

Mismatched assignments in Liber Scientiae

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1 Abstract

This paper compares the *Liber Scientiae Auxilii et Victoriae Terrestris* with John Dee's original diary entries. The analysis uncovers six discrepancies in the assignments of the Angels of the Twelve Tribes – most notably for Parts 66, 67-69, 72, and 87 – and shows how transcription errors in Dee's manuscripts have been replicated across modern Enochian references. By highlighting these inconsistencies, the study demonstrates the importance of returning to primary sources for accurate Enochian scholarship.

2 Introduction

Liber Scientiae Auxilii et Victoriae Terrestris is one John Dee's surviving angelic grimoires. It lists 91 Governors or Parts of the Earth, their names and sigils, with a number of correspondences. The text is very popular among the practitioners of Enochian Magic, as is clear from its contents being copied in many books on the topic. Despite its popularity, it is nevertheless little studied. Most studies focus on identifying the locations of these Parts on modern maps, with little attention being spent on their other attributions. In this paper we will therefore take a step into this unknown land. We shall examine the origin of the 91 Parts and compare *Liber Scientiae* with its sources.

3 Sources

Liber Scientiae lists the following information about the 91 Parts: Their Angelic and Latin names, their sigils, the corresponding Aires, numbers of Ministers, with their governing Angels of the 12 Biblical Tribes, and related compass directions. These are drawn directly from John Dee's spiritual diary,

though some relevant records appear to be missing, as the 12 Angels are only ever referred to by number, however the grimoire provides their angelic names as well as corresponding Israelite Tribes (see Table 1). According to the entry from 21 May 1584, Dee was to learn about the 30 so-called Aires.¹ These contain each three parts, with the exception of the 30th, which has four, for a total of 91. They were then delivered to him by angel Nalvage over two days, in groups of 42 and 49.²

No	Angelic Name	Tribe
1	Olpaged	Dan
2	Ziracah	Ruben
3	Hononol	Iehudah
4	Zarnaah	Manasse
5	Gebabal	Asser
6	Zurchol	Simeon
7	Alpudus	Isacaraah
8	Cadaamp	Benjamin
9	Zarzilg	Nephthalim
10	Lavavot	Gad
11	Zinggen	Zabulon
12	Arfaolg	Ephraim

Table 1: 12 Angels of the Tribes of Israel according to Liber Scientiae.

The introduction of each group followed a somewhat different pattern, but for the most part we may distinguish three descriptions. It is an arbitrary division, however it allows us to compare repeated information.

- **1st Description:** the division of Aires into Parts and their associated Angels of the 12 Tribes.
- **2nd Description:** the Tribe Angels (repeated) and the number of their Ministers.
- **3rd Description:** the Angelic names of the Parts, sometimes repeating the Tribe Angels and their Ministers.

The following day the Latin names for all of the 91 Parts were delivered all together.³ These do not repeat any of the information given before, so

¹Kevin Klein, *The Complete Mystical Diaries of Dr John Dee* (2020), lib. X, p. 62.

²These numbers are significant in that they are multiples of 7, which holds a special place in Enochiana.

³Klein, lib. XI, p. 1-9.

they are not relevant here.⁴ We shall then turn our attention to the three descriptions. Let us begin with an example of the very first Air. In the initial group (of 42 Parts), the first two descriptions were given at the same time. Here, the first line is what constitutes the first description, whereas the following – the second.

In the first Ayre, the Nynth, eleventh and seventh Angel of the Tribes, beare rule & govern.
 Unto the Ninth, 7000 and 200 and 9: ministring angels are subiect.
 Unto the eleventh - 2000, 300, 60.
 Unto the seventh - 5000, 300, 60, 2.
 Nal[vage]: Cownt the Number.
 Dee: The whole summe of this government amownteth to 14931.
 Nal[vage]: It is right.⁵

The third description was then given separately, thus:

Mark.
 V
 A
 L
 G
 A
 R
 S
 It answereth to the seventh Angel & to his Ministers 5562, which are the last part of the first Ayre.⁶

Here we see repeated the governing Tribe Angel and the Ministers. The number in this case is actually slightly different, though it is quite easy to validate it thanks to the sum in the previous description. Dee seems to have caught this right away, as he noted a correction in the margin.

Contrary to what the above might suggest, the Minister numbers were scarcely repeated in the third description. See for example the 29th Part, in the 10th Air. Note also the overall terseness.

