Mental Aberrations
in Medical Astrology

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Introduction

Good morning! For today's lecture, I chose to use the words mental aberration. It seems to me that anything that keeps you from performing, working or enjoying your life is a mental aberration. That is my own definition, which is why you see Dick Cavett and Mike Wallace on the handouts. Both suffered with tremendous depression, which was debilitating. So in my opinion mental aberration is something that debilitates you, be it depression or schizophrenia; they are still problems. I will point out various signatures in the natal chart that may signify mental illness or mental aberrations.

There are nine charts that I will use to point out various mental disorders. Some of the charts were given to me by friends who knew these people. One of them, the multiple personality example, comes from Lois Rodden's database.* I also chose some celebrities because it is fun to see what is going on in their lives.

Mental Problems vs. Personality Quirks

When you are doing a medical reading and you are looking to see if someone has heart disease or a stomach problem, it is usually pretty obvious. Although, it may not be obvious when you are a beginner. I'll say that about astrology. But it is pretty obvious if you know what you are doing and you know your significators. Mental problems, on the other hand, are the least obvious of them all because it might just be a personality quirk that you are looking at, or the person could be schizoid without being schizophrenic. So you are not going to see mental problems necessarily by looking at a chart and saying, "Wow, this person is manic depressive; this person is schizophrenic." But when we go

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* Available at http://www.astrodatabank.com/Astrology_Software.htm. I don't have the program but a friend of mine does and you can search for lots of cases on mental problems that way.

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cardinal signs are far less liable to contract it. Apparently, if you have a lot of cardinality, except possibly Capricorn according to Carter, you shouldn't get too depressed. You are probably too busy. Who's got time? You have to examine the cadent houses because those are considered to be associated with mental issues.

Manic Depression

Gemini and Sagittarius appear to be involved in the charts of manic depressives. Manic depression is bi-polar. While the signs Gemini and Sagittarius can be involved, Neptune in the first House is also an indication. Sometimes Mars is in the first House, or a difficult Mars placement is indicative of a head injury which led to a bi-polar disorder. So a difficult Mars, or Mars in the first House, could also lead to this disorder. Injury or accident at birth, or birth trauma, this can lead to bi-polar disorders too. Similarly, an emphasis in Gemini or Sagittarius would indicate the bi-polar condition.

Midpoints that act as significators would be:

- Depression: Pluto = Moon/Saturn.
- Emotional Illness: Sun = Saturn/Neptune or Saturn = Pluto/Ascendant.

Schizophrenia could be Moon-Pluto, Moon-Uranus. Many people have these aspects, so you cannot make the assumption that if the chart has these aspects the person is schizophrenic.

- Mental Suffering: MC = Saturn/Neptune.
- Depressive Psychosis: Mercury = Neptune/MC.
- Moodiness: Sun = Jupiter/Saturn.

Personally, I find that Jupiter–Saturn shows up a lot as inconstency. One minute the person feels or acts one way and the next they feel or behave differently.

- Another one for moodiness: Uranus = Moon/Neptune.
- Violent insanity: Uranus = Mercury/Mars.

Anxiety: Moon–Mars and the signs Cancer and Virgo involved. This last one is from A.T. Mann.[9] He also says that Mercury–Uranus indicates nervous irritability. And Mercury–Neptune describes anxiety states. Moon–Saturn can be neurosis, depressive psychosis, and anxiety.