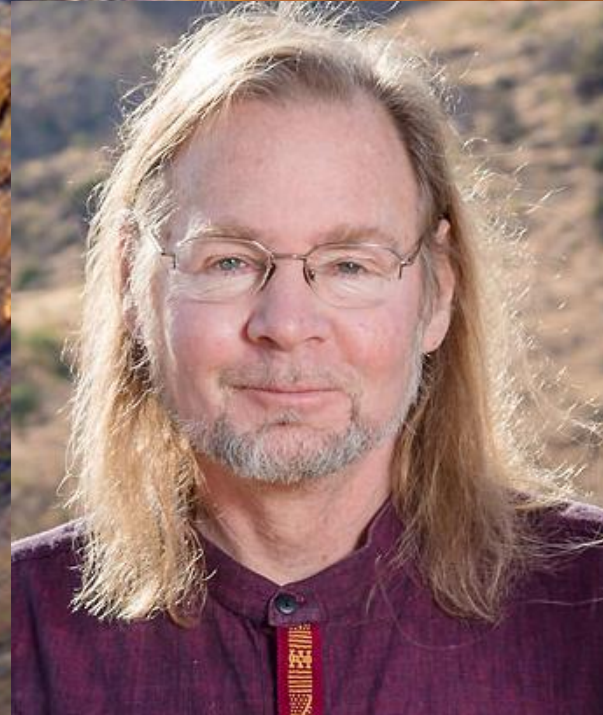


# “What is Mars in the Underworld All About?”

*With Daniel Giamario  
and Erik Roth*

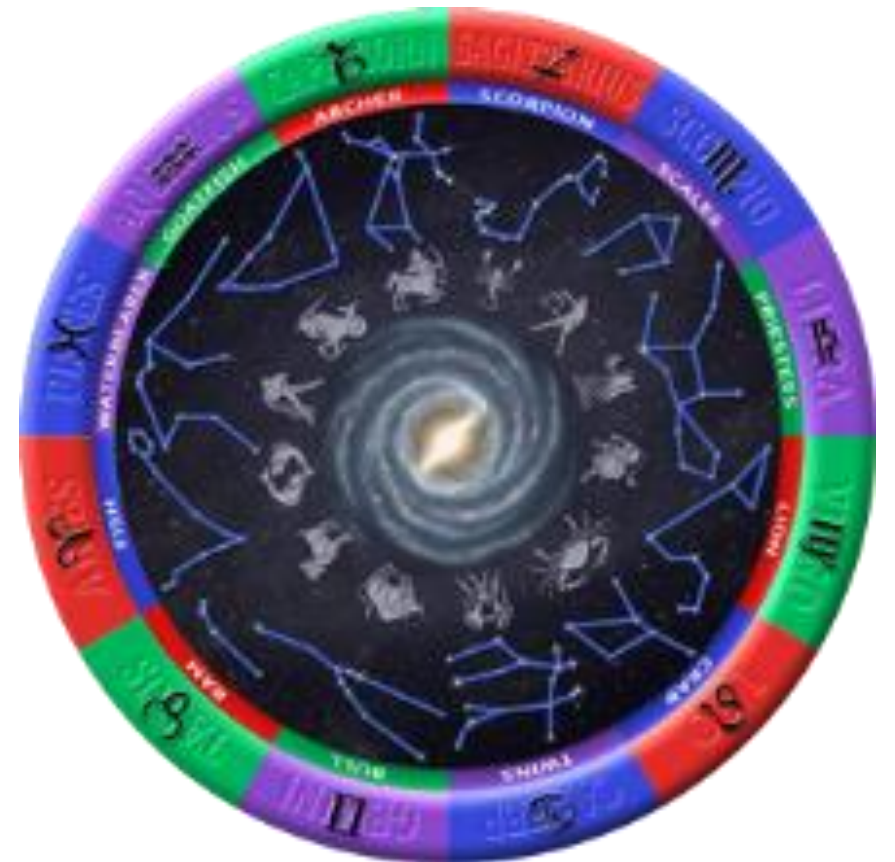


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Giamario

The Mars Cycle interpretation  
originated from Daniel  
Giamario in the late 1990s.  
Contributions from Erik Roth  
are also presented here.

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# The Mars Synodic Cycle

- The Mars Synodic Cycle lasts on average, 26 months
- Mars' Synodic Cycle begins when Mars is at **opposition to the Sun**, when it is **closest and brightest to Earth** (Mars Rises as the Sun Sets)
- Mars is in retrograde when Synodic Cycle begins
- There are six phases to a Mars Synodic Cycle:
  - Birth/Emergence (Phase 1)
  - Labors/Tasks of Mars (Phase 2)
  - Underworld/Surrender (Phase 3)
  - Rebirth (Phase 4)
  - Maturity/Knowledge (Phase 5)
  - Metamorphosis (Phase 0)

# Helping to define the masculine through the **use of overtones**

We are born with both a Mars sign AND a Mars Overtone

This overtone assists us in clarifying what version of the masculine that is emerging within us (any gender)

The overtone is akin to the matrix in which our Mars sign is being experienced (kind of like the environment)

Essentially, the intent of having an overtone (and a Mars sign) is to live and explore the light and shadows of that combination of sign and overtone



# Mars in Aries Synodic Cycles

## Mars-Sun Opposition Points (Acronychal Rises)

### Previous:

Sept 28 1988 - 05° 13' Aries

Oct 10 1941 - 16° 49' Aries

Sept 24 1909 - 00° 42' Aries

Oct 20 1894 - 27° 31' Aries

### Future:

Oct 2 2067 - 09° 42' Aries

### Magnitude

- 2.75

- 2.64

- 2.77

- 2.52

- 2.73

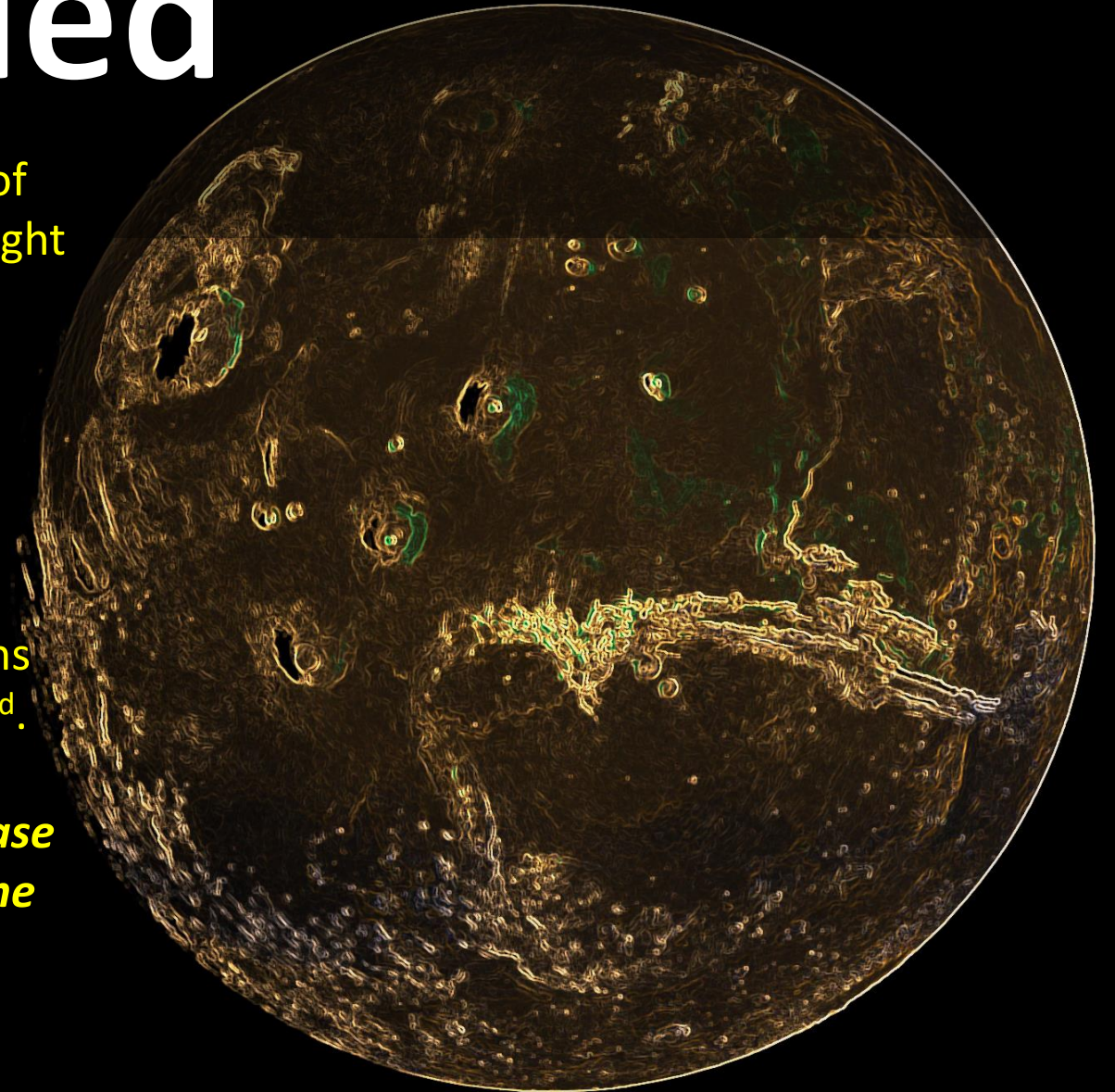
# Mars Descended

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mars entered within 15 degrees of the of the Sun, becoming hidden by our naked eyes. This brought forth a new phase of the Mars cycle: the Underworld.

