



Arabic Parts

Formulas and Interpretations

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During the time of Ptolemy in the 2nd Century AD, the *Tetrabiblos* were written, out of which the *Arabic Parts* were derived. These *Parts* were added to help in the delineation of a chart. There wasn't much written, however, of their meaning in a chart. Through the years of astrology, many new *Parts* were added. I have also derived one to add to the growing list. The Part I have formulated is the *Part of Karma*. Many of the authors of the *Arabic Parts* are unknown and some listed are from Ivy Jacobson's books.

The *Arabic Parts* are not delineated as a planet, only as a point that is sensitive by aspect to the natal planets, progressions and transits, and are to be used for further information in the chart.

Today's astrologers may or may not use these *Arabic Parts*. I have found them to add much to a natal chart and I do progress them by solar arc to natal planets, ascendant and mid-heaven. Their use in mundane astrology, such as event charts, horary and ingresses, etc.. adds fine details, which in turn helps to provide a more in-depth meaning of the chart. Today, with the use of computers, all delineation has become a fine art. We use so many new techniques that were not available to the ancients. In addition to the outer planet discoveries, the use of Uranian methods, asteroids, wheels, dials, a variety of house systems and so forth may often seem to add too much to the chart. Please consider how important it was to the astrologers of ancient times and try them out for yourself. If they "speak" to you then by all means use them! If they do not add anything to your interpretation, then don't use them. It is as simple as that. For those who have calculation software, I suggest you edit your programs for the entire list I will have available for sale at the ASA, although you may have to calculate a few by hand.

I am including a few of the formulas for *Arabic Parts* in this article and would like to share the way some of the meanings seem to work for me. Notice the planets within the formulas and the cusps used, and rename them with your own titles if you wish. There is no right or wrong with the titles given, only what has been used in the past. After using these parts for over twenty-five years, I have found them to be informative in how they aspect charts of all kinds and add to the interpretation.

A Few Parts and Meanings

Part of ASTROLOGY: Asc plus Mercury minus Uranus

It is interesting to see how this Part is aspected natively, as well as by progressions and transits of individuals who are astrologers, and those using astrology in their lives.

Part of FORTUNE: Asc plus Moon minus Sun

This is the most frequently used of all the *Arabic Parts*. Besides being a significator of wealth, it explains the quality and type of an individual's personality, which he/she will project into the world. It is the point of least resistance and gives the person his/her strength to pursue developing the personality in the world.

Part of KARMA: Asc plus South Node minus Saturn

This is an *Arabic Part* I formulated several years ago and use it in all my charts. I look for hits to this Part in events and contact to other person's charts. I have found that this Part shows "fated" happenings. It can be used on Ingress charts, Presidents, all elected officials and countries too. There are many ways you can use this part . . . use it as you wish in charts for added insight.

Calculating Parts

In my belief to keep astrology simple, I use this method of calculating *Arabic Parts*. There are other ways to do this, but I have found this method is fast and accurate. Those of you who wish to edit your Solar Fire program may do so by going to the heading Chart Options> Arabic Parts File> Edit> New, then add formulas and don't forget to> Save!

Part of Fortune (PoF) Formula: Asc + Moon minus Sun

(the degree of the *natal Ascendant*, plus the degree of the *natal Moon*, minus the degree of the *natal Sun*). For an example of how I calculate the Part, use the "number" of the house the sign rules naturally . . . i.e. Aries - 1, Taurus 2, Gemini - 3 and so forth around the natural wheel plus the degree(s) and minute(s) of longitude for that planetary natal placement

	# of Sign	Degrees	Minutes
<i>Add</i>			
Asc = 20 Gemini 00	3	20	00
+ Moon = 24 Taurus 40	2	24	40
Total	5 (Leo)	44	50
<i>Subtract:</i>			
- Sun = 16 Taurus 56	2	16	56
Final Total	3 (Gem)	27	44

Remember that you may have to borrow one degree in order to subtract. Borrowing one degree gives you 60 minutes and one sign is 30 degrees or 180 minutes.

If the house cusps, rulers of houses or other *Arabic Parts* are used in the formula, complete by the same method. Always note the planetary energies that make up the formula, as this can give other clues to a possible meaning of the Part.

With the proper application of knowledge of these *Arabic Parts* and with good basic chart interpretation skills, you can add more to your delineation. Their use is unlimited when a little imagination is thrown in for good measure...