⁴These are explored in Klein, Appendix II. See also Robert Cousins, *The Physical Location of the Ninety-One Parts of the Earth named by Man, as detailed in the Liber Scientiae Aiiixilii et Victoriae Terrestris of John Dee*, published in Robert Turner, *Elizabethan Magic* (1989), Appendix C.

⁵Klein, lib. X, p. 62-63.

⁶Ibid. p. 67.

The second of the Tenth, by the 7th:

C
O
M
A
N
A
N⁷

The second group (of 49 Parts), was a bit more scattered, with each description being given separately. In the below example of the first description of the 20th Air, we can also see brevity becoming a pattern.

The Twentieth is allso threfold:

1 — 5th.
2 — 3th.
3 — 7th.⁸

In the second description, this enumeration gets more complicated, as the angels switch the way they refer to the Aires:

The first of the sixth, which is the 5th of the 12.
under him, 3000, 600, 20, 6.
The second of the sixth - the 3d of the 12.
7000, 600, 20, 9.
The third, which is the 7th of the 12.
under him, 3000, 600, 30, 4.⁹

Here, the *sixth* refers to the same 20th Air. This is because the *first* one in this group was the 15th Air. The count ends with the *seventh* or 21st Air, and restarts from the 22nd, which would be the first of the last seven. All these relative numbers are very confusing, and indeed Dee would occasionally trip over them.¹⁰ Luckily, he annotated each such description also with an absolute number, clarifying any potential misunderstandings.

The third description had the same format as for the first group, but while there the Tribe Angels were repeated consistently, here very few are given. Similarly, the Ministers were reported even more scarcely. For a full breakdown, see Appendix A.

⁷Ibid. p. 72.

⁸Ibid. p. 79.

⁹Ibid. p. 80.

¹⁰See Ibid. p. 79, where Dee wrote “third of the third”, but he clearly meant “of the second”.

4 Findings

Examining the descriptions in the diaries and comparing them with Liber Scientiae, we found that except the one example mentioned before, the numbers of Ministers were consistent across all the data sets. More interestingly, we found a total of 6 discrepancies in the assigned Angels of 12 Tribes. We shall analyse these more closely.

No	Name	Descr. 1	Descr. 2	Descr. 3	Lib. Scientiae
66	Calzirc	12	11 / 2367	-	12 / 2367
67	Ronoamb	7	7 / 7320	-	4 / 7320
68	Onizimp	7	- / 7262	-	10 / 7262
69	Zaxanin	8	2 / 7333	-	11 / 7333
72	Soageel	12	11 / 8236	-	11 / 8236
87	Gomziam	5	5 / 7635	5 / 7635	12 / 7635

Table 2: Discrepancies in Tribe Angel attributions between Liber Scientiae and the diaries.

The 87th Part is consistently given the 5th Tribe Angel across all three descriptions, yet Liber Scientiae assigns it the 12th. Notably, the 12th Angel is attributed to the following 88th Part. This is therefore clearly a simple copying error on Dee’s part.

The 67th Part similarly has the 7th Angel twice in the diaries, yet the 4th appears in Liber Scientiae, suggesting another mistake. This is however a much more elaborate blunder. The three Parts 67-69 are all of the 23rd Air. The Tribe Angels assigned to them in Liber Scientiae are the same as the following 24th Air (see Table 3). It appears, therefore, that Dee committed the same kind of error, but with the entire Air.

No	Air	Name	Descr. 1	Descr. 2	Descr. 3	Lib. Scientiae
67	23	Ronoamb	7	7 / 7320	-	4 / 7320
68		Onizimp	7	- / 7262	-	10 / 7262
69		Zaxanin	8	2 / 7333	-	11 / 7333
70	24	Orcamir	4	4 / 8200	-	4 / 8200
71		Chialps	10	10 / 8360	-	10 / 8360
72		Soageel	12	11 / 8236	-	11 / 8236

Table 3: A comparison of the 23rd and 24th Aires

Notably, the 69th Part has a discrepancy between the first and the second description. It is unclear which one is the correct Tribe Angel, however I

suspect that the first, i.e. the 8th Angel, is correct. As mentioned before, the second description had a shift in counting of the Aires. This makes the 23rd Air *the second* in the last group of seven. Thus, Dee was likely to have mistakenly noted *the second* as the Tribe Angel.