In this case, the underworld is a concept going back thousands of years when a visible planet/star became hidden from sight.

Mars will become essentially invisible for about 3 months before rising again in the morning sky on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

***Mars represents the “masculine principle”, and this phase means a surrender into the domain of its soul to face the truth of itself and its experiences since its maximum brightness in October, 2020.***



# Mars Synodic Cycle Phase 3

## The Underworld Phase / Aug 23 – Nov 22, 2021

**PHASE THREE** – Similar to person's initiations in their late 30's-46, begins with Mars entering the underworld. It lasts for 3-4 months, ending when Mars has separated from the Sun by 15 degrees and rises as a very dim morning star.

We have compared this phase to shamanic death and rebirth, such as a Sun Dance or Okepa ceremony. It's a time of surrender, and either chosen or forced powerlessness for the purpose of developing more humility and maturity.

This then corresponds to many of the cycles of the "mid-life crisis", including the Pluto Square (in current generations), the Neptune square and the Uranus opposition.

Therefore we are looking roughly at Age 37-38 up until possibly the Saturn Opposition at around 44 or maybe lasting until the Nodal Reversal at 46.

# Stories of the Underworld

**There are many stories / myths / and some practices of the hero's journeying into the underworld, then returning as a rebirthed soul**

**Here are some notable examples**

- **The Lakota Sun Dance and Mandan Okipa/Okeepa Ceremony**
- **A Hero's entering into the "belly of the whale" (the whale being an analogy to the underworld and feminine). Raven of the Eskimo and Jonas are good examples**
- **The Death/Rebirth Myth of the Egyptian god, Osiris, who was killed by Seth (brother) and then revived by the goddesses Isis (partner/lover) and Nephthys (sister)**
- **The story of Izanagi (hero-god-king) and Izanami (sister-wife) from Japanese mythology**
- **The Myth of Nergal/Erra (pre-cursor to Mars) and Erishkigal (from 1500 BC Mesopotamian)**
- **Modern Pop Culture example of the story of the Dark Knight (Batman) and his commitment to serve in the underworld in order to re-claim himself and literally climb out of the depths of the earth**



## Phase Three – Aries in the Underworld

*Sundance Humility - Letting Go - Surrendering Attachments* **August 23, 2021 – November 22, 2021**

Date			Mars	Sign	Degrees from the Sun		
<b>Aug</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Disappears below horizon</b>	<b>15°33'Vir</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>degrees</b>	<b>descends</b>
Sep	02	2021	Mars opposite Neptune	22°06'Vir	12	degrees	underworld
Sep	07	2021	Conjunct Moon	25°21'Vir	10	degrees	underworld
Sep	14	2021	Mars enters sign of Libra	00°00'Lib	08	Degrees	underworld
Oct	01	2021	Mars opposite Chiron	10°44'Lib	02	Degrees	underworld
Oct	06	2021	Conjunct Moon	14°00'Lib	½	degree	underworld
<b>Oct</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Conjunct Sun</b>	<b>15°05'Lib</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>degrees</b>	<b>underworld</b>
Oct	09	2021	Mercury conjunct Mars	16°16'Lib	½	degree	underworld
Oct	21	2021	Mars square Pluto	24°22'Lib	4 ½	Degrees	underworld
Oct	30	2021	Mars enters sign of Scorpio	00°00'Sco	07	Degrees	underworld
Nov	03	2021	Conjunct Moon	03°07'Sco	09	Degrees	underworld
Nov	10	2021	Mercury conjunct Mars	07°22'Sco	11	Degrees	underworld
Nov	10	2021	Mars squares Saturn	07°40'Sco	11	Degrees	underworld
Nov	17	2021	Mars opposite Uranus	12°15'Sco	13	Degrees	underworld
<b>Nov</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Rises in Eastern Morning sky</b>	<b>15°48'Sco</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>degrees</b>	<b>AM Star</b>

