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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° 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 SunMars Opposition

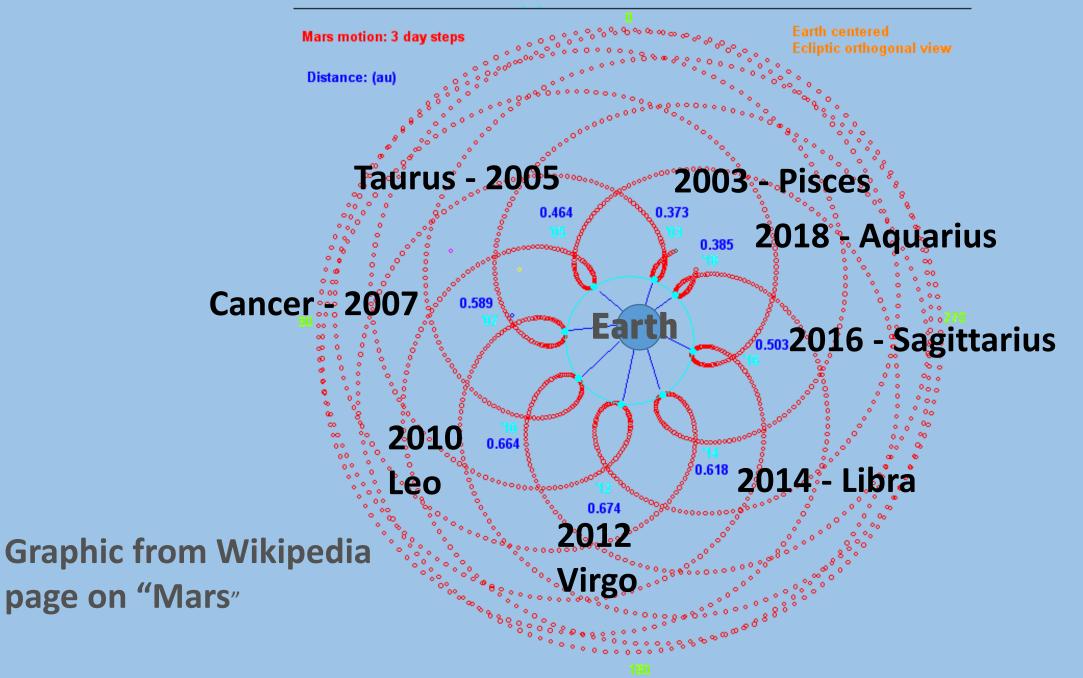
# The Mars Return Cycle

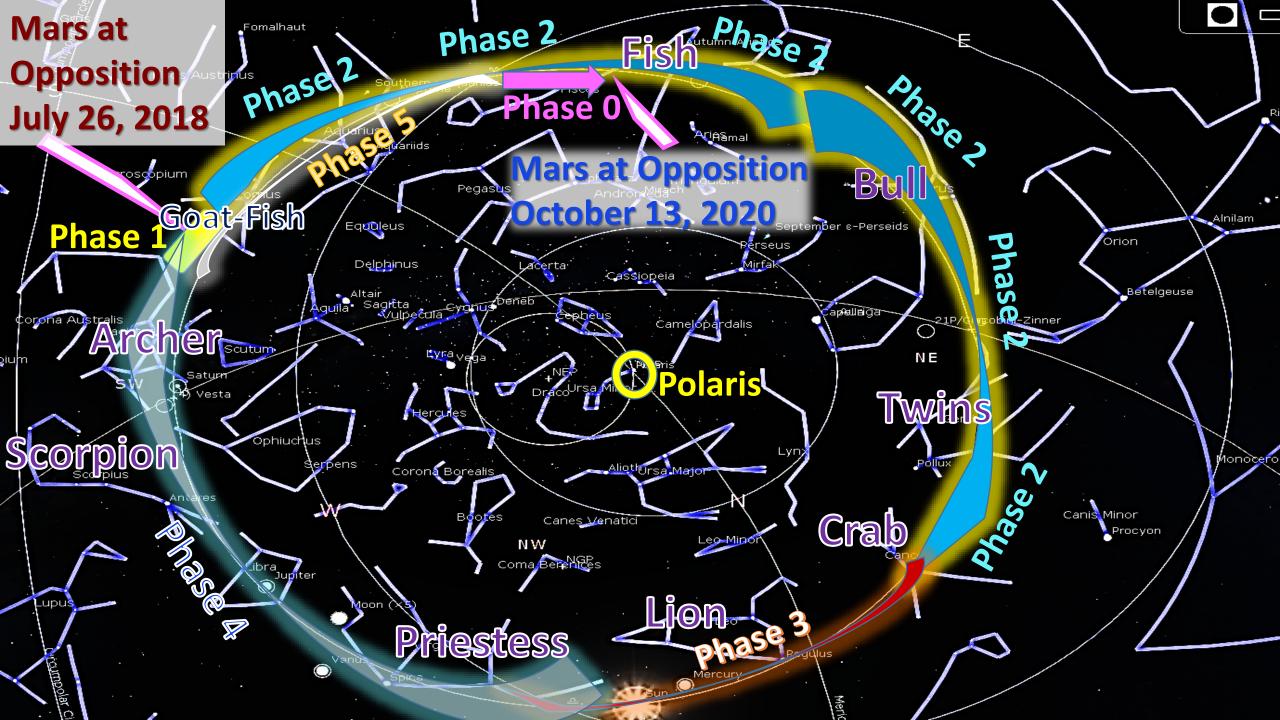
At every 15 or 17 years when we experience a "Mars Return" – what this means is that Mars "returns" back near it's original position when you were born (related to the Sun on your birthday).