The remaining two discrepancies of the 66th and 72nd Parts cannot be resolved with the available data. Perhaps in the future some pattern will allow us to reconstruct those with confidence. Until then, we advise that any text treating on the subject should provide both options.

5 The Weight of the Findings

We examined the following selection of the most popular works on Enochian Magic as of today, where the information from Liber Scientiae is reproduced:

- Geoffrey James, *The Enochian Evocation of Dr. John Dee* (1984), book four.
- Robert Turner, *Elizabethan Magic* (1989), p. 50-57.
- Donald Tyson, *Enochian Magick for Beginners* (1997), chapter 15.
- Lon Milo Duquette, *Enochian Vision Magick* (2008), chapter 18.
- Frater Yechidah, *Enochian Magic in Theory* (2012), chapter 12.
- Aaron Leitch, *Essential Enochian Grimoire* (2014), chapter 10.
- Kevin Klein, *The Complete Mystical Diaries of Dr John Dee* (2020), lib. XXII.
- Scott Michael Stenwick, *Mastering the Thirty Aires* (2022), chapter 4.

We found that Klein is the only source which takes note of the discrepancies (without an explanation),¹¹ but keeps the erroneous values in the grimoire transcription as to stay true to the manuscript. All the rest of them retain the errors from Liber Scientiae. This tells us that these mistakes have been propagated in most sources on Enochiana available today.

¹¹Klein, p. 1481-1482.

6 Conclusion

Our findings do not signify a large revolution, but they do warrant corrections in many widely-read books that perpetuate the errors here discussed. The diaries in question have been in publication since 1659,¹² so one cannot help but wonder what other revelations are sitting in plain sight. Clearly, Enochian scholarship still has significant ground to cover. This is the time for researchers to turn their focus toward the source material, where more untapped insights may await discovery.

¹²Meric Casaubon, *A True and Faithful Relation of What passed for many Yeers Between Dr. John Dee and Some Spirits* (1659). The three descriptions are covered on p. 140-152. Casaubon's transcription is not without errors, but those should grab even more attention.

A Comparison of the descriptions of 91 Parts

Table 4: A comparison of the attributions of Tribe Angels and the number of Ministers in the diaries and Liber Scientiae. In bold are discrepancies in Tribe Angel assignments.

No	Air	Name	Descr. 1	Descr. 2	Descr. 3	Lib. Scientiae
1	1	Occodon	9	9 / 7209	9 / -	9 / 7209
2		Pascomb	11	11 / 2360	11 / -	11 / 2360
3		Valgars	7	7 / 5362	7 / 5562 ¹³	7 / 5362
4	2	Doagnis	4	4 / 3636	4 / -	4 / 3636
5		Pacasna	2	2 / 2362	2 / 2362	2 / 2362
6		Dialiva	2	2 / 8962	2 / -	2 / 8962
7	3	Samapha	9	9 / 4400	9 / -	9 / 4400
8		Virochi	7	7 / 3660	7 / -	7 / 3660
9		Andispi	10	10 / 9236	10 / -	10 / 9236
10	4	Thotanf	10	10 / 2360	10 / 2360	10 / 2360
11		Axziarg	10	10 / 3000	10 / -	10 / 3000
12		Pothnir	12	12 / 6300	12 / -	12 / 6300
13	5	Lazdixi	1	1 / 8630	1 / -	1 / 8630
14		Nocamal	7	7 / 2306	7 / -	7 / 2306
15		Tiarpax	11	11 / 5802	11 / 5802	11 / 5802
16	6	Saxtomp	5	5 / 3620	5 / -	5 / 3620
17		Vavaamp	12	12 / 9200	12 / -	12 / 9200
18		Zirzird	5	5 / 7220	5 / 7220	5 / 7220
19	7	Obmacas	4	4 / 6363	4 / -	4 / 6363
20		Genadol	3	3 / 7706	3 / -	3 / 7706
21		Aspiaon	11	11 / 6320	11 / -	11 / 6320
22	8	Zamfres	5	5 / 4362	5 / 4362	5 / 4362
23		Todnaon	1	1 / 7236	1 / 7236	1 / 7236
24		Pristac	9	9 / 2302	9 / 2302	9 / 2302
25	9	Oddiorg	3	3 / 9996	3 / 9996	3 / 9996
26		Cralpir	10	10 / 3620	10 / 3620	10 / 3620
27		Doanzin	9	9 / 4230	9 / 4230	9 / 4230
28	10	Lexarph	11	11 / 8880	11 / -	11 / 8880
29		Comanan	7	7 / 1230	7 / -	7 / 1230
30		Tabitom	9	9 / 1617	9 / 1617	9 / 1617
31		Molpand	10	- / 3472	10 / 3472	10 / 3472

