

# Mars 2021

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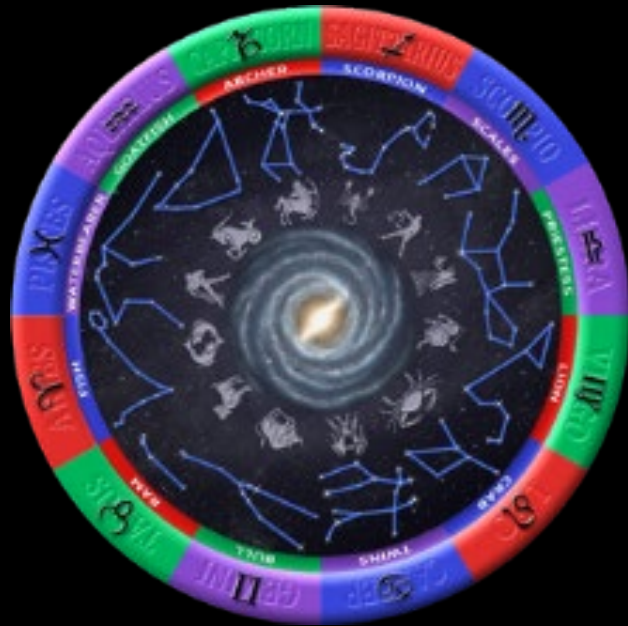


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The Mars Cycle interpretation originated from Daniel Giamario in the late 1990s. Contributions from Erik Roth are also presented here.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Planet from the Sun

Mars represents the “Masculine Principle”. For men, it is the man they are intended to be in this lifetime. For women, it is a symbol of their longing for the “other” as well as a large part of their “inner other”

Mars is looked at as neither good nor bad. It is seen as a “progressive” part of a person’s Natal Chart

Considered to be treated as a “personal planet” on a person’s natal chart

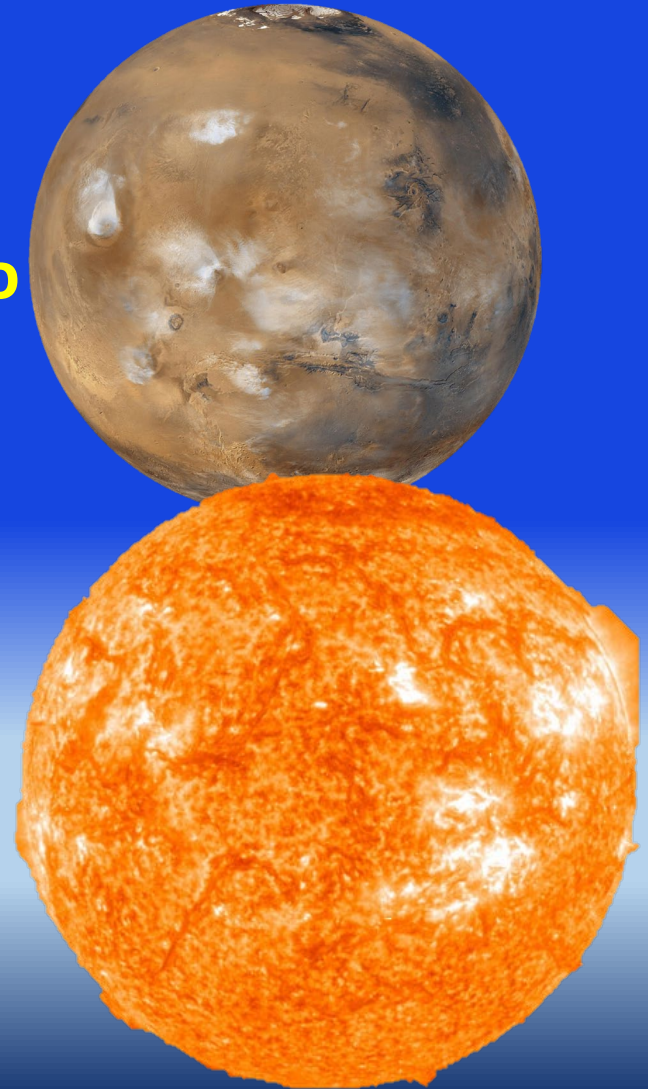
# What does Mars mean in Shamanic Astrology?

## Mars Archetypes

- The Natal Mars sign is the most important factor when defining the role of the masculine in a person’s life. Essentially, there are 12 masculine “types” but a wide variety of each type exists
- Prior to Greco-Roman eras, Mars was known by many other names around the world and wasn’t necessarily a “war god”, but was much more dynamic and expansive in its expression. For vast majority of human history, there were no “professional soldiers”

# The Mars Synodic Cycle

- ❖ The Mars Synodic Cycle lasts on average, 25 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, Labors of Mars, Underworld, Rebirth, Maturity/Knowledge, Metamorphosis



# FURTHER DEFINING THE MASCULINE THROUGH THE USE OF *OVERTONE*

- 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

# SYNODIC CYCLES OF MARS HELP US UNDERSTAND THE MASCULINE

- Mars-Sun Oppositions set the tone of the Masculine until the next Mars-Sun Opposition. The average opposition to opposition is between 25-26 months – called a **“synodic cycle”**
- Mars is closest and brightest when in opposition – Also called **“Acronychal Rise”**
- The Sign that Mars is in creates what is called in Shamanic Astrology, **the “Overtone”**
- Mars spends the longest amount of time in the sign of the **“Overtone”** than any other sign during its synodic cycle

# THE MARS CYCLE IN 6 PHASES

- **PHASE ONE** — Birth, Emergence and Youth – Begins at Mars-Sun Opposition and ends when Mars return back to the degree of the Mars-Sun Opposition
- **PHASE TWO** — The Challenges/Labors/Tasks of Mars – Begins at end of Phase 1 and highlights the Mars/Moon conjunctions (8 to 11 in total) until Mars vanishes in the evening sky  $15^{\circ}$  from the Sun
- **PHASE THREE** — The Underworld Journey of Mars. This phase can be analogous to the “sundance” or “okeepa” of Mars, a spiritual trial. It lasts nearly 4 months and Mars cannot be seen with the naked eye during this phase

# THE MARS CYCLE IN 6 PHASES



- **PHASE FOUR** — Rebirth; Growth, Maturity and Wisdom – Begins when Mars becomes visible until it reaches the sign of its opposition with the Sun
- **PHASE FIVE** — Elder Maturity and Knowledge – Begins with the sign of past opposition with the Sun and ends when Mars enters the sign of its next opposition with the Sun
- **PHASE ZERO** — Conception, Incubation, Gestation and Metamorphosis – ends at the Sun-Mars Opposition