Priestess Constellation

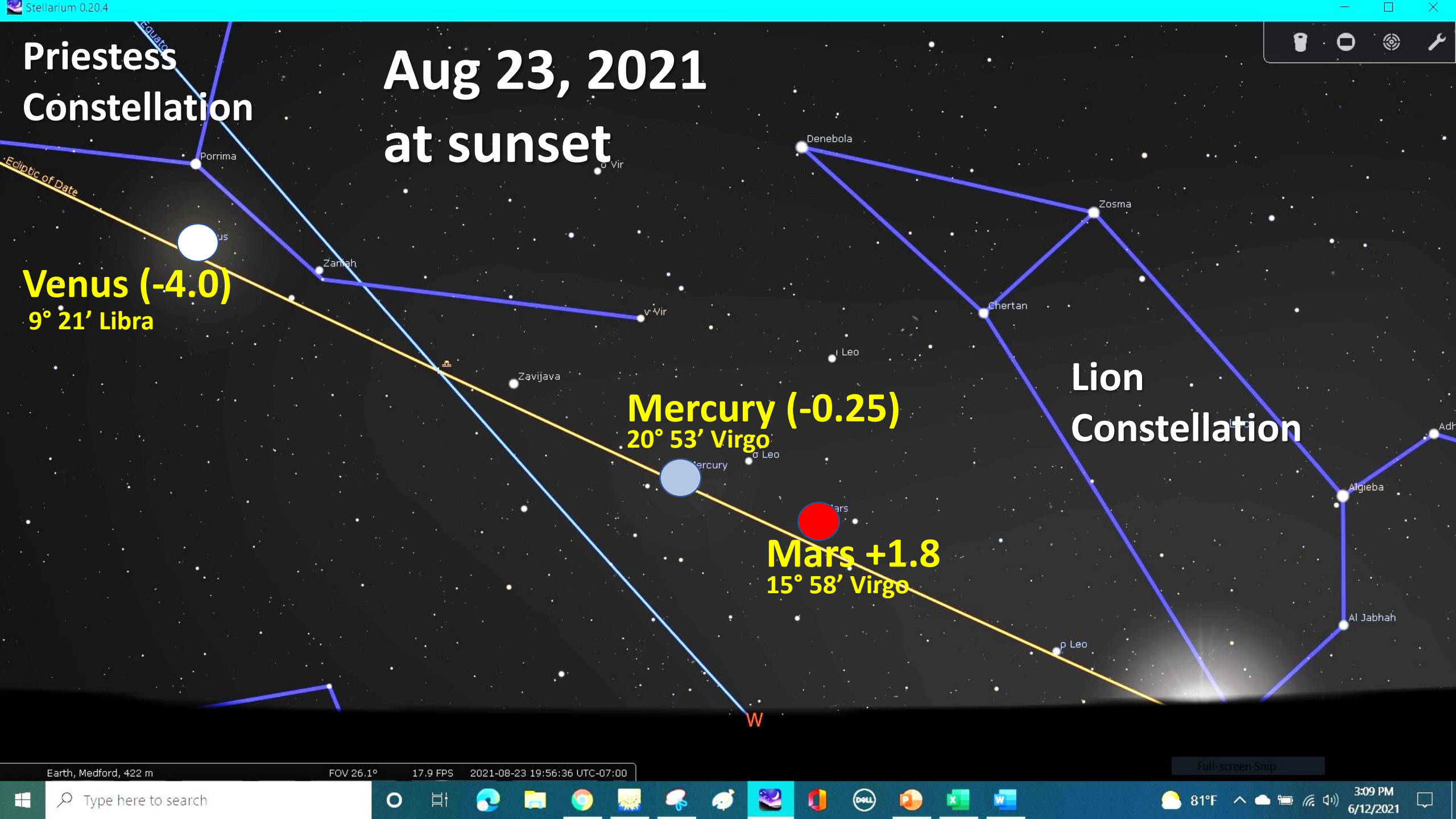
Aug 23, 2021 at sunset

Venus (-4.0)  
9° 21' Libra

Mercury (-0.25)  
20° 53' Virgo

Mars +1.8  
15° 58' Virgo

Lion Constellation

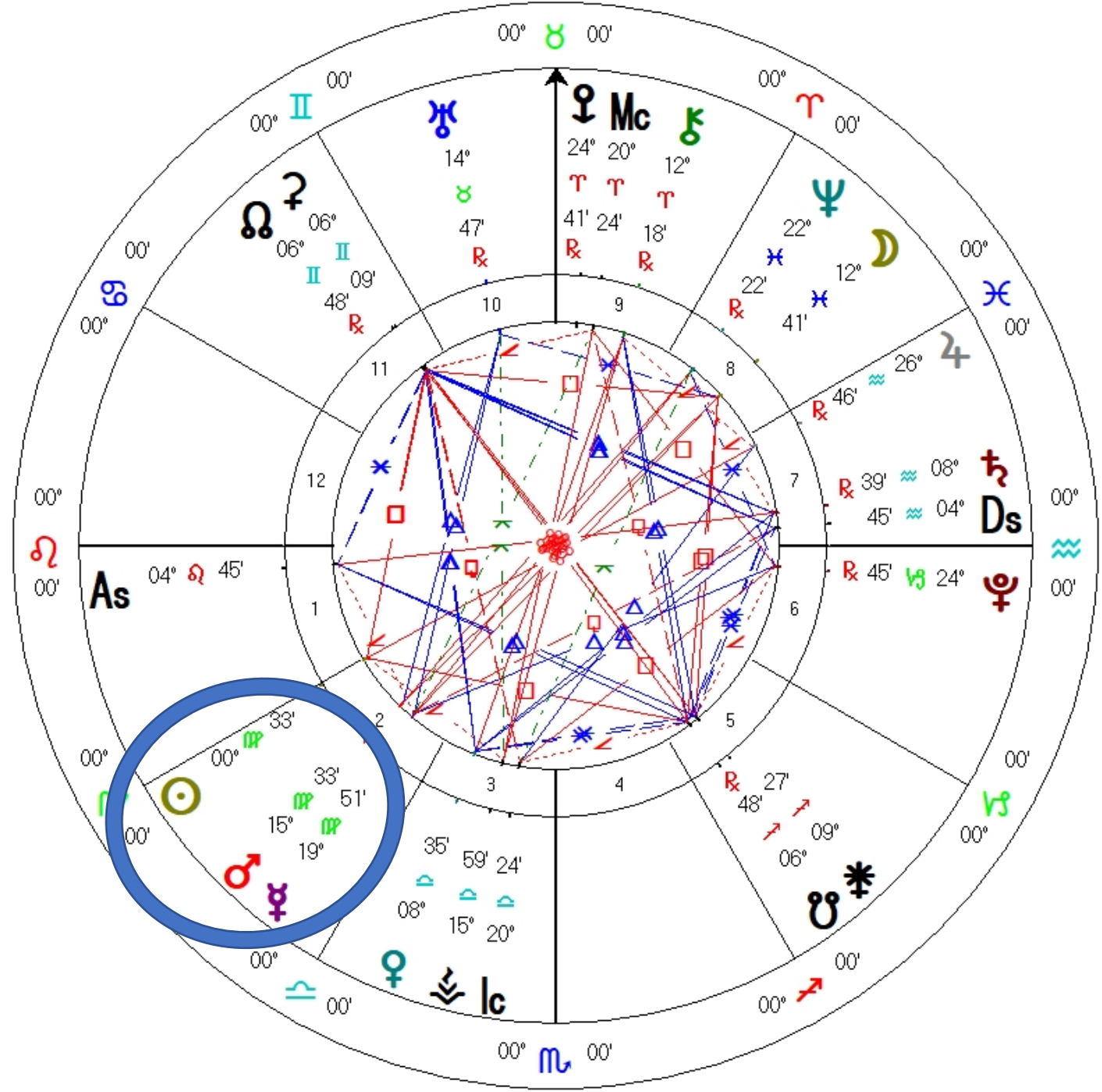


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Mars enters Underworld  
on Aug 23, 2021. One  
day after Full Moon.