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No	Air	Name	Descr. 1	Descr. 2	Descr. 3	Lib. Scientiae
32	11	Vsnarda	6	- / 7236	6 / 7236	6 / 7236
33		Ponodol	3	- / 5234	3 / 5234	3 / 5234
34	12	Tapamal	6	- / 2658	6 / -	6 / 2658
35		Gedoons	8	- / 7772	8 / -	8 / 7772
36		Ambriol	2	- / 3391	2 / -	2 / 3391
37	13	Gecaond	10	- / 8111	10 / 8111	10 / 8111
38		Laparin	1	- / 3360	1 / -	1 / 3360
39		Docepax	7	7 / 4213	7 / -	7 / 4213
40	14	Tedoand	5	5 / 2673	5 / -	5 / 2673
41		Vivipos	7	- / 9236	7 / -	7 / 9236
42		Ooanamb	12	12 / 8230	12 / 8230	12 / 8230
43	15	Tahando	9	9 / 1367	9	9 / 1367
44		Nociabi	10	10 / 1367	10	10 / 1367
45		Tastoxo	12	12 / 1886	-	12 / 1886
46	16	Cvcarpt	2	2 / 9920	-	2 / 9920
47		Lavacon	3	3 / 9230	-	3 / 9230
48		Sochial	12	12 / 9240	12 / 9240	12 / 9240
49	17	Sigmorf	2	2 / 7623	2	2 / 7623
50		Aydropt	1	1 / 7132	-	1 / 7132
51		Tocarzi	9	9 / 2634	9	9 / 2634
52	18	Nabaomi	5	5 / 2346	-	5 / 2346
53		Zafasai	7	7 / 7689	-	7 / 7689
54		Yalpamb	12	12 / 9276	-	12 / 9276
55	19	Torzoxi	12	12 / 6236	-	12 / 6236
56		Abaiond	8	8 / 6732	-	8 / 6732
57		Omagrap	11	11 / 2388	-	11 / 2388
58	20	Zildron	5	5 / 3626	-	5 / 3626
59		Parziba	3	3 / 7629	-	3 / 7629
60		Totocan	7	7 / 3634	-	7 / 3634
61	21	Chirspa	12	12 / 5536	12 / -	12 / 5536
62		Toantom	8	8 / 5635	-	8 / 5635
63		Vixpalg	6	6 / 5658	-	6 / 5658
64	22	Ozidaia	12	12 / 2232	12	12 / 2232
65		Paraoan	1	- / 2326	-	1 / 2326
66		Calzirg	12	11 / 2367	-	12 / 2367
67		Ronoamb	7	7 / 7320	-	4 / 7320

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73		Mirzind	4	4 / 5632	-	4 / 5632
74	25	Obvaors	2	2 / 6333	2 / -	2 / 6333
75		Ranglam	12	12 / 6236	-	12 / 6236
76		Pophand	12	12 / 9232	12 / -	12 / 9232
77	26	Nigrana	8	8 / 3620	-	8 / 3620
78		Bazchim	12	12 / 5637	-	12 / 5637
79		Saziami	2	2 / 7220	-	2 / 7220
80	27	Mathvla	4	4 / 7560	-	4 / 7560
81		Orpanib	5	5 / 7263	-	5 / 7263
82		Labnixp	10	10 / 2630	-	10 / 2630
83	28	Focisni	9	9 / 7236	-	9 / 7236
84		Oxlopar	6	6 / 8200	-	6 / 8200
85		Vastrim	3	- / 9632	- / -	3 / 9632
86	29	Odraxti	4	4 / 4236	- / -	4 / 4236
87		Gomziam	5	5 / 7635	5 / 7635	12 / 7635
88		Taoagla	12	12 / 4632	12 / -	12 / 4632
89	30	Gemnimb	4	4 / 9636	4 / -	4 / 9636
90		Advorpt	3	3 / 7632	3 / -	3 / 7632
91		Dozinal	6	6 / 5632	6 / -	6 / 5632

¹³This number is corrected in the margin to 5362.