# Mars Dynamic (Hard) Aspects in Aries and Taurus

## Chiron Conjunction

July 14, 2020 - 9°26' Aries

## Saturn Square

August 24, 2020 - 26°19' Aries/Capricorn

September 29, 2020 - 25°20' Aries/Capricorn

**January 13, 2021 - 03°04' Taurus/Aquarius**

## Pluto Square

August 13, 2020 - 23°05' Aries/Capricorn

October 9, 2020 - 22°29' Aries/Capricorn

December 23, 2020 - 23°55' Aries/Capricorn

## Jupiter Square

August 4, 2020 - 19°44' Aries/Capricorn

October 18, 2020 - 19°26' Aries/Capricorn

**January 22, 2021 - 07°59' Taurus/Aquarius**

## Eris Conjunction

August 17, 2020 - 24°29' Aries

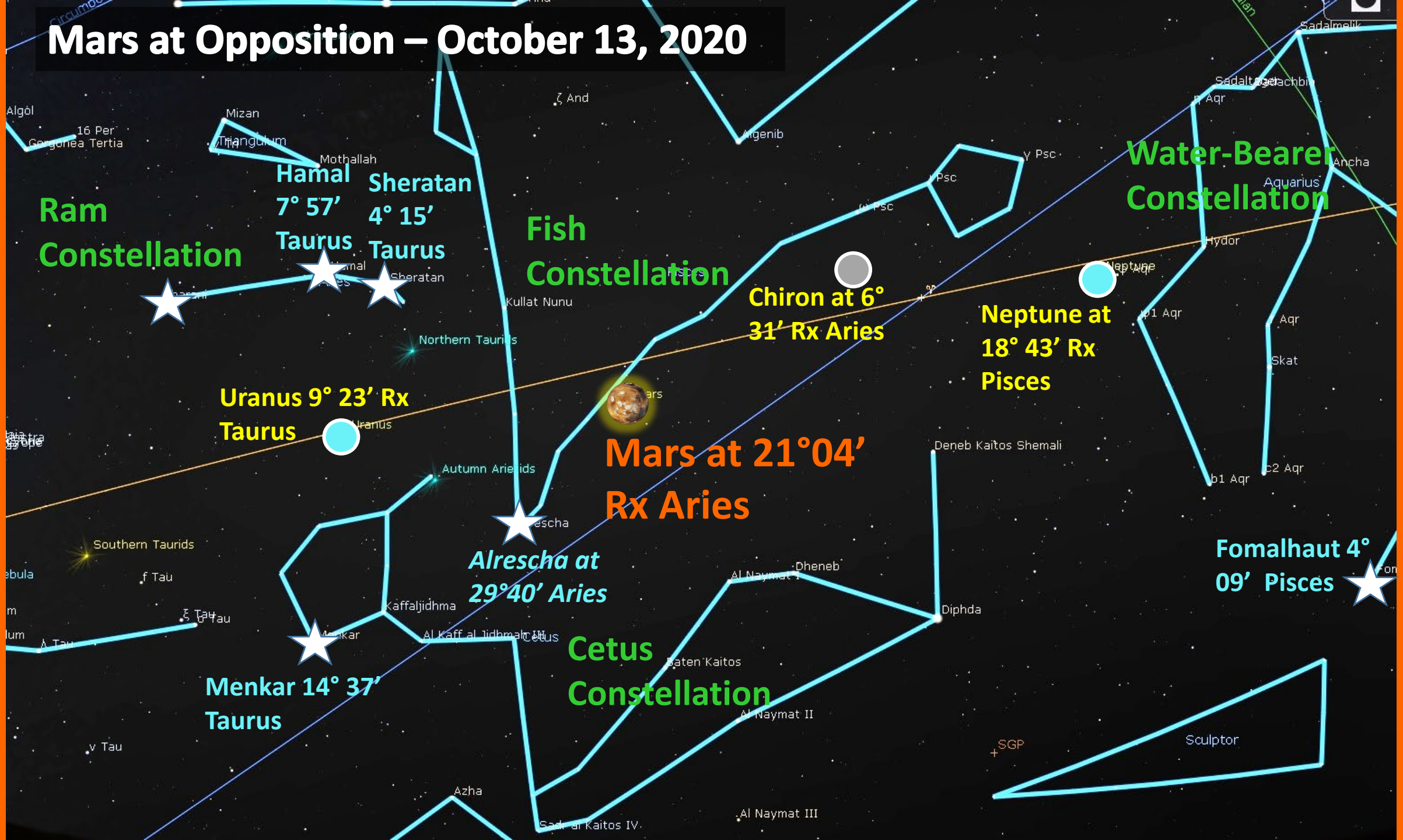
October 3, 2020 - 24°07' Aries

December 22, 2020 - 23°29' Aries

## Uranus Conjunction

**January 20, 2021 - 06°44' Taurus/Aquarius**

# Mars at Opposition – October 13, 2020



# Mars in Aries

*the incubation of the masculine*

- The sign most resonate with Mars is Aries
- Aries' essence is about mission-orientation, it is actional and a rugged-independence. It can be likened to the Guardian of the Cosmic Order.
- Aries is a fire-elemental form that is fast-moving, willful and strength of force and martial skills to overcome obstacles.
- Like all signs of the zodiac, Aries has been violated and corrupted over the last few thousand years in a direction for fighting wars and subscription to professional armies and especially for men.
- Aries is championed also, at the same time, as the ultimate and fiercest warrior and that this is a “good thing” for society. Even today, warriors are shown in entertainment mediums as the ultimate good vs evil in a black and white adversarial drama story that is perpetuated across the globe.

# More on the Sign of Aries

- Aries is the martial symbol of the 12 signs, the one most closely associated with the warrior archetype
- The intent of Mars in Aries is the freedom to choose to commit or be “all in” to a cause, purpose and/or mission
- Other ways to describe Aries is the rugged individualist, the velocity seeker, the alpha person, the ronin or lone wolf and the defender of the cosmic order
- Aries is a fiery, willful, actional, competitive and instinctual, spontaneous, decisive, aggressively playful and enthusiastic
- Aries is a sign that was violated at the rise of the Greco-Roman empires when the first true appearance of professional soldiers rose upon the world (as early as 3000 years ago).
- Aries is associated with the Roman/Grecian war God Mars/Ares, whose origins go back thousands of years and war was not the most primary quality of those ancient gods.
- This sign is intimately and deeply connected to the feminine and couldn't truly be defined without it

# Mars Synodic Cycle Phase 1

**Birth until Age 12--Begins with the Sun/Mars Opposition....This can be seen as BIRTH. This phase lasts for 2-3 months containing 2-3 Moon conjunctions with Mars.**

**Also in this phase is where Mars turns direct, and ends when Mars returns to the degree of Opposition, the BIRTH degree.**

**Significantly, Mars pretty much remains in the same place in the sky, never more than 7-8 degrees either way from the point of stationing direct.**

**We are speculating that this phase contains the experiences of Childhood, from the smallest infant just up to puberty, at least up until the first Jupiter return at 11-12 years old, and includes the Mars return around 2, the Mercury return, and Saturn square around age 7, the first Venus return around age 8, and the first nodal reversal at age 8-9.**

# Important Phase 1 Dates

Date	Event	Sign	Deg from Sun	Mars Magnitude
October 13, 2020	Opposition with Sun	21°04' Aries	180°	-2.62
October 18, 2020	Mars squares Jupiter (2nd)	19°26' Aries	173°	-2.52
October 29, 2020	Conjunct Moon	16°46' Aries	159°	-2.20
November 13, 2020	Mars Stations Direct	15°13' Aries	143°	-1.70
November 25, 2020	Conjunct Moon	16°09' Aries	132°	-1.30
December 15, 2020	Return to Original Opposition Point	21°04' Aries	118°	-0.76

NOTE: Mars reaches 21°04' Aries the first time on August 7th





# Mars in Aries Synodic Cycles

## Mars-Sun Opposition Points (Acronychal Rises)

### Previous:

<i>Oct 13 2020 - 21° 04' Aries</i>	-	<b>2.62</b>
Sept 28 1988 - 05° 13' Aries	-	<b>2.75</b>
Oct 10 1941 - 16° 49' Aries	-	<b>2.64</b>
Sept 24 1909 - 00° 42' Aries	-	<b>2.77</b>
Oct 20 1894 - 27° 31' Aries	-	<b>2.52</b>

### Future:

Oct 2 2067 - 09° 42' Aries	-	<b>2.73</b>
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### Magnitude



# Extreme Masculinity

*More on Mars in Aries and its fallout*

Qualities of the shadow or toxicity of the dominant masculinity

- Not allowing emotions perceived as “feminine” to show (i.e. crying)
- Not appearing “weak” in front of others
- All about winning and dominance over others
- Self-Centered, egocentric and reactive
- Never admitting defeat leading to the denial of any loss even if it means denying reality
- Being the “stronger” is “better”