At Ages 2, 15, 32, 47 (nearly exact), 62/64, 79 (most exact) and 94, we experience a Mars Return Cycle. The cycle length is determined by the Mars Opposition to the Sun window of time. If you turn any of the ages listed above within a 26 month period (after Mars goes into Opposition with the Sun) you are in or going into a Mars Return Cycle.

At ages 32 and 64, these Mars Return Cycles correspond with Venus Return Cycles on the same birthday.

#### Mars oppositions: 2003-2018





### Mars and the Masculine

Mars represents the Masculine Intent in Individuals and Collectively the Intent of our Relationship to the Masculine (archetypal-dependent)

#### The Secrets (& Wounds) of Men

- Their Relationship to the Feminine/Mother
- Loss of Cultural Rites of Passage
- Unconsciously Living out their Father's "un-lived" life
- Society's Traditional Definition of the Masculine or Being a "Man"
- Longing for the Father and Tribal Fathers/Ancestors
- Being governed by Fear
- If men are to heal, they must activate within what they did not receive from without

Material around these issues is talked about extensively in James Hollis' book, "Under Saturn's Shadow" – The Wounding and Healing of Men

#### **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 way 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

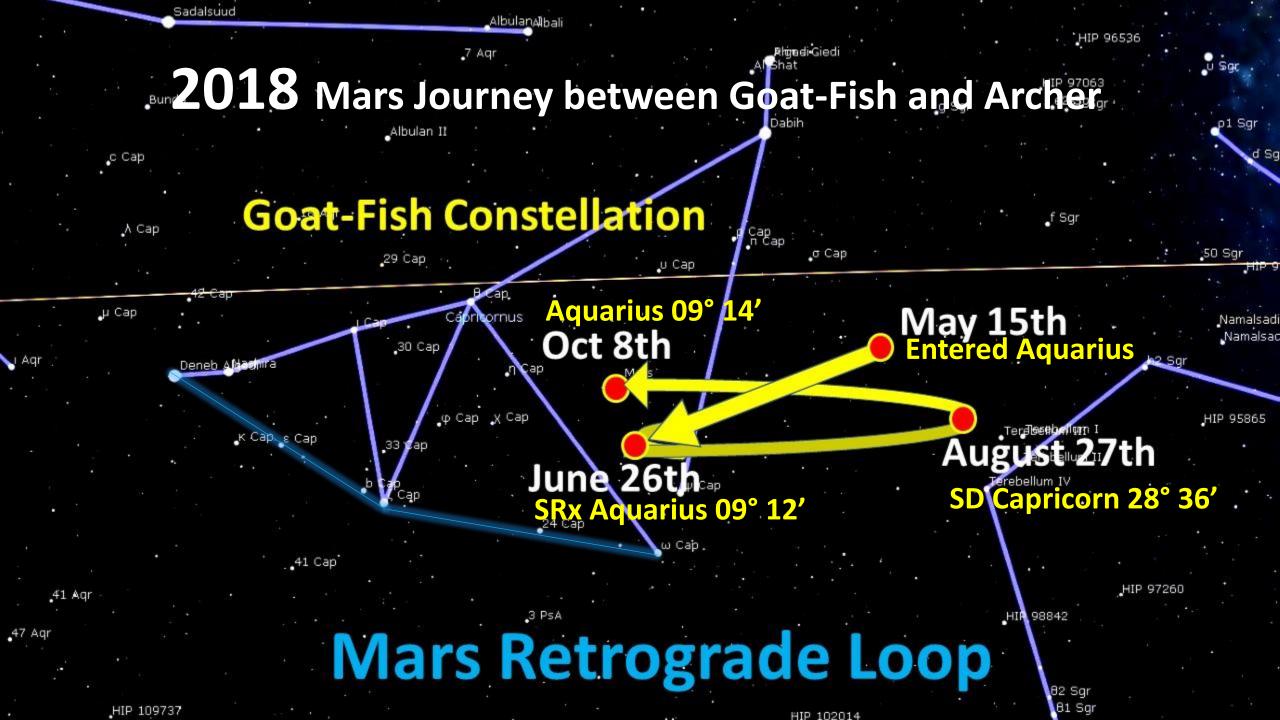
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# Mars with Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto in March and April Capricorn and Aquarius

#### Here is some special dates and time periods showing Mars' transit in Capricorn with the other planets

- Feb 16, 2020 Mars entered sign of Capricorn
- Feb 18, 2020 Moon conjunct Capricorn 1°25'
- March 1, 2020 Mars within 10° of Jupiter
- March 8, 2020 Mars within 10° of Pluto
- March 15, 2020 Mars witin 10° of Saturn
- March 18, 2020 Moon conjunct Mars 21°20' (squares Mars opposition point with Sun)
- March 18, 2020 Moon conjunct Jupiter, Pluto and Saturn
- March 20, 2020 Mars conjunct Jupiter 22°30'
- March 22, 2020 Mars conjunct Pluto 24°43'
- March 30, 2020 Mars enters sign of Aquarius
- March 31, 2020 Mars conjunct Saturn 00°39' Aquarius
- April 4, 2020 Jupiter and Pluto conjunct 24°53' Capricorn
- April 6, 2020 Mars exits 10° of Pluto and Jupiter
- April 16, 2020 Mars exits 10° of Saturn



# Important Dates in Phase 5

Phase lasts from March 30, 2020 to June 27, 2020

Date	Mars Event	Mars Location	Deg from Sun	Notes	
March 30, 2020	Mars enters sign of Aquarius	00° 00' Aquarius	71°	Magnitude + 0.8	
March 31, 2020	Mars conjunction with Saturn	00° 39' Aquarius	71°	Saturn at +0.66 / Mars at +0.79	
April 7, 2020	Squares Uranus	05° 32' Aquarius	73°		
April 15, 2020	Conjunct Moon	11° 24' Aquarius	75°	Magnitude + 0.61	
May 12, 2020	Enters sign of Pisces	00° 00′ Pisces	82°		
May 14, 2020	Conjunction with Moon	01° 21' Pisces	83°	Magnitude + 0.23	
June 6, 2020	Squares Sun	16° 31' Pisces	90°		
June 12, 2020	Conjunction with Moon	20° 36' Pisces	92°	Magnitude -0.20	
June 13, 2020	Conjunction with Neptune	20° 56′ Pisces	92°		
June 27, 2020	Mars enters sign of Aries	00° 00' Aries	96°	Magnitude -0.45	
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# What is Phase 0?

