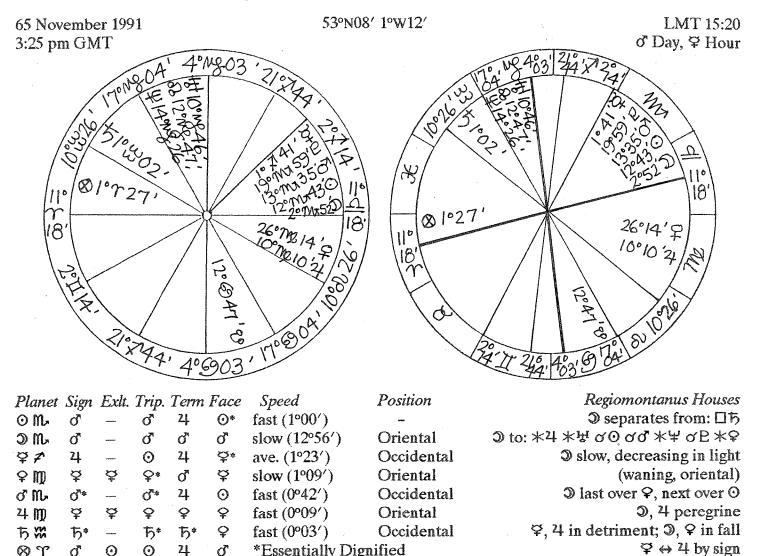
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## Am I Pregnant? by Deborah Houlding, Q.H.P.

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For over twelve years my sister had met disappointment in her efforts to have a child. She suffered several miscarriages, one of which was featured in Issue 7, p. 20, of this journal. Recently she had been informed that there was no hope left of her ever having a child of her own. There were problems with both herself and her husband, and in the unlikely event that she should conceive, the pregnancy would most likely miscarry or be ectopic, which would involve the removal of her Fallopian tube.

At the end of last year she told me that a pregnancy test had proven positive, adding that this was probably a result of hormones in the fertility drugs she was taking. Nevertheless, she asked if I would answer her question: "Am I pregnant? If so, will the pregnancy be successful?"

1-ruler of represents my sister, who has of natally

in her 5th house, symbolizing the many problems, miscarriages, and operations she has had to endure over the years. With fruitful & on the 5th house cusp, I signifies her child, and its angular application to the of of confirms that she is

I was concerned that  $\mathfrak D$  was in her sign of fall, in the Via Combusta, peregrine, and under O's beams, suggesting problems ahead. But I is separating from a  $\square$  of  $\neg$  and applying to a  $\times$  of  $\neg$  in the 6th house before reaching her of with O (ruler of the 6th) and o. This, I felt, revealed that despite problems of the past, health matters would improve and no serious impediments lay ahead. wholly disposed by o, and o, my sister, was very strong.

Some astrologers might argue that of is afflicted by its combustion of O, but there is an ancient tradition (set out by Firmicus in Book II, Chapter VII of the Mathesis) that of is favorable when overwhelmed by the rays of  $\Theta$ , "for in being subservient to  $\Theta$  he loses his natural malefic qualities." Of course, there is a mixed reception between  $\Theta$  and  $\sigma$  which helps the energies work harmoniously together. I was encouraged to find that  $\Theta$ , the general significator of all life, was involved in this matter, especially as he is in good aspects to the Nodes, suggesting an element of fate. When asked if I could tell what sex the baby would be, I argued for a boy because of  $\Theta$ 's influence.

I informed my sister that her situation was a little precarious but that her own will to have the child would be her greatest asset. In fact, my sister reported that she had never felt healthier or happier in her life as she did when it was confirmed that she was pregnant. A healthy seven pound boy was born at 3:55 p.m. on the 21st of May 1992, just as transiting of perfected his of with the Ascendant of this horary chart.