# Mars through the Signs in 2021:

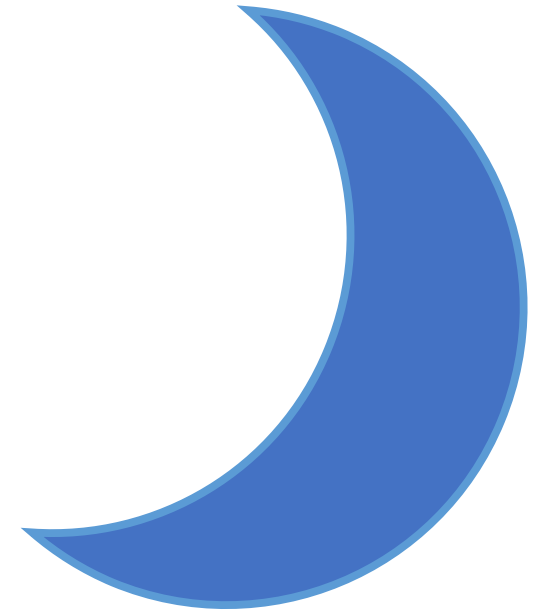
- Mars in Aries through January 6th
- Taurus: January 6 to March 3
- Gemini: March 3 to April 23
- Cancer: April 23 to June 11
- Leo: June 11 to July 29
- ***Mars enters Underworld August 23rd (Mars hidden in the glare of the Sun) – Phase 3***
- Virgo: July 29 to September 14
- Libra: September 14 to October 30
- ***Mars exits Underworld November 22nd (Mars appears in early morning sky before sunrise) – Phase 4***
- Scorpio: October 30 to December 13
- Sagittarius: December 13th



# PHASE TWO

December 15, 2020 – August 23, 2021

- This is the longest phase of the Mars Synodic Cycle and is highlighted by 10-11 months of time in the evening sky where it meets the Moon on a monthly basis. These monthly conjunctions with the Moon are known in Shamanic Astrology as Labors / Challenges / Tasks.
- The challenges represent specific areas of growth for the masculine varying greatly on the sign and constellation (including nearby stars) that Mars is in. Phase 2 ends when Mars disappears in the glare of the Sun (15 degrees from the Sun).



# Mars-Moon Conjunctions =

## *Challenges for the Masculine Aries Overtone*

- **Dec 23, 2020 - 24°02' Aries (with Eris, square Pluto)**
- Jan 21, 2021 - 7°00' Taurus (conjunct Uranus, square Saturn and Jupiter)
- **Feb 18, 2021 - 22°29' Taurus**
- Mar 19, 2021 - 9°09' Gemini
- **Apr 17, 2021 - 26°22' Gemini (Between the Horns of the Bull)**
- May 15, 2021 - 13°49' Cancer
- **Jun 13, 2021 - 1°25' Leo**
- Jul 12, 2021 - 19°09' Leo
- **Aug 9, 2021 - 7°06' Virgo (near Regulus)**



# Mars in the Sign of Taurus

January 6 to March 3

- The Lover; the intent is to bring spirit fully into the physical and sensual, and to establish the deepest intimacy on the basis of friendship and trust. The sword quality is comprehensive sexuality and love making as an art form.
- This is about receiving the fullness of Earth's bounty in the aesthetics of life on a personal level.
- Taking the time to experience the quality and subtleness of each touch, scent, sight, sound and taste.
- Using the body fully into the realm of pleasure as in the school of Epicure.

# Mars in January, February and March

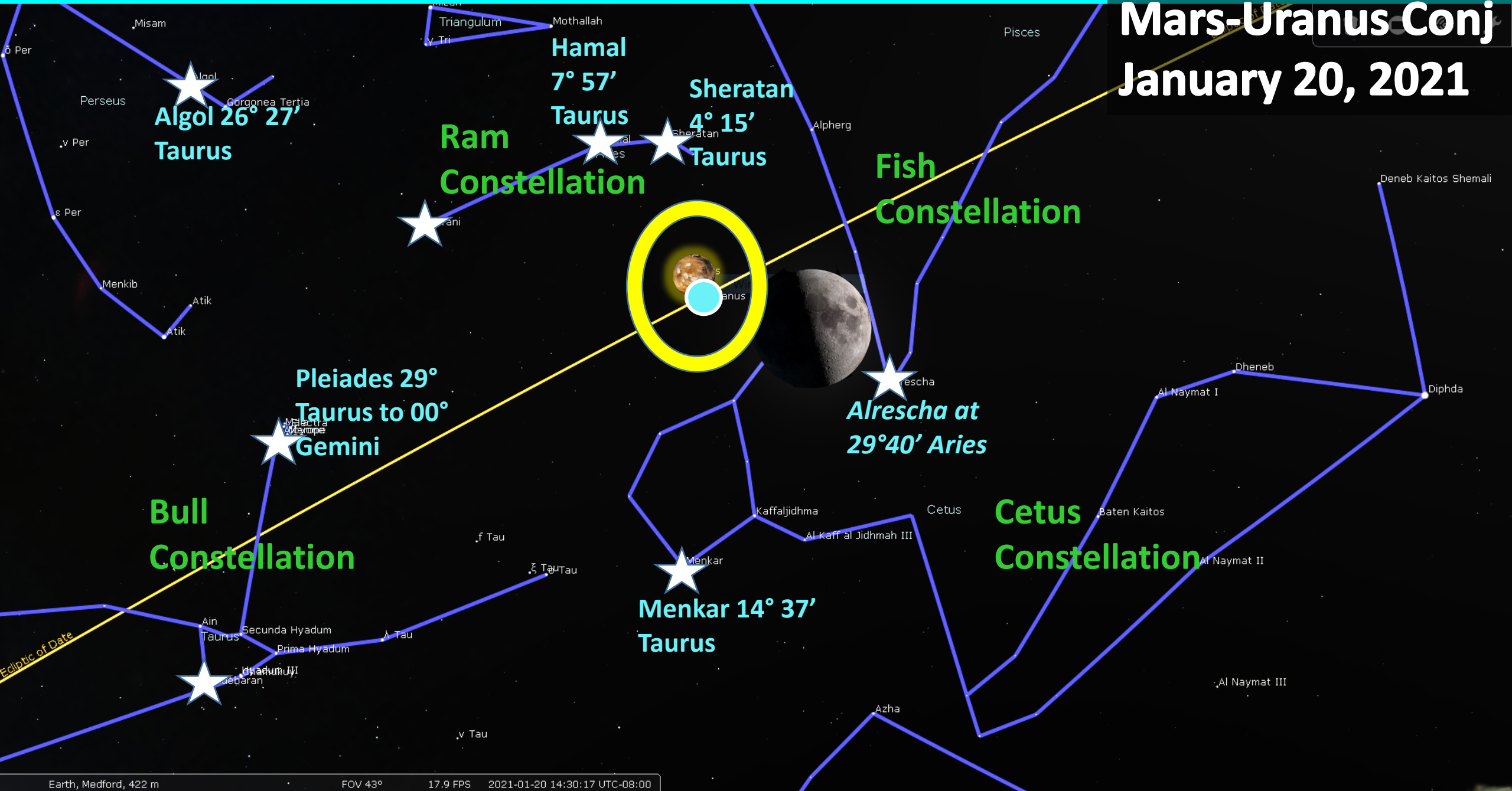
Dates

Events

Locations

Dec	23	2020	#1 Conjunct Moon Mars squares Pluto / conjunct Eris	24°02' Ari 23°55' Ari	111	Degrees	PM Star
Jan	06	2021	Mars enters sign of Taurus	00°00' Tau	103	Degrees	PM Star
Jan	13	2021	Mars squares Saturn	03°04' Tau	99	Degrees	PM Star
Jan	20	2021	Mars conjuncts Uranus	06°44' Tau	95	Degrees	PM Star
Jan	21	2021	#2 Conjunct Moon with Uranus (above star Menkar)	07°00' Tau	94	Degrees	PM Star
Jan	22	2021	Mars squares Jupiter	07°59' Tau	93	Degrees	PM Star
Feb	01	2021	Sun squares Mars (1 <sup>st</sup> Quad)	12°47' Tau	90	Degrees	PM Star
Feb	18	2021	#3 Conjunct Moon	22°29' Tau	82	Degrees	PM Star
Mar	03	2021	Mars enters sign of Gemini	00°00' Gem	76	Degrees	PM Star
Mar	19	2021	#4 Conjunct Moon	09°09' Gem	70	Degrees	PM Star
Mar	26	2021	Mars conjuncts North Node	13°14' Gem	67	Degrees	PM Star