This Phase is known as Gestation/Incubation and also can correspond to the Conception to Birth Life Phase

PHASE ZERO begins with Mars entering into the sign of the *next* overtone and lasts until the Mars opposition to the Sun (*Acronychal Rise of Mars*). This is generally a 3 month period of time. This particular synod is about 15 weeks (110 days) or 3 ½ months.

Each Mars synod generates its own unique pattern with regards to the exact lengths of each Phase.

This phase can be thought of as beginning with CONCEPTION, and then the whole of Phase Zero is pre-natal, and in the womb. until the BIRTH at opposition, and the beginning of Phase One.

# What is Phase 0?

Significant events in this phase are 2 or 3 Moon conjunctions with Mars and Mars turning retrograde.

This particular synod (for Aries) has 4 Moon/Mars conjunctions as important events that always occurs in this phase. An additional feature of this phase that always occurs is when Mars stations retrograde.

It's this phase where the conception of the new and evolving Mars overtone (Aquarius) is conceived, gestates and prepares for birth.

Of particular importance are the stars that form the backdrop to the position of Mars during this phase, since Mars moves very little at all by sign or constellation. This can inform the pre-natal development as much as the sign placement.

## Mars Dynamic (Hard) Aspects in Aries

#### **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

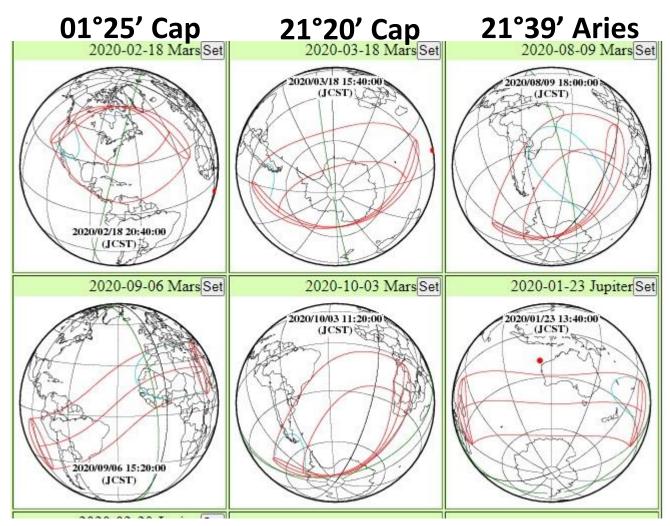
#### **Jupiter Square**

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

### Occultations of Mars by the Moon 2020



February 18<sup>th</sup> March 18<sup>th</sup> August 9<sup>th</sup> September 6<sup>th</sup> October 3<sup>rd</sup>

28°02' Aries

24°26' Aries

### Important Dates in Phase 0

Date	Mars Event	Mars Location	Deg from Sun	Notes
June 27, 2020	Mars enters sign of Aries	00° 00′ Aries	96°	Magnitude – 0.45
July 11, 2020	Conjunct Moon	08° 03′ Aries	102°	
July 14, 2020	Conjunct Chiron	09° 26′ Aries	102°	Magnitude -0.74
August 4, 2020	Squares Jupiter	19° 44' Aries	112°	
August 9, 2020	Conjunct Moon (degree of opposition with Sun on Oct 14)	21° 39' Aries	116°	Magnitude -1.27
August 17, 2020	Conjunct Eris	24° 29′ Aries	120°	
August 24, 2020	Squares Saturn	26° 19' Aries	125°	Magnitude -1.62
Sept 5, 2020	Conjunct Moon	28° 02′ Aries	135°	
Sept 9, 2020	Stations Retrograde	28° 08′ Aries	139°	Magnitude -2.01
Sept 29, 2020	Squares Saturn	25° 20′ Aries	161°	
October 2, 2020	Conjunct Moon	24° 26' Aries	165°	Magnitude -2.51
October 3, 2020	Conjunct Eris	24° 07′ Aries	166°	
October 13, 2020	Mars-Sun Opposition	21° 04' Aries	180°	Magnitude -2.62

Mars has 3 squares with Saturn, Jupiter, Pluto and 3 conjunctions with Eris between Aug 2020 and Jan 2021