Mercury 4° ahead from  
Mars in Virgo

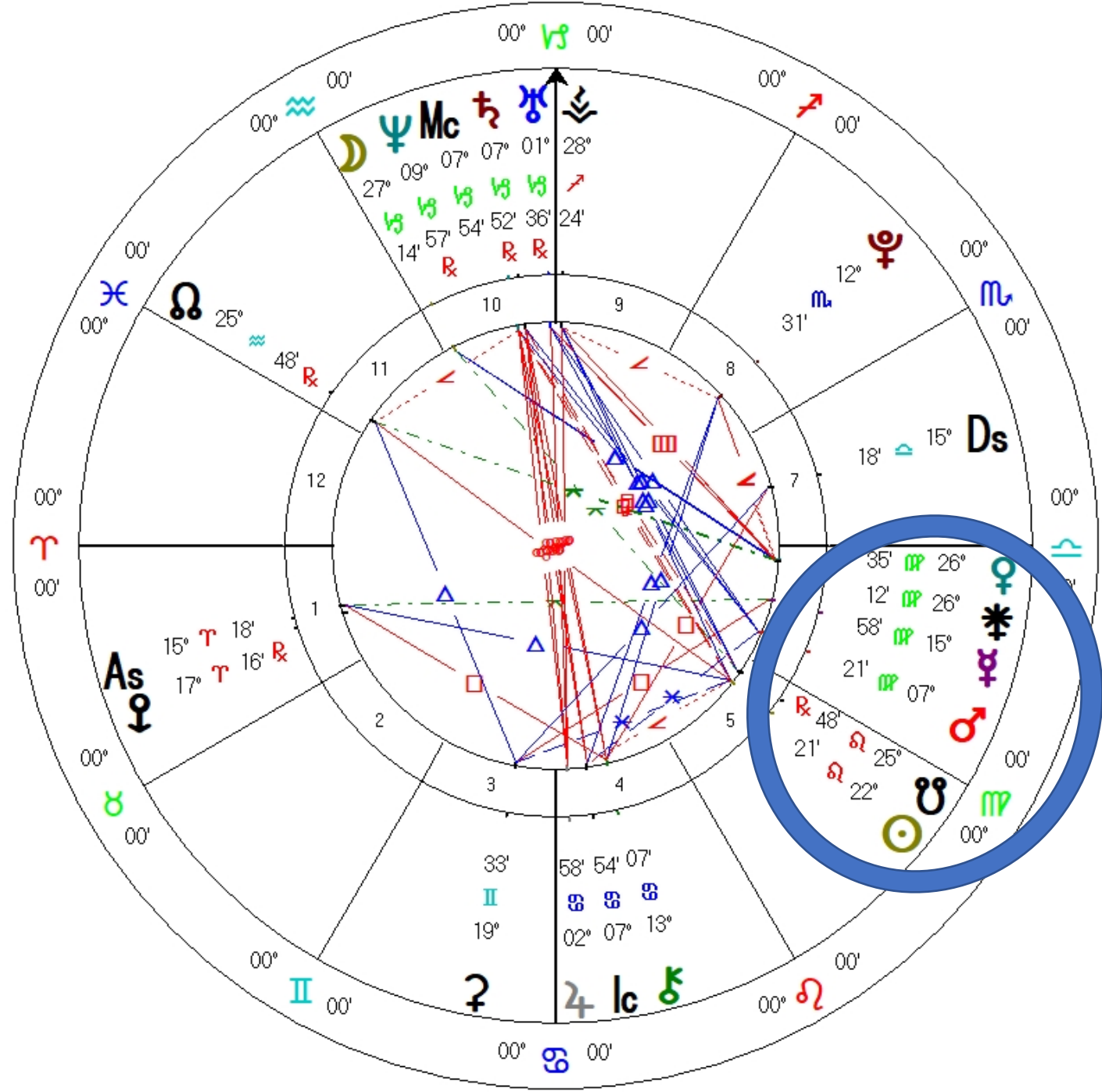


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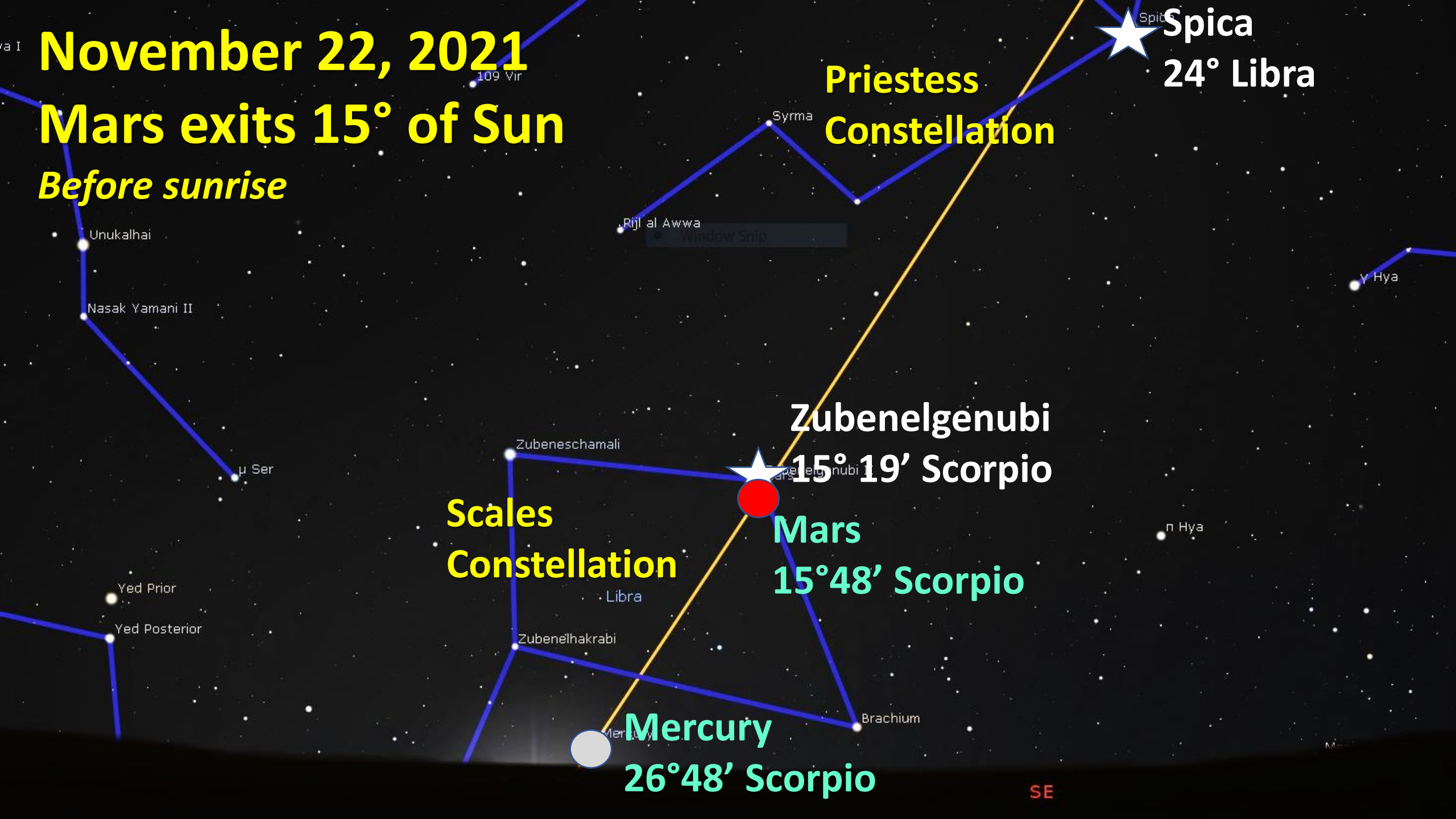
Mercury 8 1/2° ahead  
Mars in Virgo.



**November 22, 2021**

**Mars exits 15° of Sun**

*Before sunrise*



**Spica  
24° Libra**

**Priestess  
Constellation**

**Scales  
Constellation**

**Zubenelgenubi  
15°19' Scorpio**

**Mars  
15°48' Scorpio**

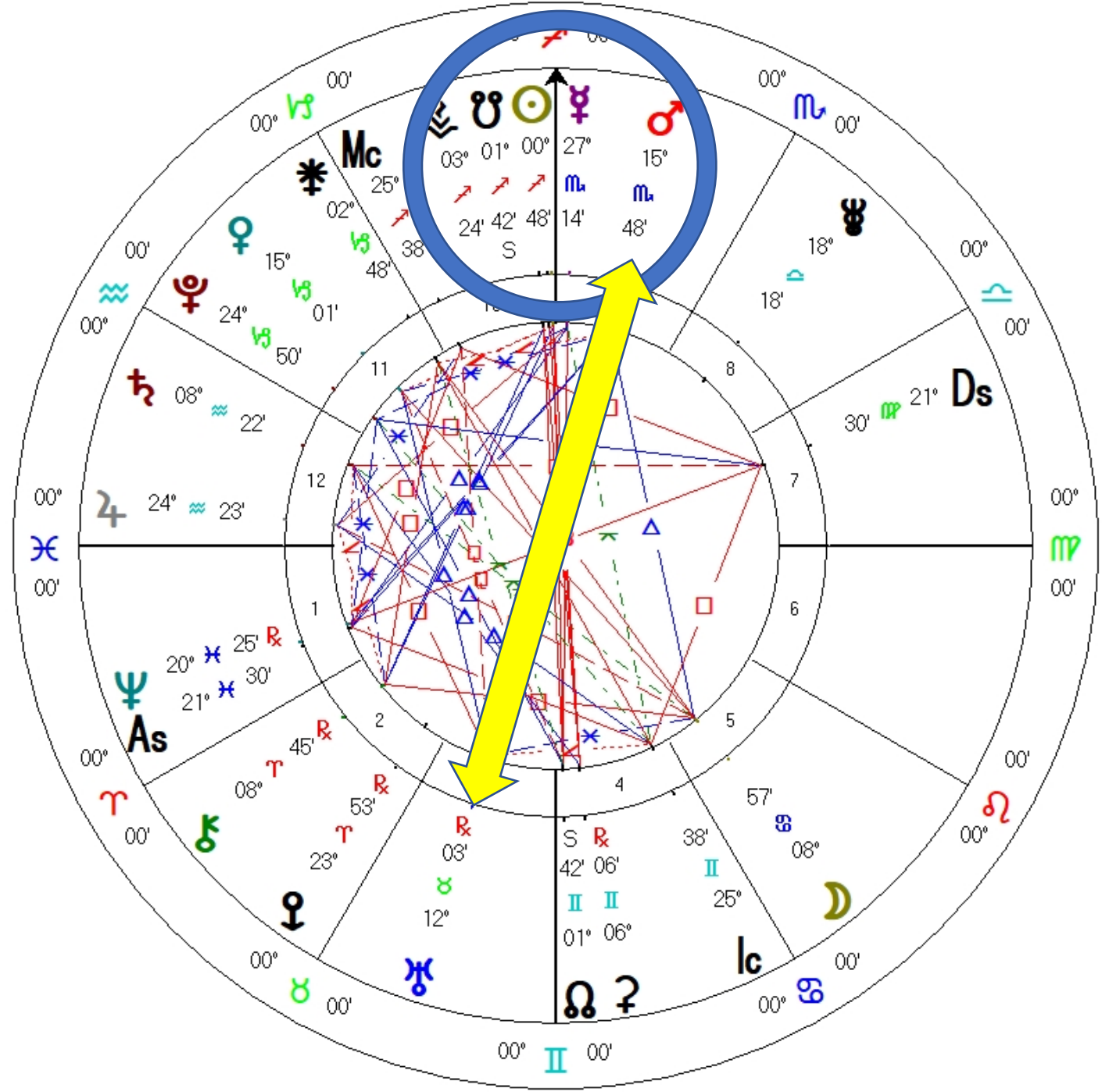
**Mercury  
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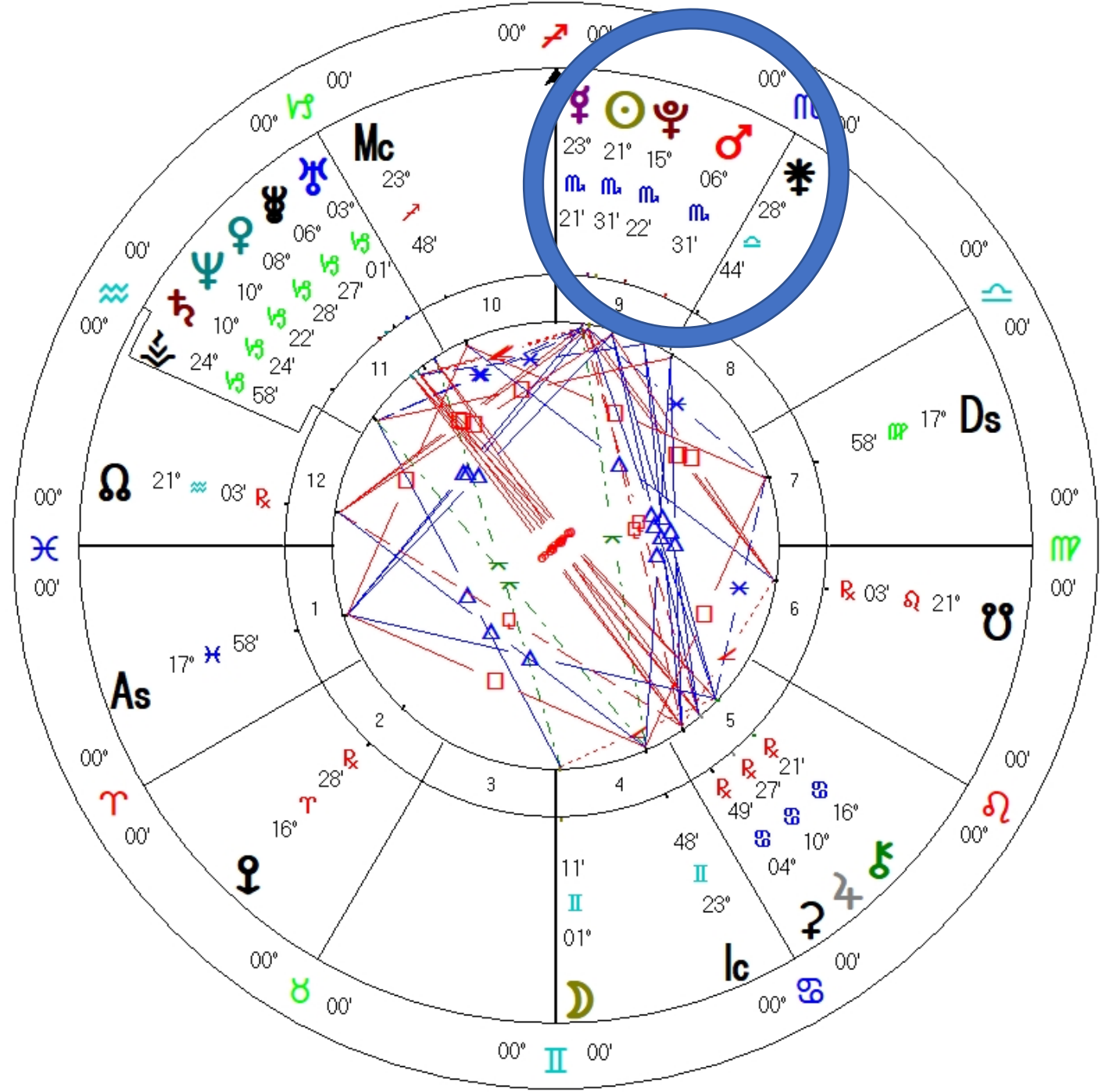
Aries Overtone  
Mars exits Underworld  
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Mars is opposite Uranus