# Mars-Uranus Conj January 20, 2021



# On January 20, 2021 at 12pm in Washington, DC

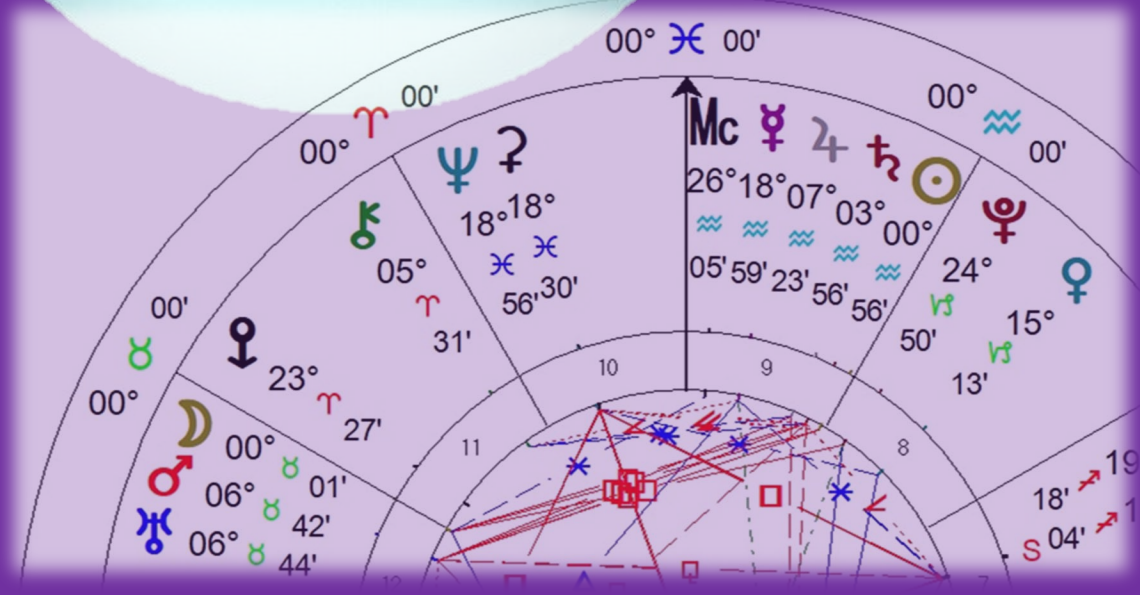
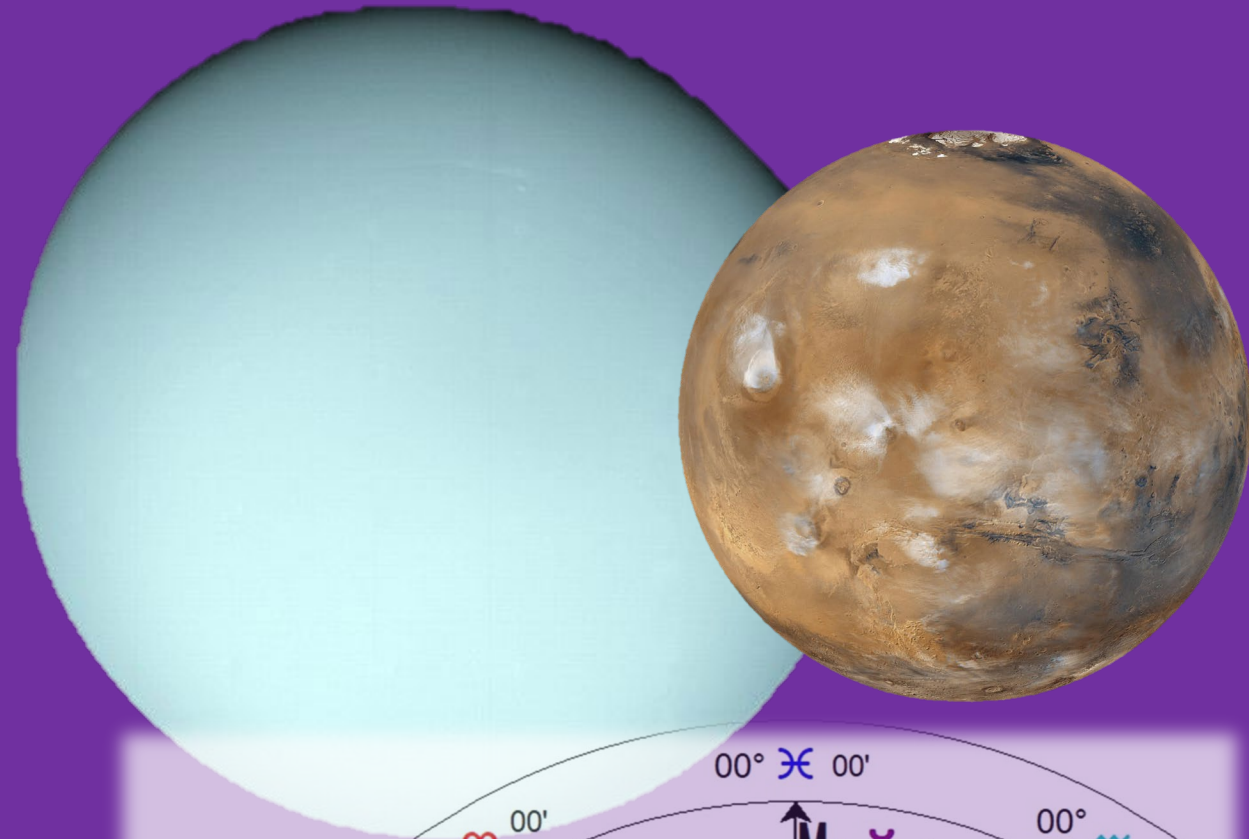
- **Mars-Uranus Conjunction at 6° 44' Taurus on the day of the inauguration (only 6 min. apart at 12pm)**

## This Mars-Uranus conjunction:

- Squares Jupiter and Saturn in Aquarius
- Conjuncts the Taurus Ascendant
- Moon ingresses into the sign of Taurus at about 2pm Eastern time

