The Power of Dispositors
A Systematic Approach
Dale Earnhardt’s sudden fate revealed

Dispositors are the Circuitry of a Chart

Dispositors are a way we can look at astrology with a systematic approach. Astrology is no different than life with respect to the fact that everything is inter-related. People need support, and a feeling of connection. The planets operate the same as people. They need support and connection. The make-up of a chart involves how the planets are connected. This can be seen as the circuitry of a chart. I see it as how a chart is wired giving great depth into the life’s karma. Events play out systematically according to the patterns. You will be able to see the root cause of any behavior and situation based on the planets associations or connectors.

Dispositors are the Soul of the Planets: Give Reasons Why

Dispositors are a one-way connector of the planets. It is simply the sign a planet is in; the planet of that sign is its dispositor. The planet that is the dispositor of a planet is the soul essence of that planet, (DeFouw). It gives the reasons why a planet reacts in the way it does. Example: Saturn in Libra: Venus is the dispositor of Saturn because Venus rules Libra. Venus would be the soul, and reason why Saturn operates the way it works. Look to all the Planets and their dispositors. What is happening is you’re finding the connections of the planets. They are all connected in this way.

Final Dispositors

You may find as you follow the planets dispositors around the chart, one planet will end up as the final dispositor. It will be in its own sign of rulership, because when a planet is in the sign it rules it disposits itself. This is why planets in their sign of rulership are so strong and intense. Example: Saturn in Libra is dispositor by Venus, Venus in Sagittarius is deposited by Jupiter, Jupiter is in Gemini is disposited by Mercury, Mercury is in Virgo, since Mercury is ruled by Virgo it cannot go any further. In this case it is the final dispositor, meaning the energy of the chart is focused through Mercury. A final dispositor will be one of the most significant planets in a chart. There can be a planet that is a final dispositor of other planets in the chart, but one final dispositor of all the planets is rare.

Mutual Exchange/Parivartana Yoga

When there are two planets that are in each other’s signs we have a mutual exchange of planets called Parivartana Yoga. Here these two planets are always in relation to each other and never operate outside each other’s influence. This is a two-way connector. They unite the two houses involved implicitly. This is a very powerful exchange. Example: Mars in Cancer and Moon in Scorpio. Mars is in the sign ruled by the Moon, and the Moon is in the sign ruled by Mars. Even though these planets are in their signs of debilitation this exchange strengthens these planets for the better.
Debilitated Planets/Exalted Planets Dispositors

If a planet is debilitated and is deposited by a planet in its own sign, or an exalted planet, it gives it strength. The planet itself is like the physical body, but the dispositor is the heart and soul of the body. If a planet is exalted but the dispositor is debilitated it has a strong body but a weak soul or heart. All this will give an understanding of the inner workings of how a chart is wired, how the individual functions in life.

Unconnected Planets

In some cases a planet may stand alone meaning it is not connected at all to any other planet by dispositor. This planet will be in its own sign. This planet is very strongly alienated in a chart. It will produce strong effects for the house it resides in. If it is a difficult house (six, eight, and twelve) it can bring extreme difficulty. Good houses can bring great rewards, as long as the other house the planet rules is not a difficult house.

Aspects as Events and Situations

Aspects also are connectors of planetary energies. The dispositors are the genetic make-up. The combination of a connection through aspects with the deeper essences of the planets through dispositors manifests a situation (aspect) the reasons why is the dispositor. The aspects seem to relate events or situations. The opportunity for a response to the events is based on the genetic make-up. In other words the way we react is based on our past. Dispositors are the root or cause as to how a planet will respond to a situation.

Prediction

The true test comes when the tools of prediction are used in this same way. When a transiting planet aspects a natal planet it not only triggers that one natal planet, it triggers that planet’s dispositor. In essence it is setting off the charts circuitry. The dispositors of the planets activated by Dasha or transit will reveal the reason why the event is occurring. With this information the interpretation will come to life with specific detail and accuracy.

Dashas

The Dashas have the same effect. The Dashas are periods of time in an individual’s life that give the effects of different karma. Each planet in a chart represents karma for that individual. It depends how the planet that rules the Dasha is placed in the chart as to the result of that time period. When the planet of the Dasha is analyzed as to which house it occupies, the houses it rules, and aspects, do not forget to look to its dispositor. We must always understand the planets are connectors of energy, and are connected in some way or disconnected. These interactions are what weave the story of a life and its karma.

