

# *EIS (Equal Interval System) Murphy System*

## *Guides or Rules*

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- p.17: Voice-Leading: Hold common tones; contrary motion between one or more parts and the bass; move remaining tones to nearest tones in new chord.
- p.26: Non-chord tones do *not* affect the voice-leading as they are placed *between* two chord tones.
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- p.49: The higher you go, the freer you get.
- p.88, 97: No three tones together (no matter how they're voiced in several octaves).
- p.97: No O.O.D. [Outside Octave Dissonance] but:  $\flat 9$  is O.K. if  $\flat 7$  is in chord;  $\flat 2$  is O.K. over a pedal; 3 & 11 are not good but 4 & 10 are fine (likewise 11 & 17).
- p.127: In chords containing  $\sharp 7$ , the  $\sharp 7$  must always resolve (to 6) whenever 9 resolves to 8.
- p.123: Three Basic Principles to Master:  
1) Equal interval root tones  
2) The 18 scales  
3) The vertical chord structures built from the scales  
And: How to weave melodic and harmonic lines through them.
- p.129: EIS Method: Begin with 1) root tones, 2) choose the scales, 3) build the harmonies and get the final results through the use of VL [voice-leading], non-chord tones, resolutions & reverse resolutions.  
The melody may be a single line with harmony in the bass clef (example: 15 10) or it may be 2P-H3 or 3P or 4P or 5P or complete chords.
- p.145: In G sound motives: (or ?): Moving away from doubled tones by contrary motion.
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**VOICE LEADING:** Hold common tones; contr. mot between 1 or more parts & the bass; more remaining tones to meet tones in new chord

Non-chord tones do not affect the Vh as they are placed between two chord tones.

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No O.O.D, but: -9 is O.K. 4-7 is in chord; -2 is O.K. over a Pedal; 3+11 are not good but 4+10 are fine (likewise 11+17).

In chords containing 47, the 47 must always resolve (to 6) whenever 9 resolves to 8.

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*in ground Motives (or?):*  
Moving away from doubled tones by contrary motion

Good fit chord scales: 1,3,4,7, (11,12 in 4 part) (4+ too?)