There is also a Neptune-Ceres conjunction between 18-19° Pisces

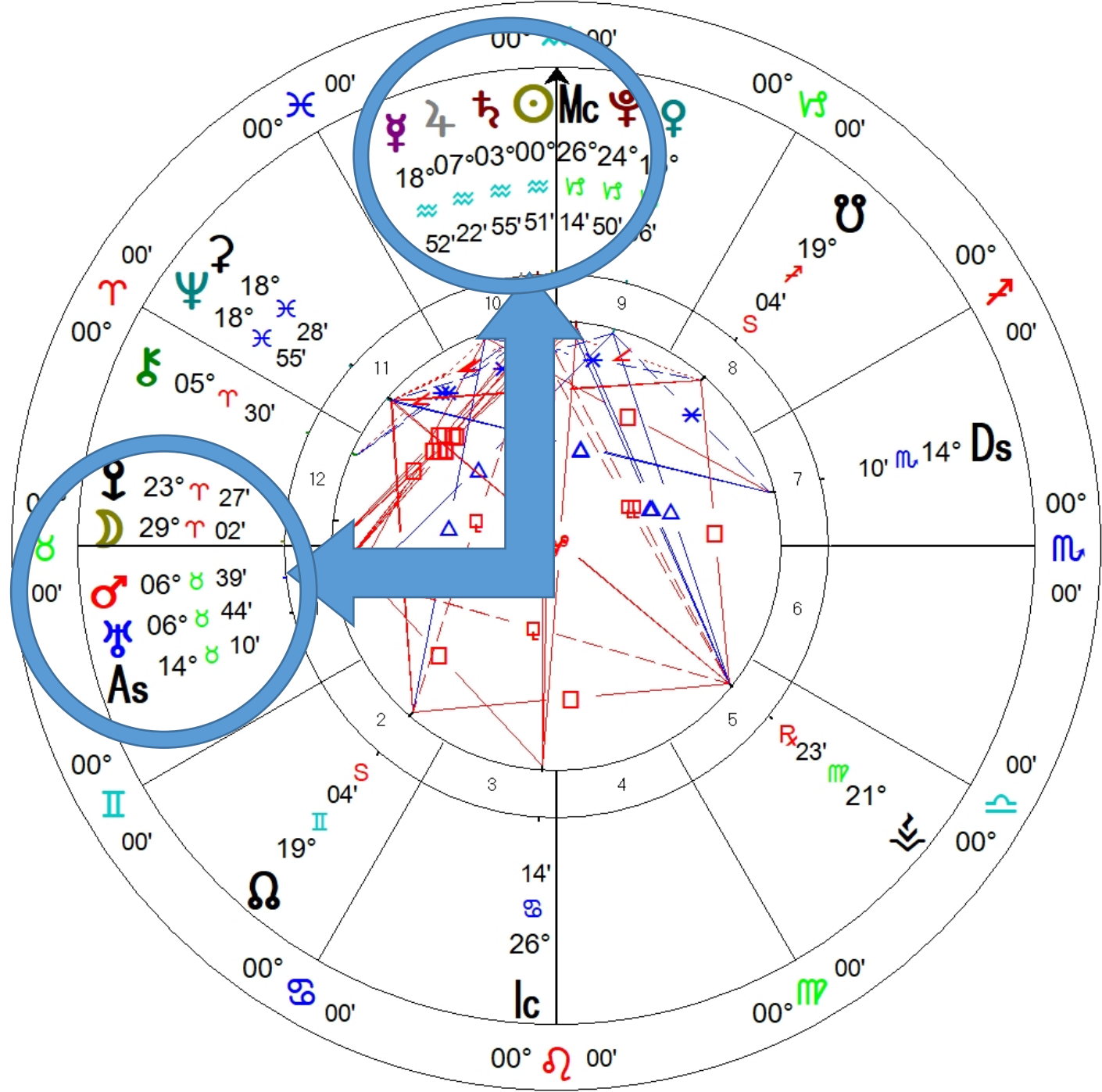
**NO OTHER Inauguration featured a Mars-Uranus conjunction squaring a Jupiter-Saturn conjunction**





**US Inauguration Biden 46**  
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 Washington, DC  
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*Tropical*  
*Whole Signs*  
*True Node*

# Joe Biden's Inauguration on January 20, 2021



# Mars in Gemini

March 3 – April 23

- The Entertainer and Eternal Youth (Puer/Puella)
- The Trickster, Game-Player/Creator and Shape-Shifter or Coyote Magician
- The Intent is to Learn to be Free from the Laws / Rules
- Freedom of Mind
- In the modern sense, this is Peter Pan, a more androgynous version of the “masculine” – this image or archetype can break the duality of gender, gender roles, orientation and spirit of identity



# Mars - April through August

## Dates

## Events

## Locations

Apr	09	2021	Mars squares Neptune	21°43'Gem	61	Degrees	PM Star
Apr	17	2021	#5 Conjunct Moon Between the Horns of the Bull	26°22'Gem	58	Degrees	PM Star
Apr	23	2021	Mars enters sign of Cancer	00°00'Can	56	degrees	PM Star
May	11	2021	Mars squares Chiron	11°15'Can	50	Degrees	PM Star
May	15	2021	#6 Conjunct Moon	13°49'Can	48	Degrees	PM Star
Jun	05	2021	Mars opposite Pluto	26°27'Can	41	Degrees	PM Star
Jun	11	2021	Mars enters sign of Leo	00°00'Leo	39	Degrees	PM Star
Jun	13	2021	#7 Conjunct Moon	01°25'Leo	38	Degrees	PM Star
Jun	26	2021	Venus within 10° of Mars	09°16'Leo	34	Degrees	PM Star
Jul	01	2021	Mars opposite Saturn	12°20'Leo	32	Degrees	PM Star
Jul	12	2021	#8 Conjunct Moon with Venus	19°09'Leo	29	Degrees	PM Star
Jul	13	2021	Venus conjunct Mars (with Moon)	19°48'Leo	29	degrees	PM Star
Jul	29	2021	Mars opposite Jupiter	29°52'Leo	23	Degrees	PM Star
Jul	29	2021	Mars enters sign of Virgo Close conjunction with Regulus	00°00'Vir	23	Degrees	PM Star
Jul	30	2021	Venus leaves 10° from Mars	00°40'Vir	23	Degrees	PM Star
Aug	09	2021	#9 Conjunct Moon	07°06'Vir	19	Degrees	PM Star
Aug	18	2021	Mercury conjunction with Mars Very close together	12°48'Vir	16	Degrees	PM Star
Aug	23	2021	Mars enters Underworld in glare of the Sun	15°33'Vir	15	Degrees	PM Star