Moon Chart

Once the chart is analyzed thoroughly another very important step for complete understanding of a life is essential. The natal chart (Rashi) is like the physical body. The Moon of a chart is the mind. The chart must always be reviewed through the mind of the chart. This means the Moon is made the ascendant. In relation to the Moon the inner workings of the mind will be revealed. The more you learn to work with the Moon’s chart the more you will learn to understand the power of the mind.
Sun Chart

The Sun is referred to as the spirit of the chart. The Sun as the ascendant can give further reference as to the more spiritual dimension of a chart. These three influences can be seen as the body, mind, and spirit of a chart. Essentially each planet in a chart can be placed as the ascendant, whatever that planet represents will be what that chart is in relationship to the life. Venus as the ascendant will give a perspective to a person’s love affairs. To make things simpler to view the chart through the ascendant sign (Rashi) as the physical make-up, then through the Moon as the mind is more than enough for any analysis.

Using the power of dispositors I will illustrate how the analysis of a chart can come to life. The natal analysis reveals the basic nature and opportunities. The transits and the Dashas activate the timing of events that unfold in a life. The natal combinations lie dormant till the Dashas and transits together activate them. I will give this systematic approach a step-by step evaluation.

Analysis of Dale Earnhardt’s Chart

Mars as Final Dispositor

The racecar driver Dale Earnhardt’s chart has Mars as a main dispositor of this chart. This of course is the planet of risk taking, and thrill seeking. Let us follow the circuitry or wiring of his chart. The ascendant is Leo. The Sun ruler of Leo is in the ninth house exalted in Aries ruled by Mars the dispositor of the Sun. The Sun as the dispositor of the chart by it ruling the Ascendant Leo wires through Mars, and Mars disposes itself by being in its own sign Aries. If you will follow the pattern of dispositive around the chart you will see Sun, Moon, Saturn, and Mercury are all focused through Mars. Mars is the final dispositor of these four planets, and since the dispositor of these planets is in its own sign it strengthens these planets. These planets bring with them the significations of the houses they rule in addition. The soul and reason for the events concerning these four planets reverts to Mars. Mars in Aries is racing, thrill seeking, accidents, and danger. The ninth house is the father, and consequently if it were not for his father he would not have gotten into racecar driving. His father also was a racecar driver who died of heart failure while working on a car. His death was sudden. Mars is fast and sudden.

Great Wealth and Money

The ninth house is a fortunate house, indicating his fortune and wealth. Mercury is the money planet for Leo ascendant since it rules both money houses the second and eleventh house. Mercury is placed in the ninth house with Mars and the Sun. Mars is the dispositor of Mercury indicating his wealth and money come from his involvement with Mars, fast car racing. Actually he has a Lakshmi Yoga, which bestows great wealth. Lakshmi Yoga is when the ruler of the ruler of the 9th house and Venus are in their own sign or exaltation and occupy an angular, or trine house, also the ascendant ruler must be strong. There are variations of this definition. (DeFouw) He has Mars as ruler of the ninth house, in its own sign in the ninth house (trine), and Venus is in its own sign in the tenth house (angle). The Sun is the ruler of the ascendant and is exalted in the ninth house. Dale’s financial earnings tallied well over $300,000,000 by 1998, 41 million in winnings and 10 times that from endorsements, and souvenir sales.

Raja Yoga / Yoga Karaka

These three planets in the ninth house represent greatness with respect to the houses they each own. This is a major Raja Yoga. Raja Yoga is referred to as the Yoga of kings. It gives power and wealth. Yoga
means union. This is a powerful union of planets. Whenever the ruler of a trikona (trine) and a kendra (angle) are connected, we have Raja Yoga. Here we have Mars as ruler of the fourth and ninth houses taking on this status all by itself for Leo ascendant. We call this Yoga Karaka. The first house ruler the Sun (exalted) involved in this Yoga brings the fame and reputation to himself. This occurring in the ninth house is why he became famous and wealthy. Additionally the Sun in exaltation gives power and incredible self-confidence.

Planets Not Connected / No Dispositors

Planets without associations can become problematic. It depends on the houses the planet rules and resides in as to how a planet will operate in the chart/life. A planet in its own sign is very powerful for the house it resides, and meanings associated with that house. Here Jupiter and Venus are in their own signs of rulership. Venus in the tenth house promoted him into fame and his success. Venus is unassociated to any planet through dispositorship or aspect. It rules the third and tenth houses and is placed in its sign of rulership Taurus in the tenth house. It is strong and unaffected by other planets, for good or bad.