# Marsin Aries Synodic

# 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

# Magnitude

- 2.75

- 2.64

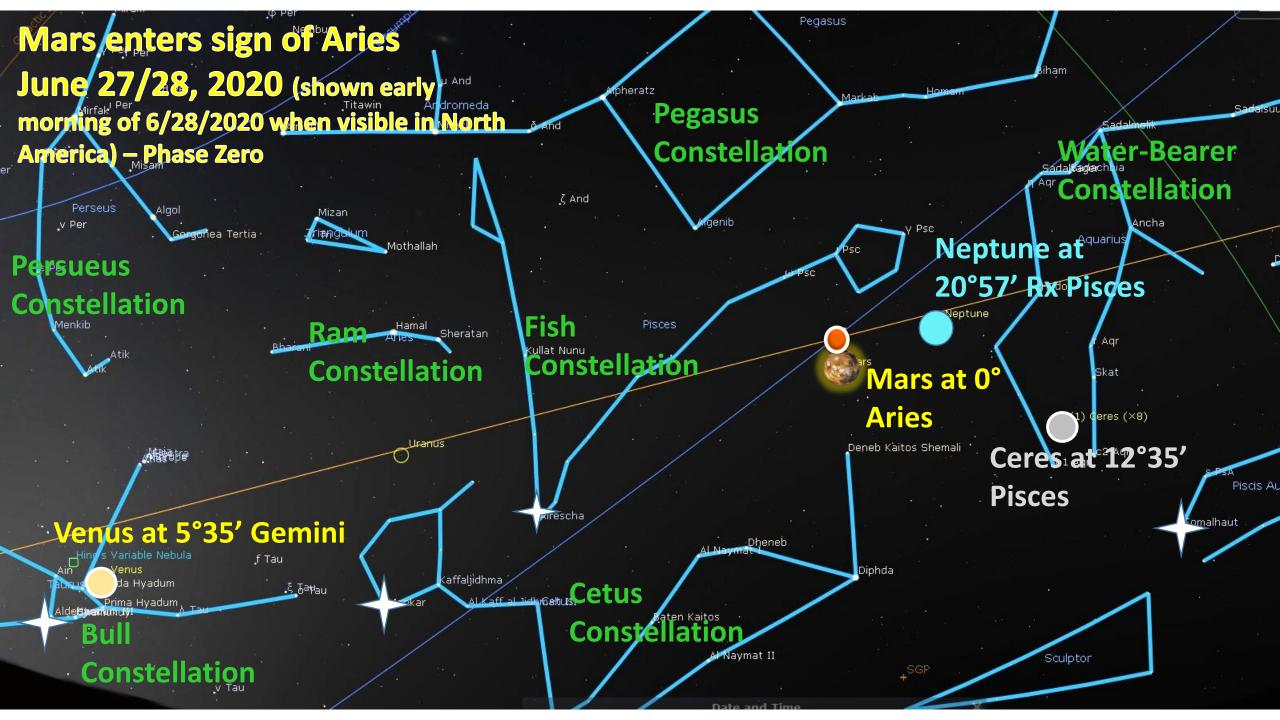
- 2.77

- 2.52

#### **Future:**

Oct 2 2067 - 09° 42' Aries

- 2.73



### Mars in Aries

#### the incubation of the masculine

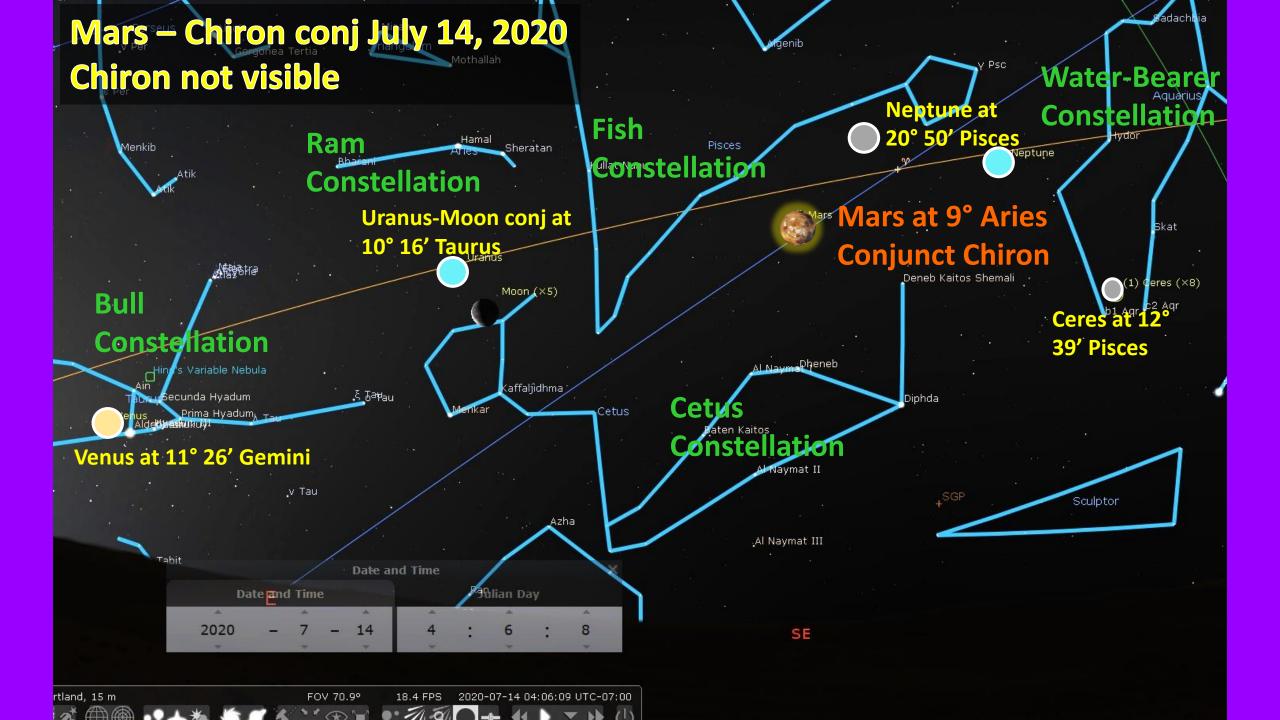
- The sign most resonate with Mars is Aries
- Aries' essence is about mission-orientation, it is actional and a rugged-independence. It can be likened to the Guardian of the Cosmic Order.
- Aries is a fire-elemental form that is fast-moving, willful and strength of force and martial skills to overcome 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.