# Lion Constellation

Regulus

# Crab Constellation

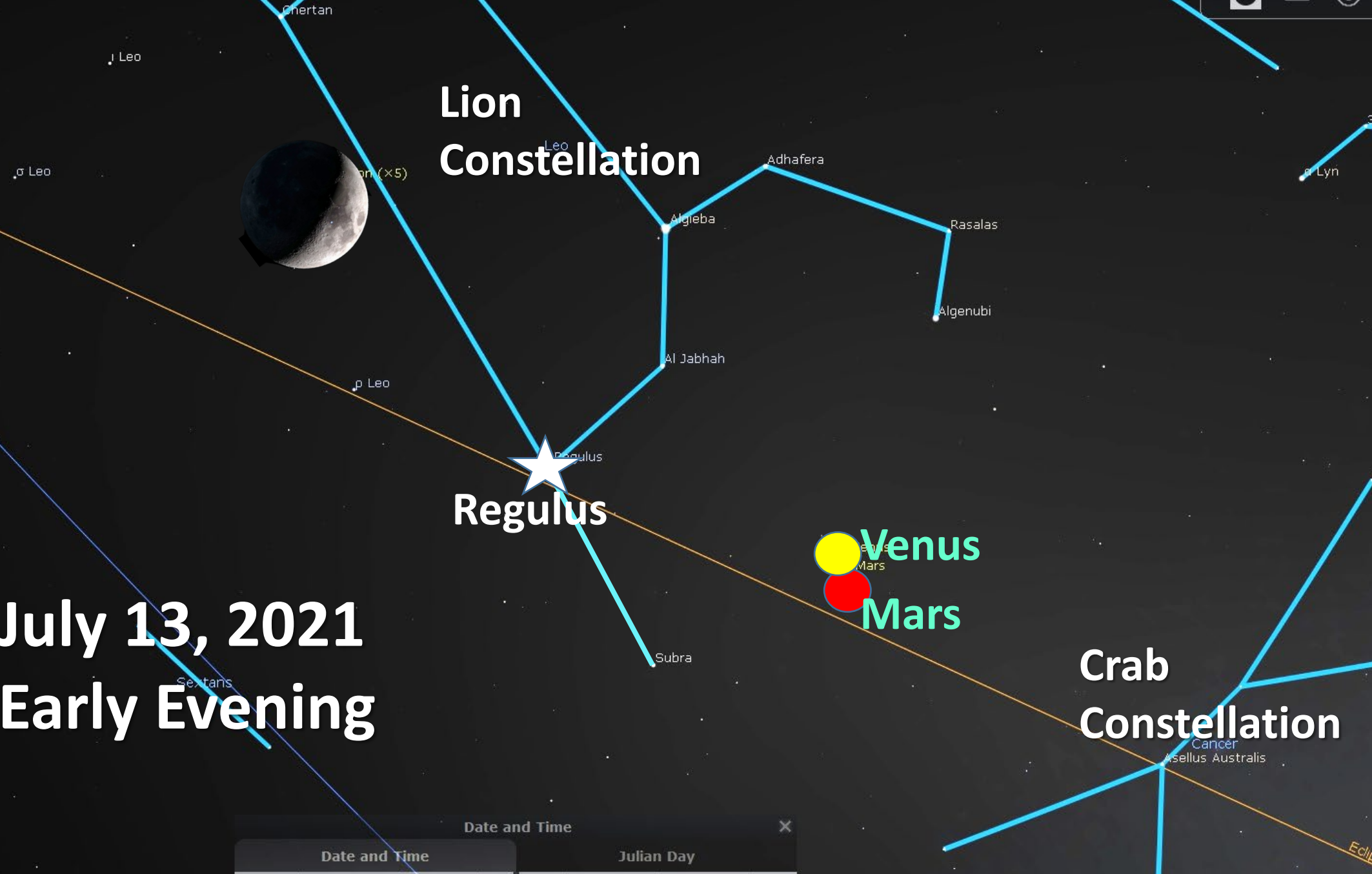
July 13, 2021  
Early Evening

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Venus

Mars



# Mars-Venus in July, 2021

- There is one Mars-Venus conjunction on July 13, 2021 in the early evening sky
- The conjunction takes place at 19° 48' Leo, between the Crab and Lion constellations
- The waxing Crescent Moon is in conjunction with the two planets on July 12<sup>th</sup>
- Between late June and late July, Mars and Venus will be highly prominent in the west-northwestern sky after sunset
- The potent connection in the sign of Leo activates radical, radiant self-love and the creator-matrix and alchemy of both the masculine and feminine principles

# The Lion Constellation

## *The form of the Sphinx*

- The Lion Constellation is one of the few constellations that actually looks like what it symbolizes. It is also one of the most well-known and recognized constellations along the ecliptic.
- Regulus (the brightest star of the Lion), also known as *Cor Leonis*, represents the Heart of the Lion is one of the 4 Royal Stars due to its position along the ecliptic
- In 2300 BCE, the star Regulus marked the Summer Solstice in Northern Hemisphere (Winter in the Southern Hemisphere) – In 4161 CE, Regulus will mark the Autumnal Equinox (North) and Fomalhaut the Vernal Equinox (South). The Lion became the “Watcher of the North” by the ancient Persians in 3000 BCE
- Around the World, the Lion Constellation was seen as Royal in many quarters and many cultures as a feline figure, including as a Puma from ancient Peruvian peoples.
- In the ancient text, *Physiologus* (unknown author) describes a story of a lion, whose cubs are born dead when the old lion breathes life upon them (resurrection story)



## 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>

**End of Underworld Phase**

- **Mars' Underworld Journey begins officially on August 23rd**
- Mars enters into a 15 degree orb with the Sun and drops below the horizon into the underworld. The edge of visibility is when Mars is 15 degrees from the Sun.
- **This is where Mars exits the world stage and undergoes a variety of initiatory experiences appropriate to the underworld, including chaos, surrender, and conditions beyond one's control.**
- Spiritually, this phase can be perceived as a kind of *sun dance (Lakota)* or *okeepa (Mandan)* a spiritual trial that is ultimately undergone in service to the people and the greater community.
- **At this time, Mars is totally invisible and located at the other side of the sun.**



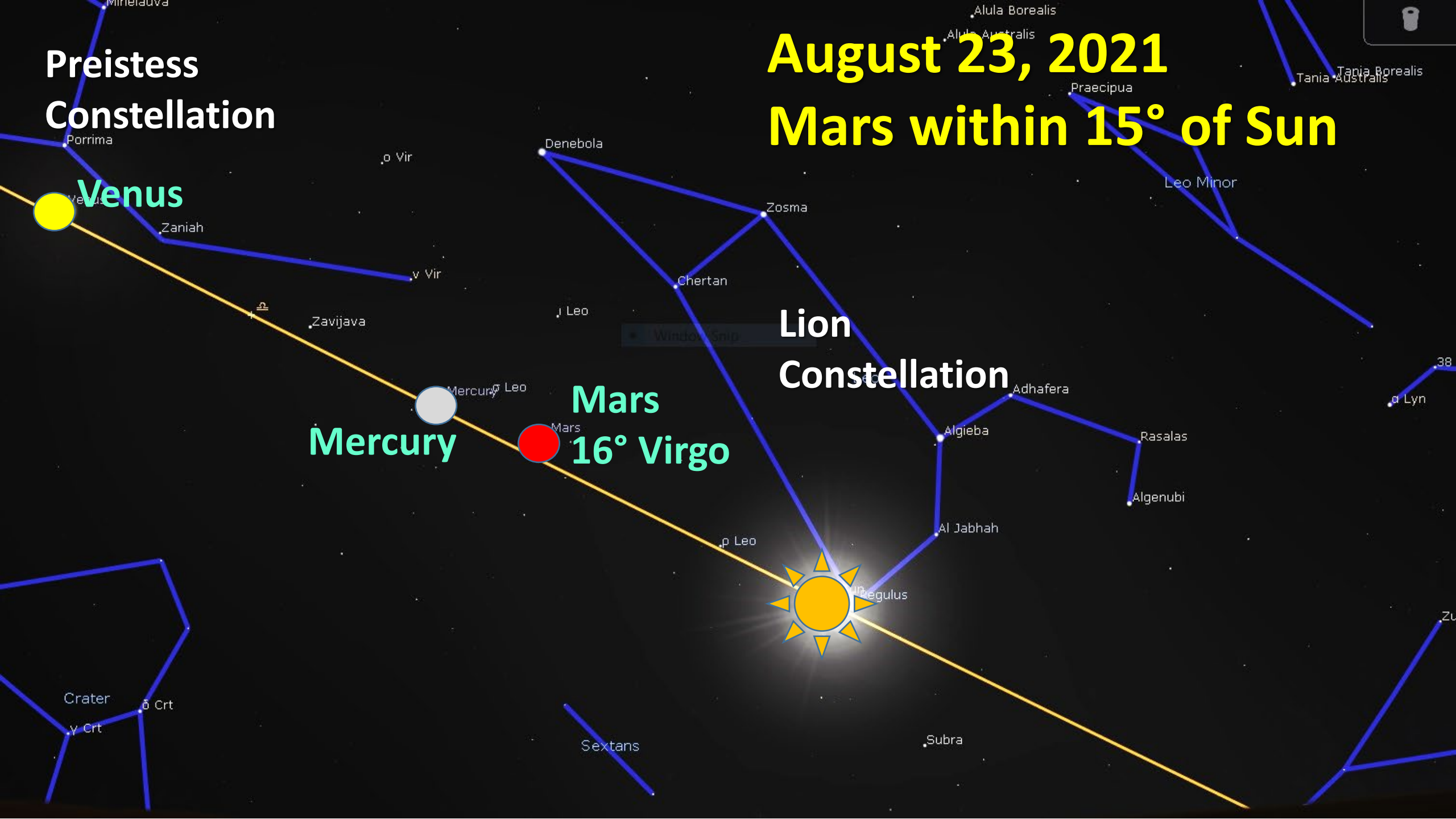
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Venus

# August 23, 2021 Mars within 15° of Sun

Mercury  
Mars  
16° Virgo

# Lion Constellation



# What is the Underworld?

In ancient Greece, the underworld was the place of the hidden or invisible.