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Aries Overtone  
Mars exits Underworld  
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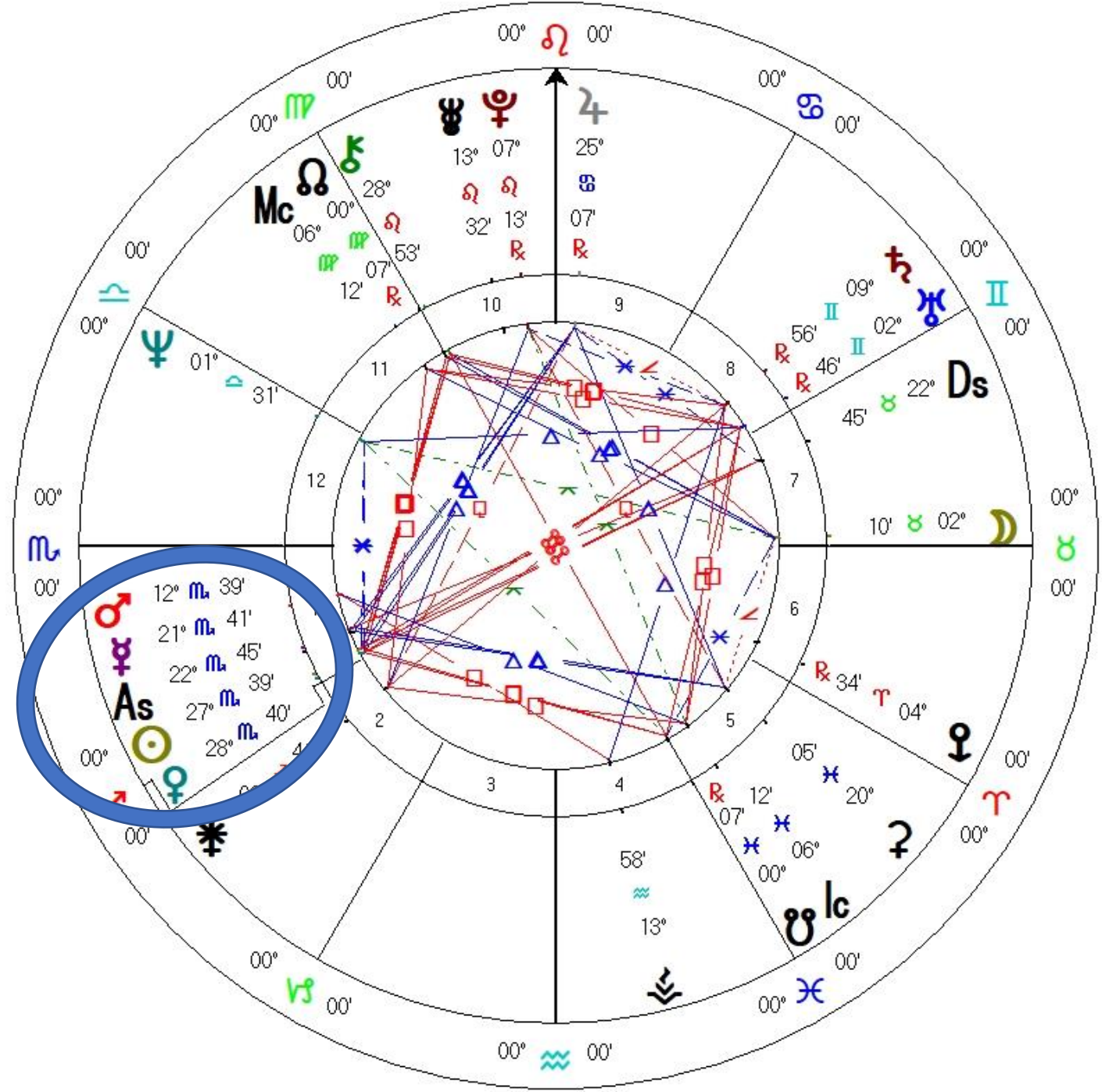


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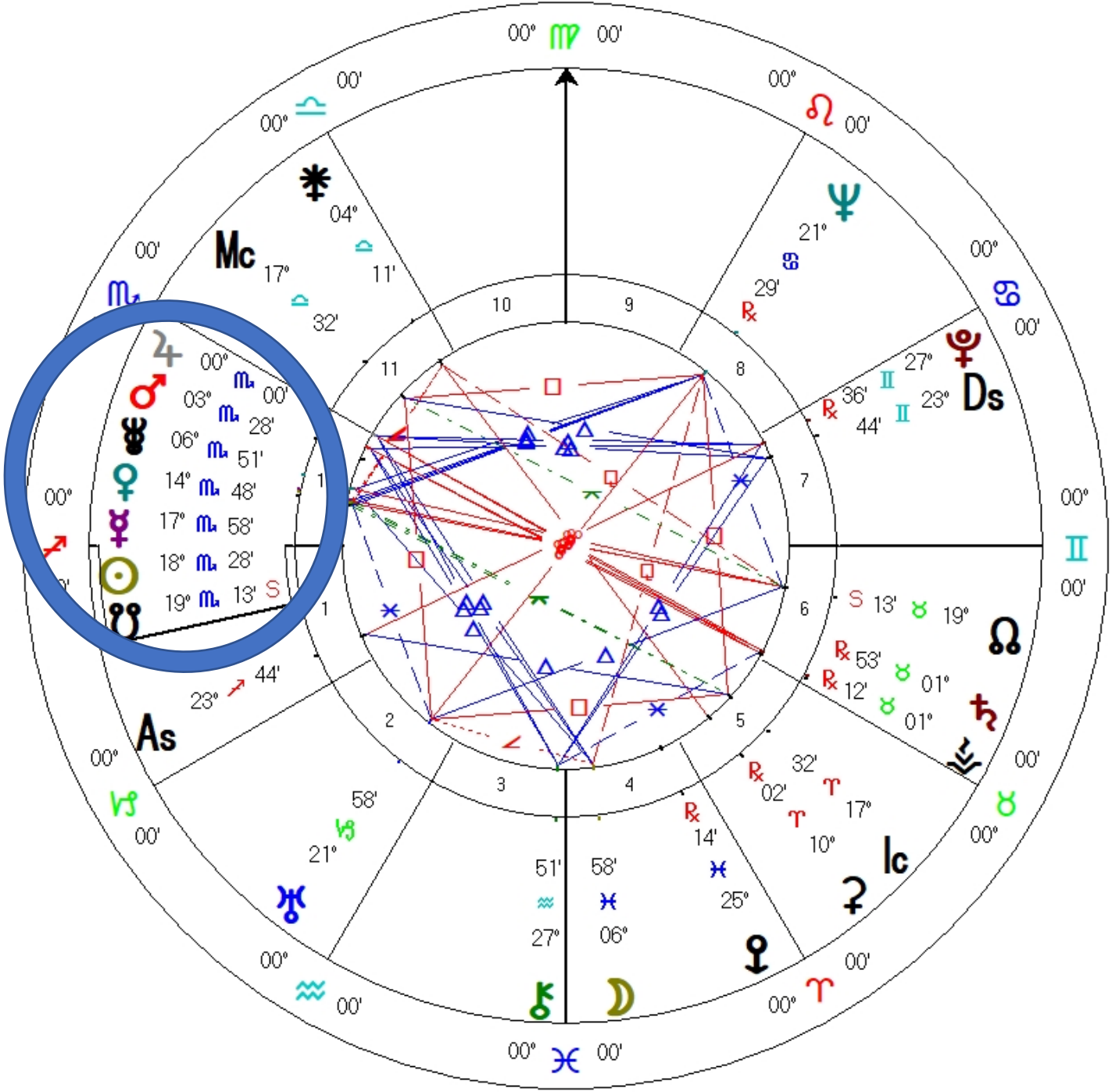