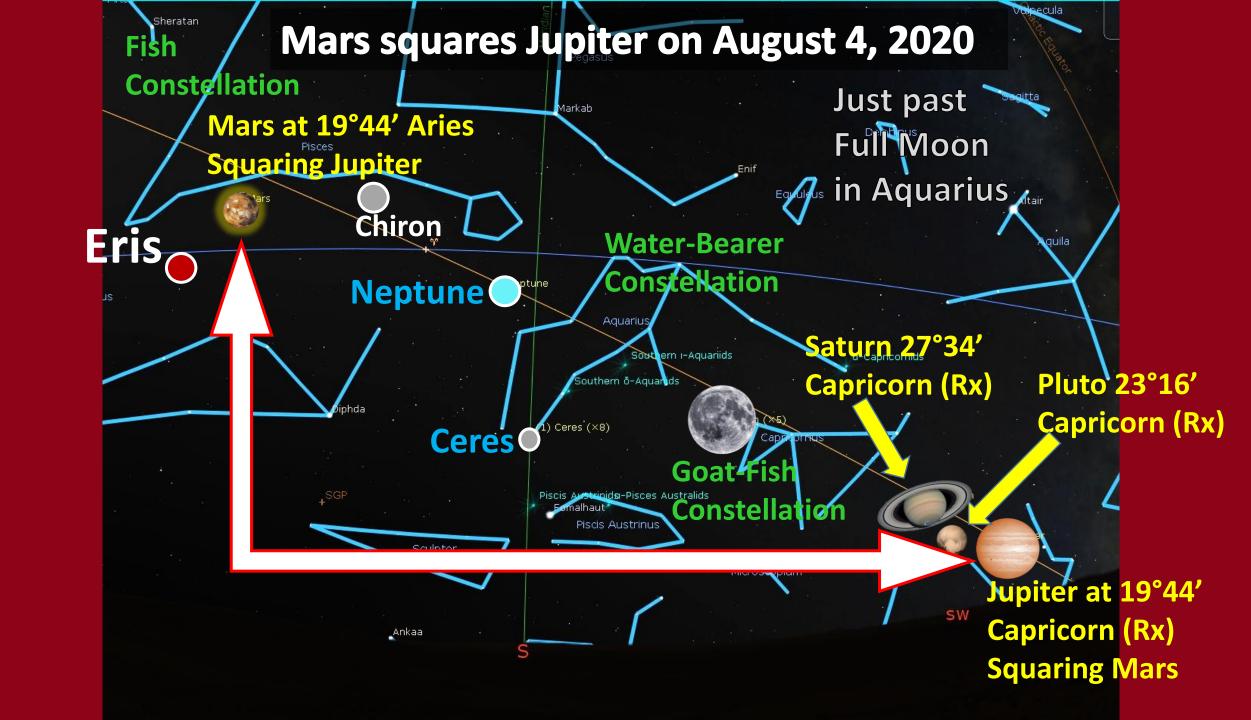
### More on the Sign of Aries

- 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

### Constellation of the Fish

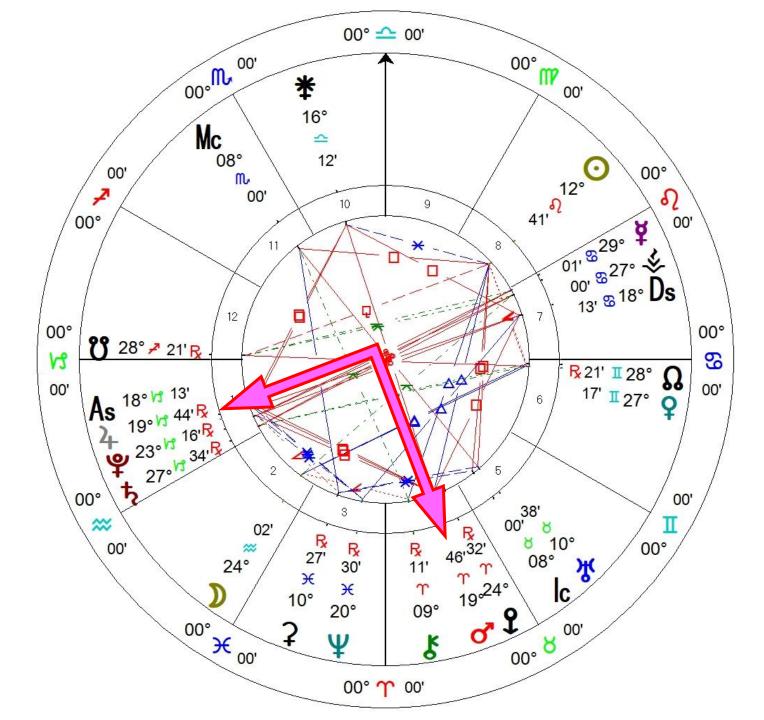
- The constellation the ushered in the Age of Christianity over 2000 years ago when this asterism (group of stars) first aligned with the Vernal (March) Equinox
- Symbolically represents Christ's connection to fish and the acronym "ikhthus" and the fish stickers we see on the tails of vehicles (however, most Christians are not aware of the connection with the constellation)
- In many ancient cultures around Europe and Asia Minor, it was always seen as fish. In ancient China, (prior to Christian contact), the astronomers looked at this part of the sky (along with Water Bearer) as the Dark Warrior
- There is a myth in Roman times of the deities Venus/Aphrodite and Cupid/Eros changed into fish to escape the monster Tyhon. In order not to lose each other, they tied their tails with a long cord knotted with the star Alrischa (known as the Knot or the Cord)
- Astronomically, it is one of the 2 least-visible constellations along the ecliptic band. Most stars are magnitude 4 or 5 in brightness