For many eons, the Underworld (globally) was seen as the literal place below the Earth or Water or in the hidden areas and mysteries of the Wilderness or Mountains.

Prior to the rise of the patriarchy, the Underworld was seen as “feminine” in its energy. It was a place of death and rebirth, renewal, resurrection, reconstitution of one’s self after surrendering.

According to James Hillman and the Jungian psychology thought, the *Underworld IS Psyche*

**November 22, 2021**  
**Mars exits 15° of Sun**

**Spica**  
**24° Libra**

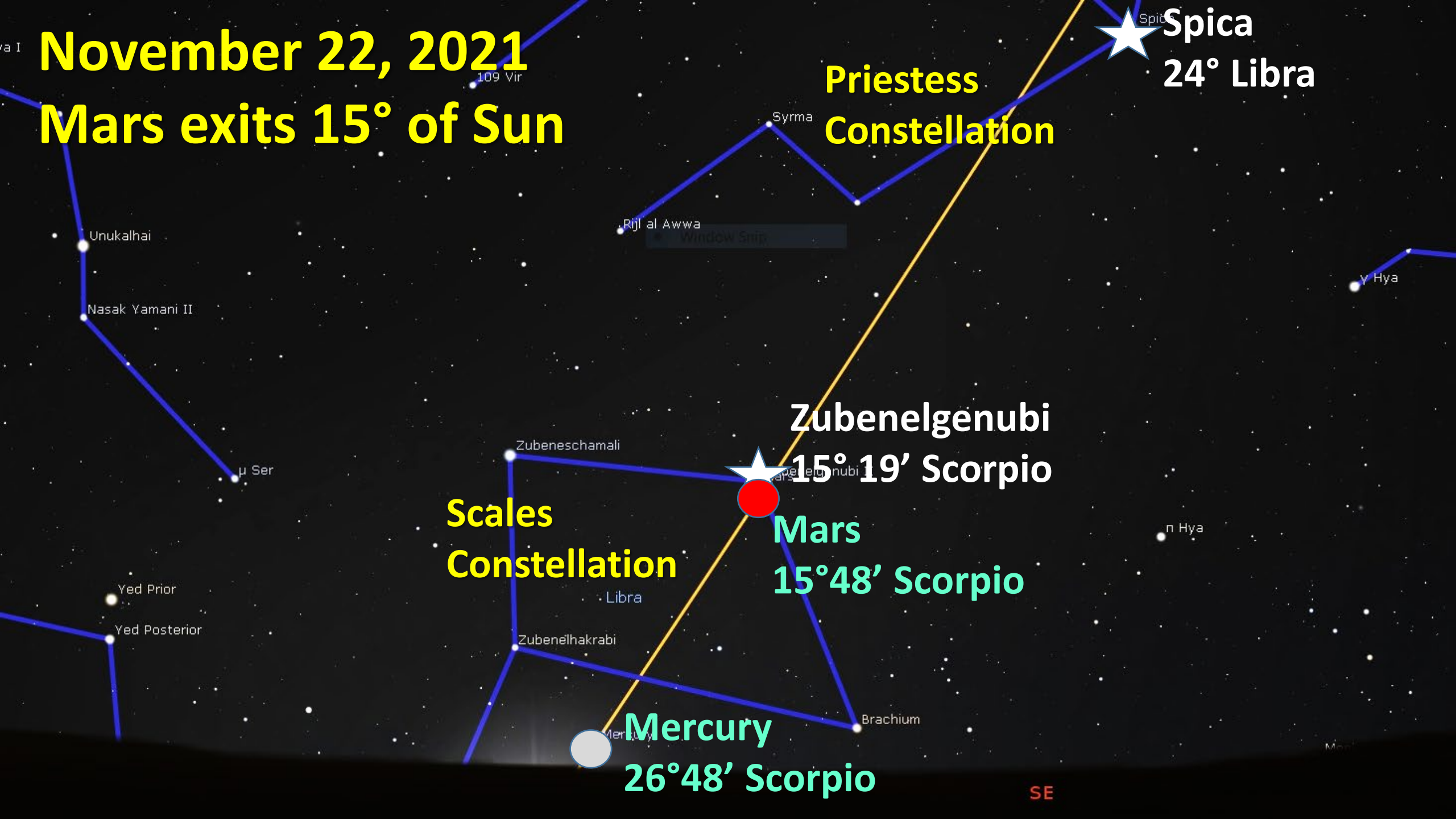
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**Zubenelgenubi**  
**15° 19' Scorpio**