Planets Connected through Aspect / No dispositors

Jupiter in the eighth house in its own sign Pisces concentrates its energy for eighth house matters. Death is an indication of eighth house matters. Jupiter is connected to Saturn by its opposition (seventh aspect). The houses Saturn rules the sixth house and seventh house imprints onto Jupiter. This Jupiter carries with it Saturn’s energy plus the sixth house (accidents) and seventh house matters (relationships). Jupiter also rules the fifth house, which relates to speculation and the mind. Its placement in the eighth house can definitely impair judgment. Saturn likewise will carry the influence of Jupiter because of this mutual opposition aspect. Saturn has the effect of Jupiter’s eighth house (death) by its residence and rulership, plus the fifth house (speculation) and its own houses of rulership the sixth house (accidents) and seventh house (relationships).

Maraka Planets

Saturn in definition is the culprit of death here with its intense Maraka status. Planets that rule the seventh house and the second house are the Marakas of a chart. Additionally planets placed in these two houses give Maraka qualities also. Maraka means killer. These planets are always prominent in a death. The second house and the seventh house are twelve houses away from the houses that determine longevity. The eighth house is the house of length of life and the third house is our life force, willpower. Since the twelfth house is the house of loss, the houses twelfth from the eighth house and third house are considered the houses of loss of life (Maraka). With all this combined Saturn can cause some real problems concerning death.

Dale’s Moon Chart

For a complete look at an individual we must analyze the workings of the mind. This means processing all the same variables like before but though the Moon’s chart. The Moon is in Aquarius, this means Saturn is disposited by the Moon. Saturn from the Moon is in the eighth house. This intensifies Saturn’s malefic qualities in terms of death. Saturn is in Virgo making Mercury Saturn’s dispositor. Mercury here rules the eighth house and the fifth house, but is placed in the third house. Mercury is further disposited by Mars since it is in Aries. Mars as a final dispositor of Moon, Saturn, Mercury, and Sun. Mars therefore gives the root cause of all four of these planets, and all the houses (or areas of life) these planets rule. The third house is the house of courage, will power, short journeys. These meanings fit in
alliance with racecar driving. Mars is the indicator of racecar driving. With the circuitry processing from Saturn in the eighth house we have a potentially dangerous situation. Jupiter once again is problematic in terms of life’s expectancy since it rules and resides in the second house making it a first rate Maraka.

Wealth and Riches in Moon Chart

Ruler of the second house in the second house as the indicator of wealth Jupiter will bring great riches. He had a beautiful home, private jets, and expensive cars all of which come under the fourth house ruling fixed assets. Venus stands alone in the fourth house. This Venus is exceedingly strong being in its own sign Taurus (possessions). It is the Yoga Karaka of Aquarius ascendant ruling both a kendra (angle) and a trikona (trine), giving it Raja Yoga status. Venus clean and simple did the trick to manifest completely matters of the fourth house. In the ascendant chart (Rashi) it manifested fame placed in the tenth house. Unrelated to other planets and difficult houses it has no relation to other planets or houses. It still seems cut off from the effects of the rest of the chart. It works in isolation.

Rahu / Ketu: The Karmic Destiny

Rahu/Ketu (north and south node of the Moon) need to be mentioned since they deal with our karmic destiny in a chart/life. In the ascendant chart (Rashi) Ketu is in the first and Rahu is in the seventh with the Moon. Since Rahu is with the Moon this puts Rahu in the first house in the Moon’s chart. This first/seventh house axis is incredibly significant with a life of uncontrolled destiny. The way the nodes function through a chart is of course through their dispositors. Rahu is in Aquarius making Saturn the dispositor. Ketu is in Leo making the Sun its dispositor. Essentially they both funnel through to Mars as the final dispositor here. But the placements of Rahu’s dispositor Saturn and Ketu’s dispositor the Sun gives deep introspection into this person’s karma as a soul. Saturn in the Rashi is in the second house ruling the seventh and sixth houses indicating karmic issues with money (second house) and relationships (seventh house) with threat from enemies and accidents (sixth house). Rahu will make you face your karma. The Sun rules the first house and is placed in the ninth house, giving rise to fame and fortune but eventual loss from these since it is the dispositor of Ketu.

From the Moon’s chart it becomes even clearer as to his destiny and fate. Saturn as Rahu’s dispositor is in the eighth house indicating his eventual tragic death and Ketu’s dispositor the Sun in the third house reveals his racing and courage.

Prediction: Dashas/ Transits

With the potentials of a chart being realized, now the timing of the events becomes possible with the combining of both predictive tools used together. The planetary Dashas and the transits must be used together for impeccable results. The planets when triggered bring their effect out. The potential in a chart can remain dormant till an individual reaches the Dasha of that particular planet, and additionally a transit activates the planet of the Dasha.