#### Beirut Lebanon Explosion Natal Chart

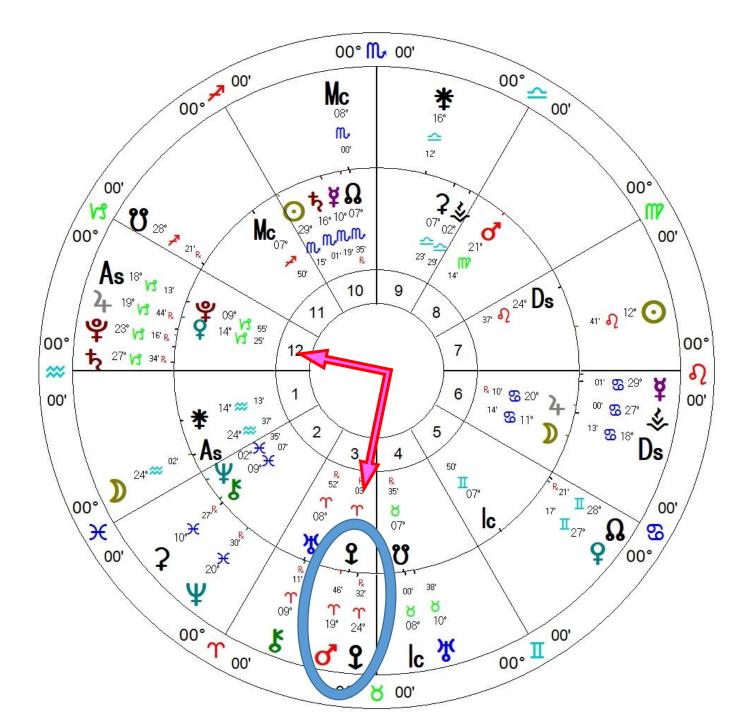
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#### Beirut Landing MV Rhosus Natal Chart

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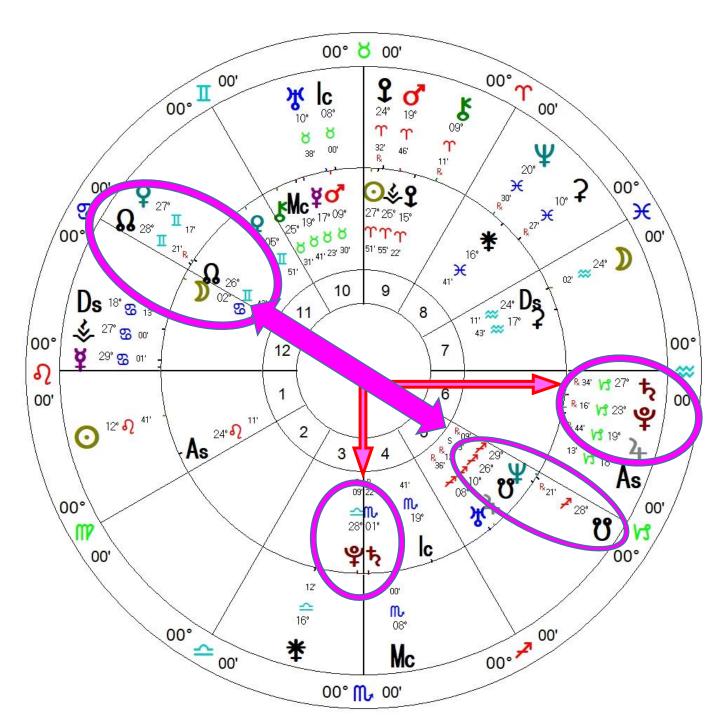


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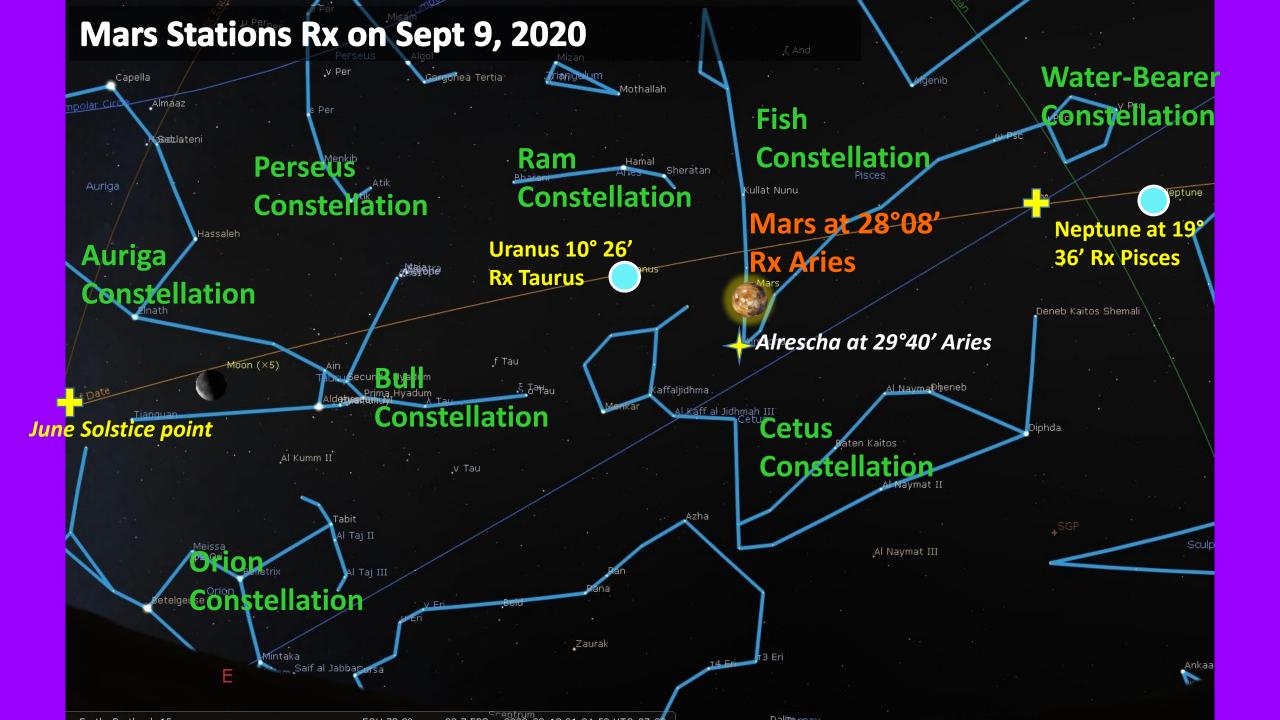
#### US Embassy Bombing Beirut Natal Chart