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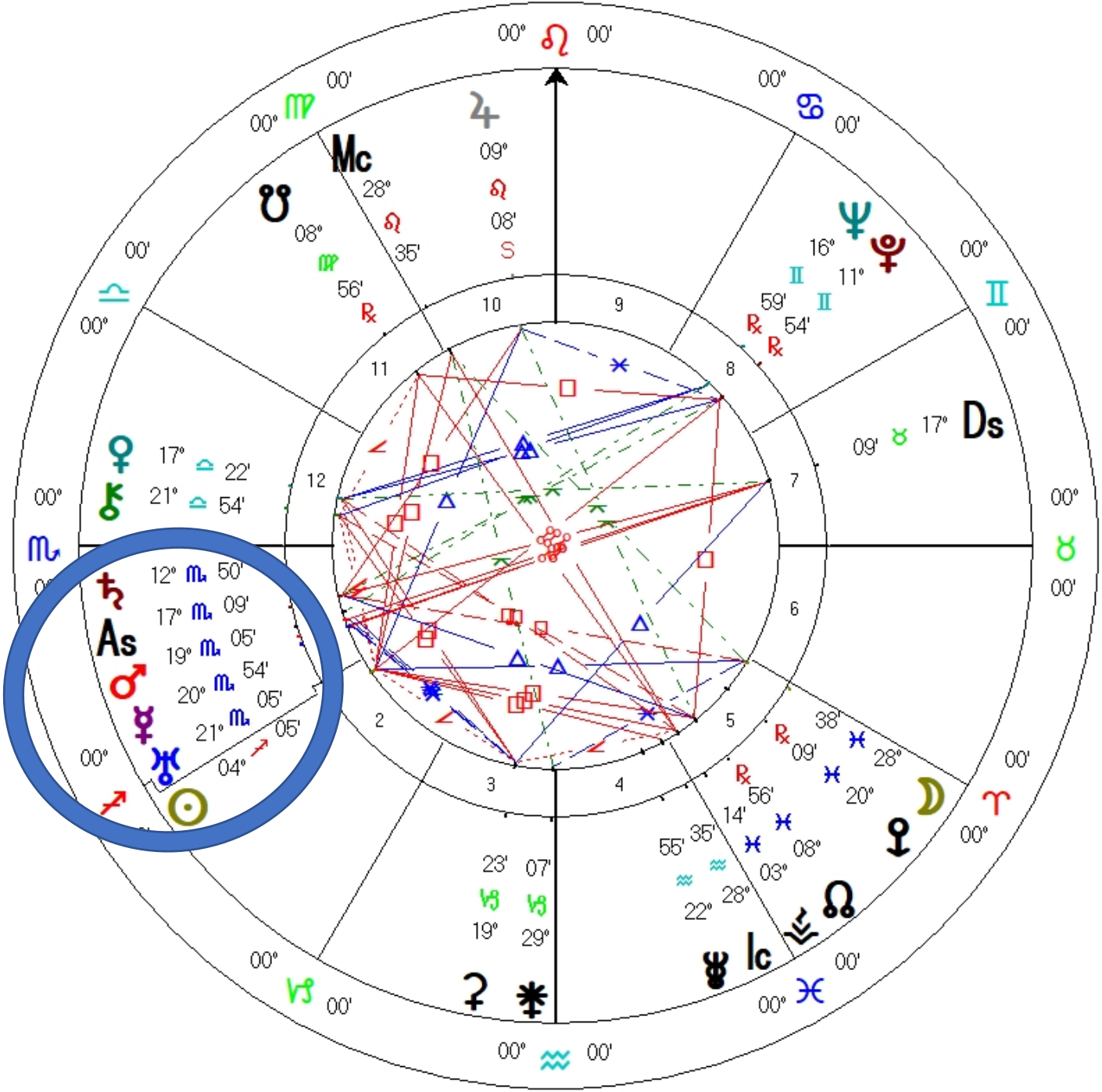


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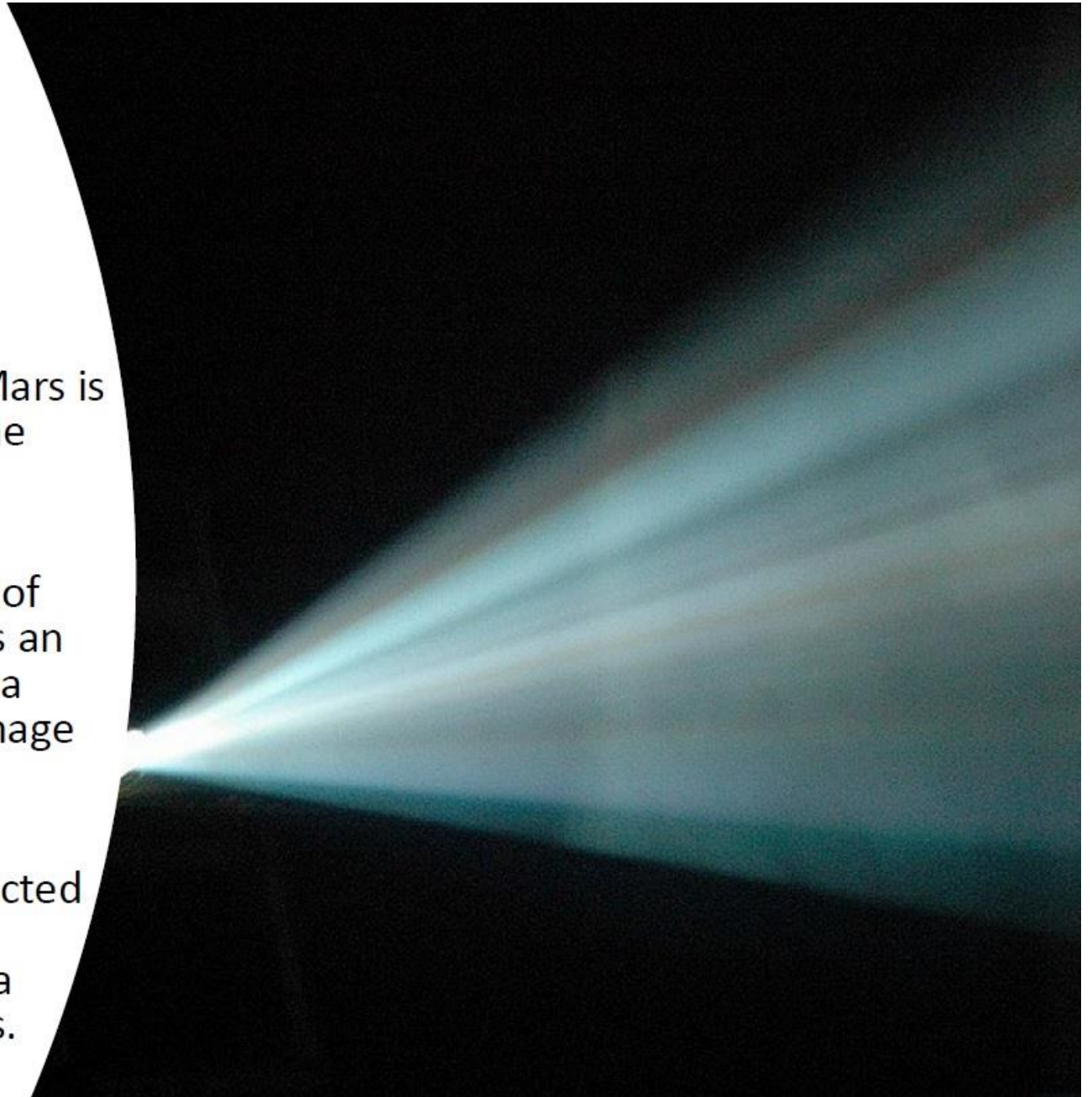
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Aries Overtone  
Mars exits Underworld  
on Nov 26, 1895.



# Mars is part of the Inner Sacred Marriage Process

- Along with Venus and the natal Descendant, Mars is a part of the Inner Sacred Marriage Process in the Shamanic Astrology Paradigm.
- For women, in general, Mars is representative of their inner masculine or animus. Mars facilitates an initial longing for a specific archetypal image for a woman. The longing can start with the father image in a woman's life.
- Later in life, there is an awareness of the projected "other" in the archetypal image of Mars and a recognition of relationship patterns, motivating a person to do their inner sacred marriage process.