Two major events in Dale’s chart will be reviewed to drive home this technique. We will analyze the timing of the death of his father, and his own sudden death. With all the previous chart processing just shown, we will see how the chart is activated.
Father’s Death

The year of Dale’s father’s death was 1973. His Dasha sequence was Maha Dasha Jupiter and the Bhukti (sub cycle) was Jupiter. With this information planet Jupiter with all its connections, rulership, and circuitry must be assessed. In both the ascendant and the Moon’s chart Jupiter connects to death. As noted before Jupiter in the ascendant chart (Rashi) is a powerful planet depositing itself in the eighth house, ruler of the eighth house. It is connected to Saturn by opposition. Saturn in the Moon’s chart is in the eighth house, ruler of the twelfth house (loss). Saturn disposites to Mercury and Mercury’s dispositor is Mars. Mercury and Mars are together in the ninth house of father, and Mars rules the ninth house. The Sun is the indicator of the father. The karaka of the father in the ninth house of father is extremely damaging for indications for the father. At the time of his father’s death transiting Pluto that year was about eight degrees Virgo activating both Saturn (three degrees Virgo) and Jupiter (eight degrees Pisces). The Maha Dasha ruler Jupiter receives an exact aspect by transiting Pluto. Saturn is connected to the Dasha ruler by opposition and Pluto’s transit sets the event into motion. What is the event about, the reason? Follow Saturn’s dispositor to Mercury and then Mars and the answer is the father, Mars ruler of the ninth house in the ninth house, death of the father.

Sudden Death

The next event to be assessed is his own sudden death, which occurred Feb.18, 2001. His Dasha sequence was Saturn Maha Dasha, with Mars Bhukti (sub cycle). Saturn and Mars must be thoroughly examined in the natal chart using all the steps as before. Saturn as we have seen brings danger with death. Mars is in my opinion the most potent planet of all here. In the ascendant (Rashi) chart it has Raja Yoga status and is the final dispositor of four planets in the ninth house. In the Moon’s chart it is in the third house with the Sun and Mercury. Mars brings many good things to this chart but its circuitry is the problem. Saturn is eighth from the Moon and disposites into Mars through Mercury. Mercury rules the eighth house (death) and Saturn is in the eighth house. Mars in Aries is also indicative of a head injury since Aries rules the head, Mars is the final dispositor of Saturn the indicator of death. His death was the result of a head injury.

Timing of Events: Dashas Combined with Transits

The transits must be the timer on the clock now. The most important transits now must be connected to the Dasha sequence. On that day transiting Saturn was at 0 degrees Taurus. Since he was in Saturn’s Maha Dasha Saturn’s transit will be the most significant. With Saturn’s tenth aspect (square) transiting Saturn was aspected the natal Moon at one degree of Aquarius. The Moon is wired through Saturn because Saturn is the Moon’s dispositor. In the ascendant chart (Rashi) Saturn rules the sixth house (accidents) and is connected to the eighth house from Jupiter’s natal aspect, and Jupiter is in the eighth house ruler of the eighth house (death). The Moon also is the ruler of the twelfth house (loss). Mars as the final dispositor of these planets is in the ninth house. The reason for death has to do with travel, (ninth house) fast travel: Mars.

In the Moon’s chart (the Moon is the planet triggered by transit), Saturn is in the eighth house and rules the twelfth house (loss). The Moon here rules the sixth house (accidents). Death is clearly indicated at this time. Generally as noted earlier Mars in Aries indicates head injury, death through a head injury. The culprit or reason for the death can be seen from Mars as the final dispositor. It is in the third house indicating death from traveling, or racing. Saturn also plays in with its Maraka status as noted before. It is the Saturn cycle and transit that is the most prominent.
Other Transits

Other transits to be noted on this day are Mars at eight degrees of Scorpio aspecting the Moon by its fourth aspect. Transiting Jupiter was exactly aspeacting transiting Mars; Jupiter was eight degrees of Taurus. Transiting Mercury in the sixth house (accidents) at Twenty-four degrees of Capricorn was exactly aspeacting natal Pluto in the twelfth (loss). Transiting Ketu at twenty degrees of Sagittarius in his fifth house by its fifth aspect was aspeacting natal Mars. This impaired his judgment (fifth house) with more extreme risk taking. There are of course other factors, but I believe the main transits have been processed here.

Quick Review

Any matter in any life can be systematically accessed using these methods of analysis. A quick review here is: A chart’s circuitry must be analyzed by assessing the dispositors, how the planets depositors are situated, the houses they rule and what house the planet resides. The connections from the aspects must be reviewed. Then this same process must be utilized from the Moon chart as well as the ascendant (Rashi) chart. Finally all this must be put into motion as a Dasha sequence is analyzed along with the Dasha ruling planets and the activation through the transits. This is the way a chart must be viewed to become efficient in the art of astrological prediction.

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