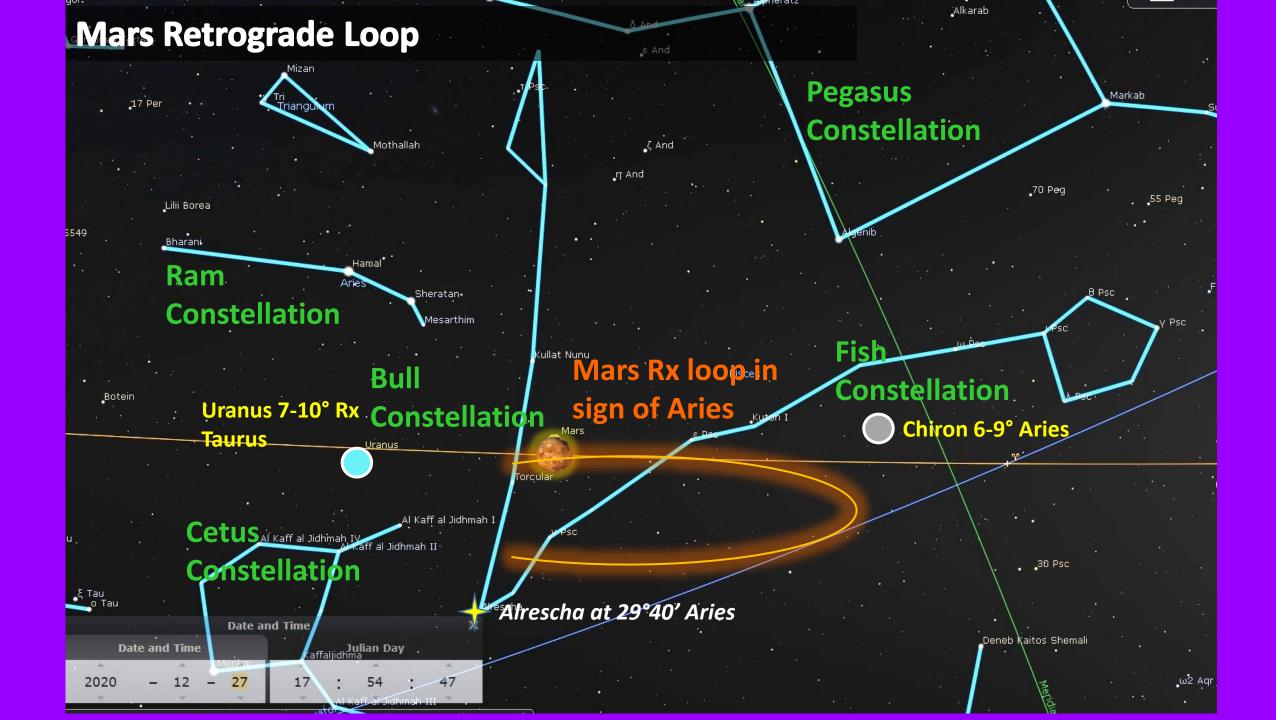
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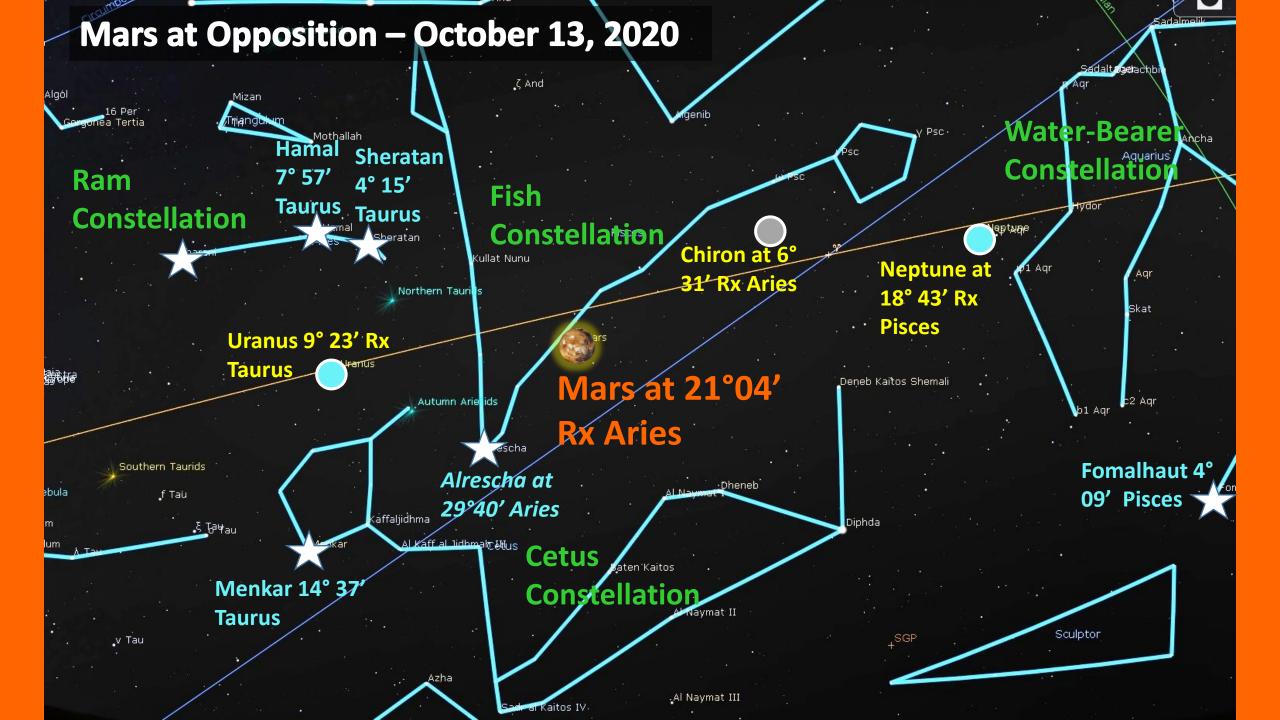


