcendental levels partaking of the qualities of both. But it is much more difficult when operating at the collective level.

7. “Benefic” manifestations occur when each planet operates at its appropriate level or higher.

8. “Malefic” manifestations occur when the planets operate at a level below its own proper level or otherwise unconsciously.
The Soul and the *Entelecheia* (ἐντελέχεια)

- The Soul is both what you are at any given moment and what you are to become.
- The purpose of the physical body is to be a vehicle in which the perfected soul (otherwise known as the fully realized *Self*) manifests itself.

The Soul is the *Entelecheia* of the body.
Charts
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Sep 4 1967, Mon
10:57 pm EDT -4:00
Pawtucket, RI
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Koch
Mean Node

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Geocentric
Tropical
Koch
Mean Node
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