# Inner Sacred Marriage Process

- We can see the outflow of major projections into the world but also the “calling out” of those projections and more women choosing to work on their inner masculine or Mars energy
- Dialogue with one’s inner masculine is a key method to engage with your masculine energy (1 of 12 versions) – This is an action directly associated with the “Inner Sacred Marriage Process”
- The Feminine’s reality of the Masculine is vital to the overall masculine’s growth in the world. The more that the masculine actually listens in to the wisdom of the feminine, the more in tune it is with the natural world
- ***For the Feminine to be aware of the true vulnerabilities in the Masculine in the Western World, a bridge can then begin to be built for reciprocal healing as long there is a desire to do so.***
- ***Women / Feminine carry these wounds as well THROUGH the masculine externally and their own animus – so, in part, they are experiencing these wounds/secrets as projections and challenges to do the Sacred Marriage within themselves.***

# Under Saturn's Shadow

THE WOUNDING  
AND HEALING  
OF MEN



JAMES HOLLIS

*Author of The Middle Passage: From Misery to Meaning in Midlife*

# The 8 Secrets Men Carry Within

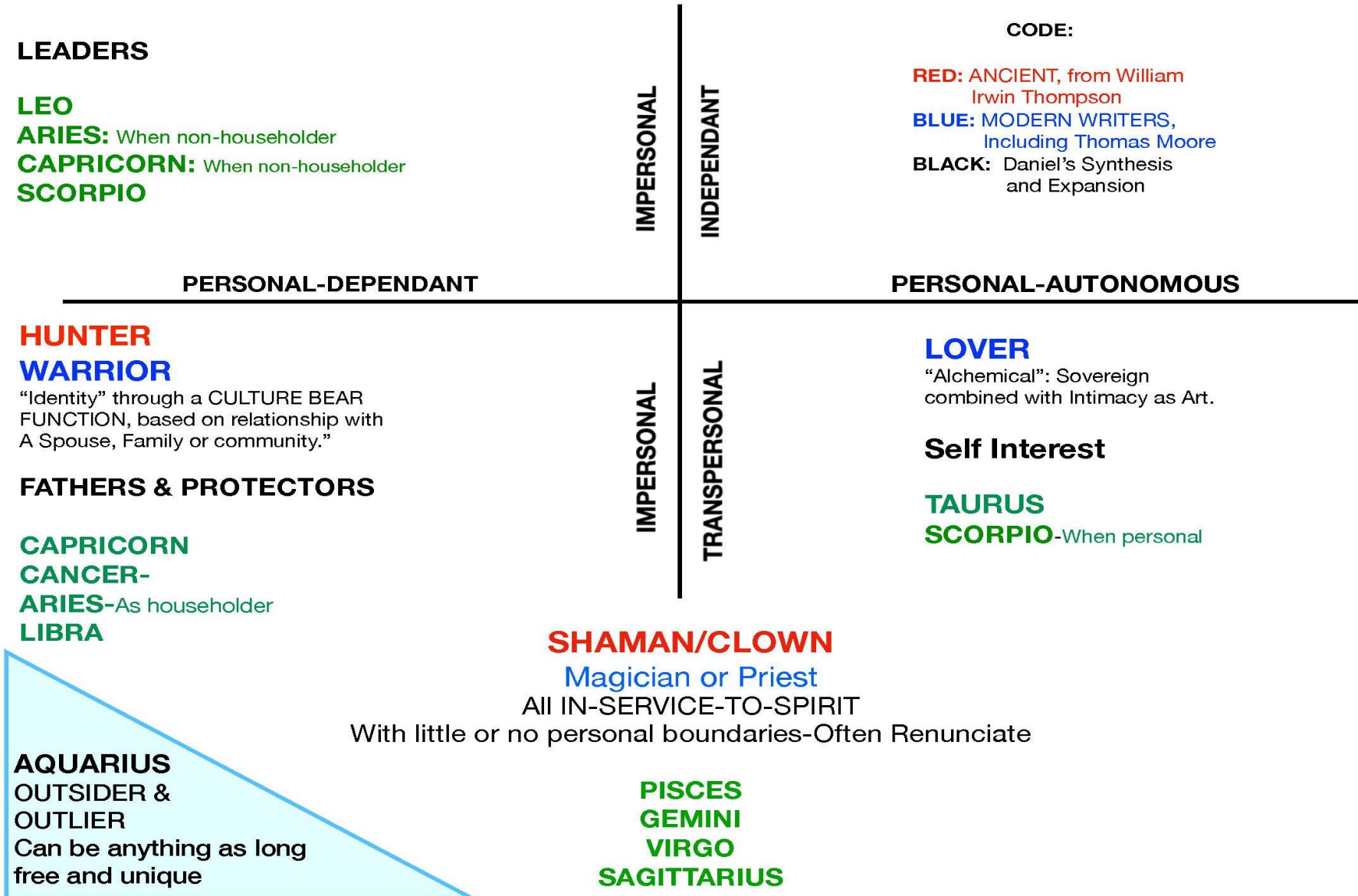
1. Men's lives are as much governed by restrictive role expectations as are the lives of women
2. Men's lives are essentially governed by fear
3. The power of the feminine is immense in the psychic economy of men
4. Men collude in a conspiracy of silence whose aim is to suppress their emotional truth
5. Because men must leave Mother, and transcend the mother complex, wounding is necessary
6. Men's lives are violent because their souls have been violated
7. Every man carries a deep longing for his father and for his tribal Fathers
8. If men are to heal, they must activate within what they did not receive from without

Global and Historical  
Analysis of the  
Archetypes  
of the

*Masculine*

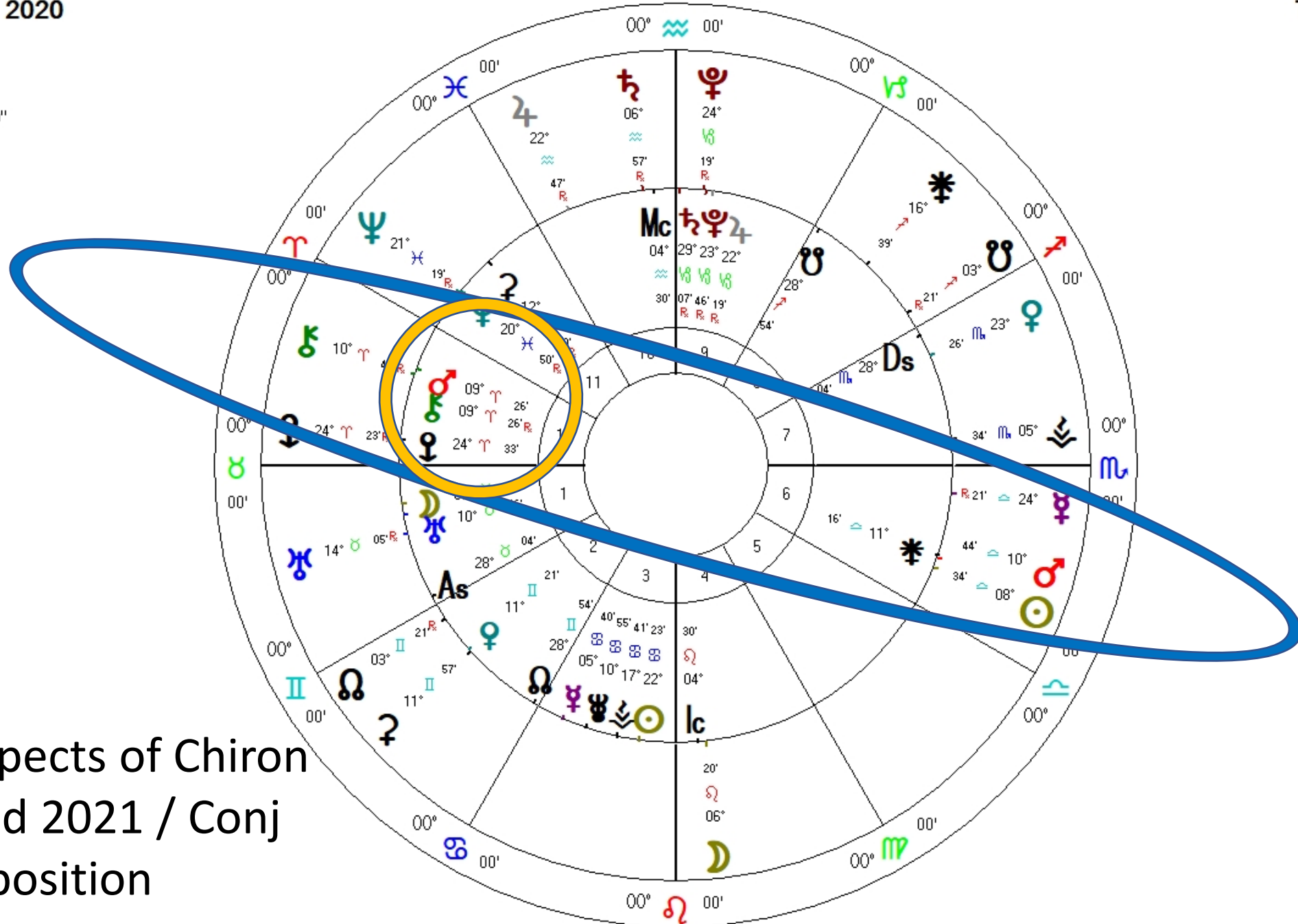
# HEADMAN/KING

KNOWING SELF through Accomplishments  
and Achievement-“Alpha” and Autonomous



Inner Wheel  
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Mars aspects of Chiron  
2020 and 2021 / Conj  
and Opposition



It also shows where we are learning to have acceptance and compassion for our human nature. Everyone has one or more fracture points including what we refer to as the usual suspects in our developmental psychology.