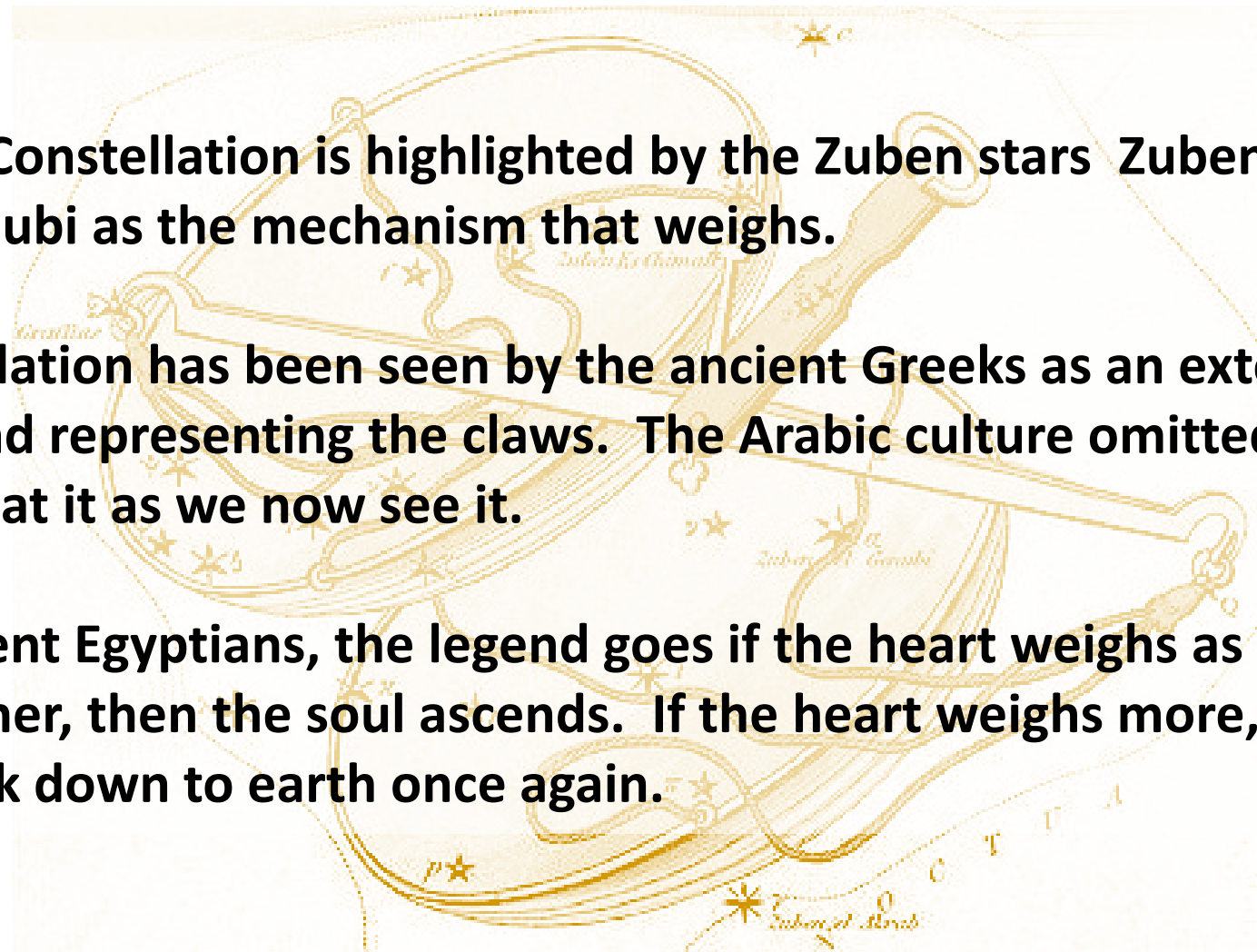
**Mars**  
**15° 48' Scorpio**

**Mercury**  
**26° 48' Scorpio**

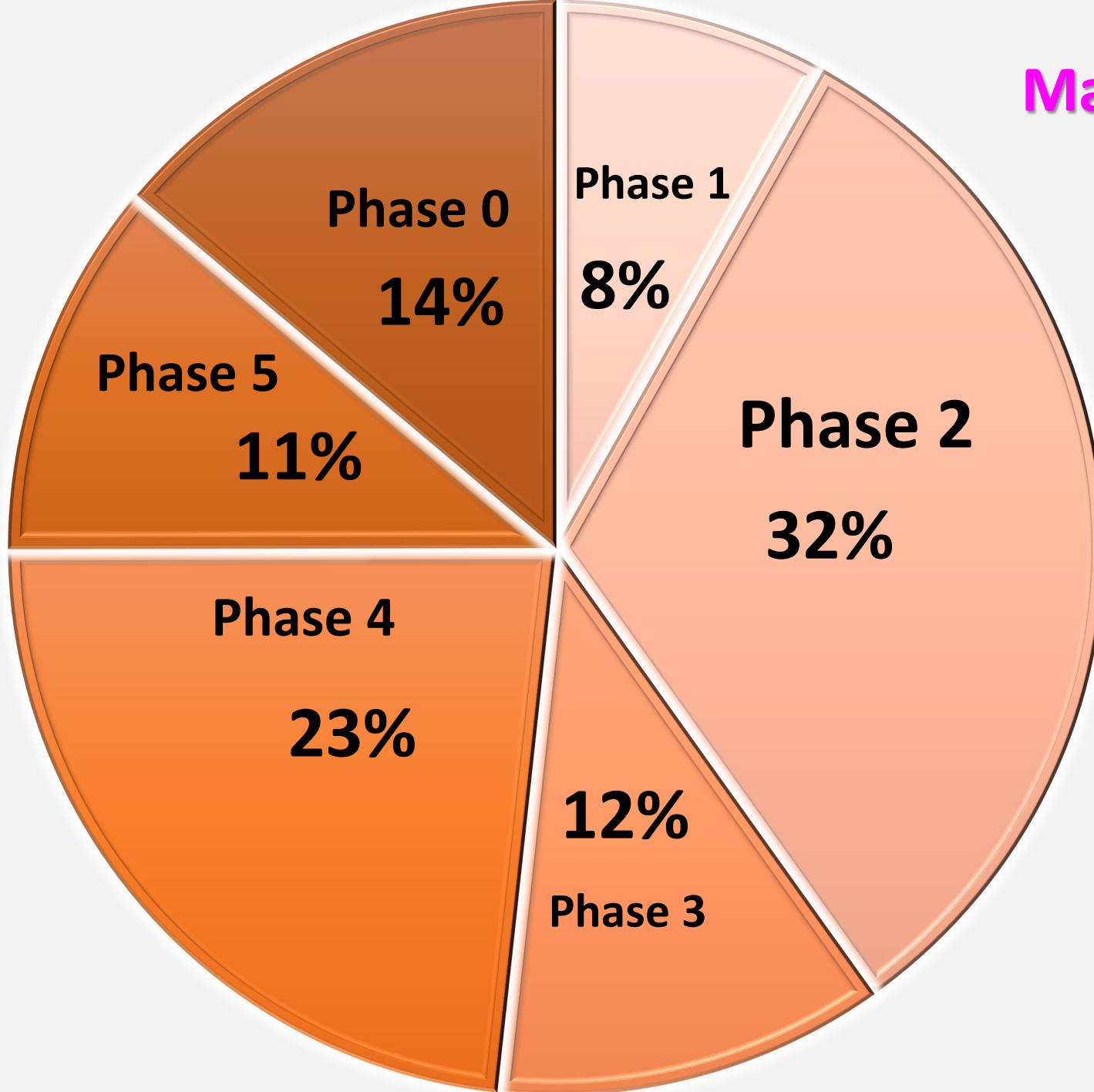


# Scales Constellation

- The Scales Constellation is highlighted by the Zuben stars Zubenelschemali and Zubenelgenubi as the mechanism that weighs.
- The constellation has been seen by the ancient Greeks as an extension of the Scorpion and representing the claws. The Arabic culture omitted this feature and looked at it as we now see it.
- To the ancient Egyptians, the legend goes if the heart weighs as much or less than a feather, then the soul ascends. If the heart weighs more, then you are coming back down to earth once again.



# Mars Aries Cycle 2020 - 2022



**Phase 1** – October 13, 2020  
December 15, 2020

**Phase 2** – December 15, 2020 to  
August 23, 2021

**Phase 3** – August 23, 2021 to  
November 22, 2021

**Phase 4** – November 22, 2021 to  
May 24, 2022

**Phase 5** – May 24, 2022 to  
August 20, 2022

**Phase 0** – August 20, 2022 to  
December 7, 2022

# Resources

**This Mars Webinar contains original material from Daniel Giamario, Erik Roth and the Shamanic Astrology Mystery School.**

- Stellarium Night Sky software
- Solar Fire Gold astrology software
- <http://www.constellationsofwords.com/>
- *Star Lore* by William Tyler Olcott
- *The Origins of the Shamanic Astrology Paradigm* by Daniel Giamario
- *Under Saturn's Shadow: The Wounding and Healing of Men* by James Hollis
- *A Terrible Love of War* by James Hillman
- *Star and Planet Combinations* by Bernadette Brady
- *More Mathematical Astronomical Morsels* by Jean Meeus
- *The Shamanic Astrology Handbook (2012 & 2014 Editions)* by Daniel Giamario with Cayelin Castell
- *A Shamanic Investigation of Venus and Mars* by Daniel Giamario (Original article featured in "The Mountain Astrologer" in 1997)
- Inspired by ancient cultures throughout the world
- Includes photos of planets from NASA

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SAGITTARIUS  
ARCHER

SCORPIO  
SCORPION

LIBRA  
SCALES

VIRO  
PRIESTESS

LEO  
LION

CRAB  
LEO

CANCER  
TWINNS

GEMINI  
BULL

TAURUS  
RAM

ARIES  
FISHES

PISCES  
WATERBEARER

AQUARIUS  
GOATFISH

CAPRICORN  
ARCHER