- *Betrayal*
- *Abandonment / Isolation*
- *Lack of Self-Love*
- *Guilt and Shame*
- *Victimization*
- *Perfection/Inner Critic*

# What Chiron Symbolizes

*In addition, we all experience one Core Fracture Point, when we are born, that is best described as being separated from unity, or from our true divine nature, and this can feel as if something is piercing you in the heart.*

Chiron cycles are the time to digest those fracture points in order to self-heal and help others accept their own story. It is a time for incorporating more refined frequencies through shamanic healing or surrendering to what is transforming; similar to the homeopathic process where a poison is refined in a way that becomes a potent medicine so we can more powerfully live our life's purpose. This means our task is to distill an elixir so the wounds become a healing gift.

- from *The Shamanic Astrology Handbook (2014 and later editions)* by Daniel Giamario

# **Chiron in Aries 2018-2027**

**also from 1969-1977**

**Healing through “nobility and purpose”**

- Confrontation**
- Mission and Purpose**
- War and its Aftermath**
- Grieving from Loss (due to war and related conflicts)**

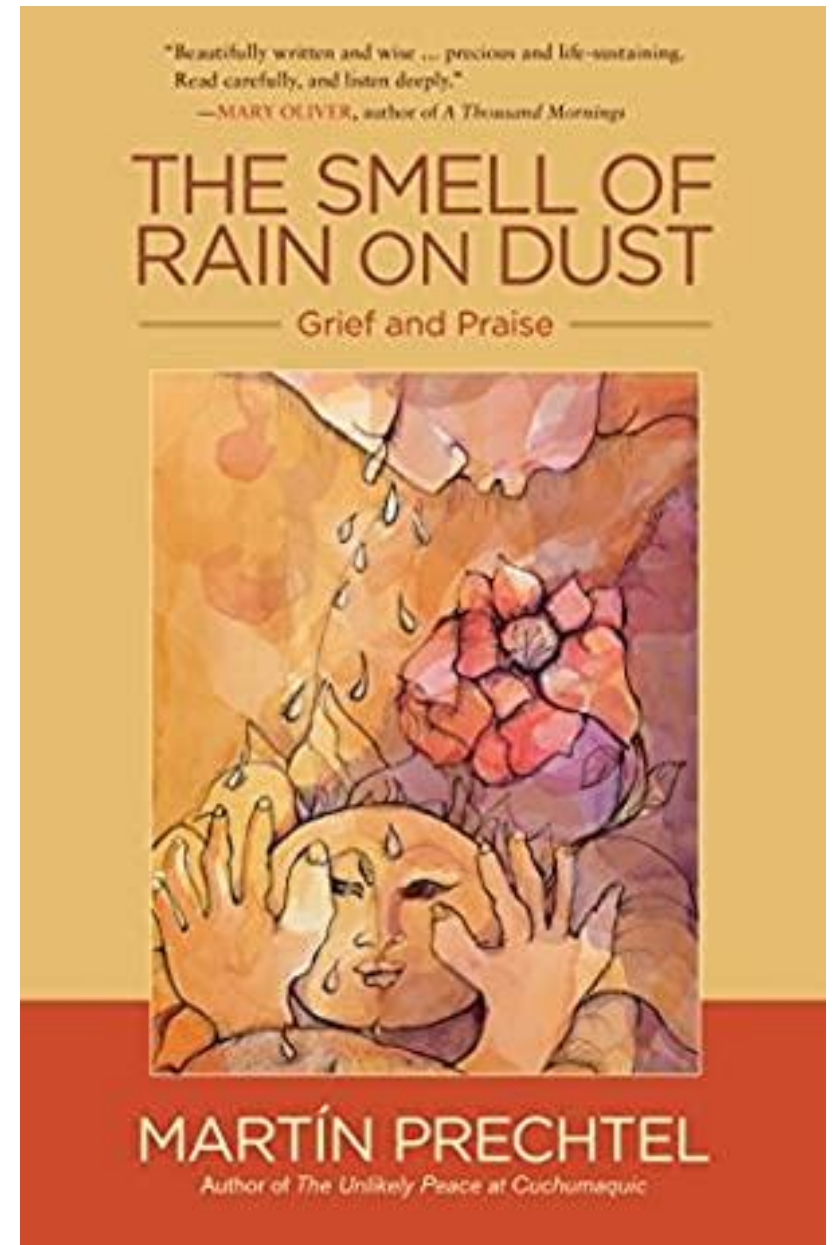
# ***The Smell of Rain on Dust***

by MARTÍN PRECHTEL

This book is a powerful dive into the essence of grief, a hallmark of what Chiron can assist us in feeling during major Chiron initiation.

Grief is looked at as a form of praise to loss in many forms.

Prechtel also shares examples of HOW to grieve and varying methods to utilize to do it



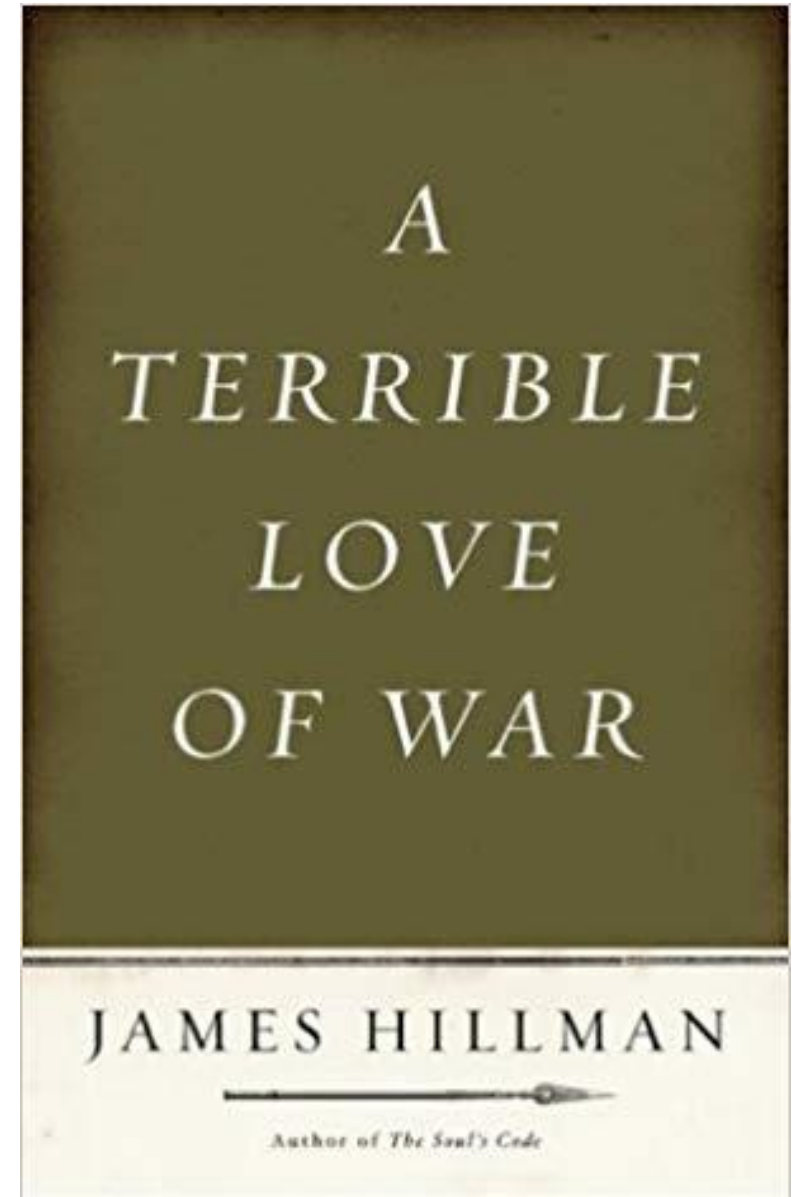
# ***A Terrible Love of War***

by James Hillman

Hillman writes about the tragedy and scope of the true damage of war and its aftermath, especially in the Western World

Numerous examples are given as to the attachments to war and romanticism around it.

Astrologically, this book dives into the true shadow of Aries.



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