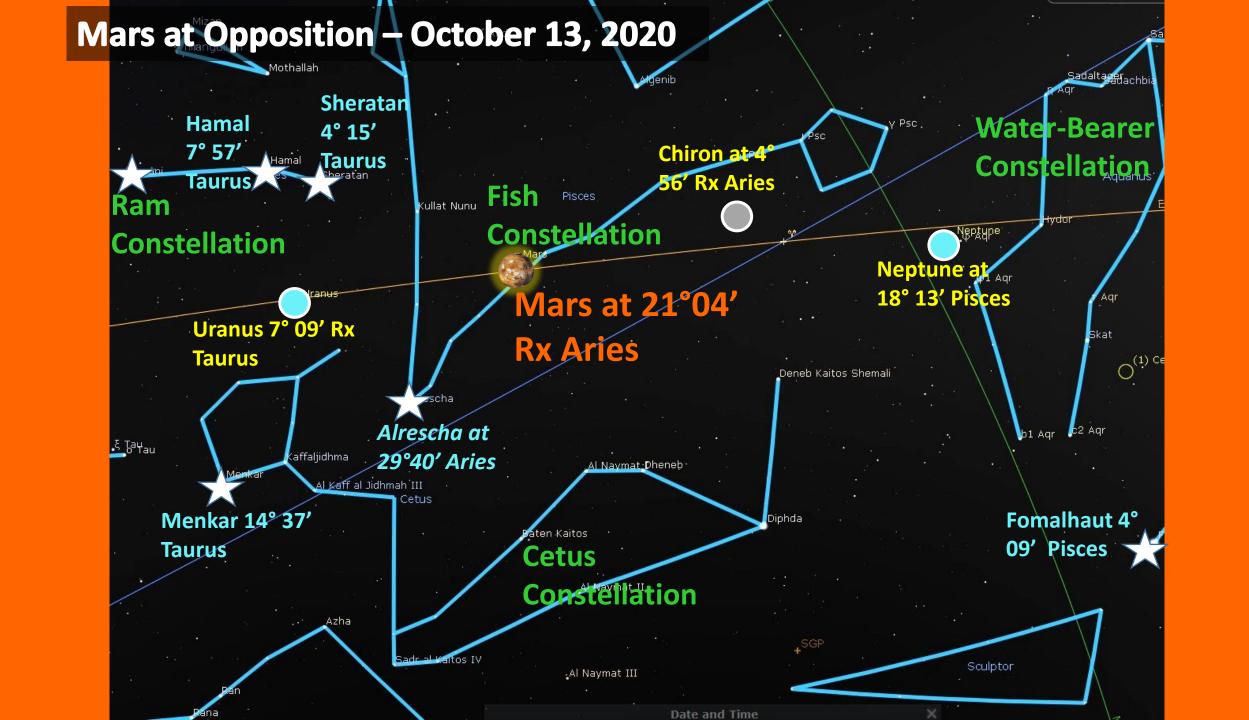
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# Mars Synodic Cycle Phase 1

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.

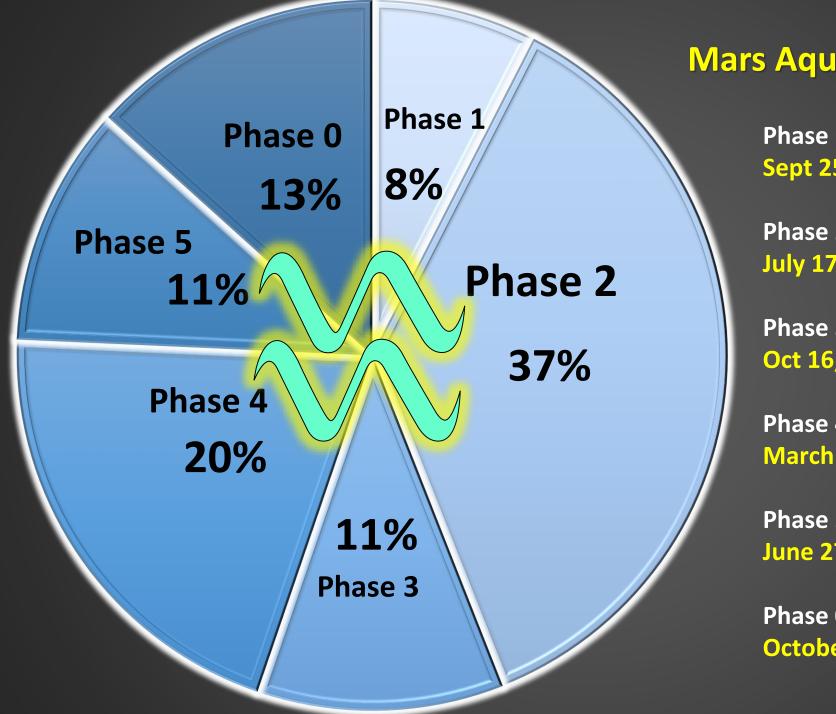
Significantly, Mars pretty much remains in the same place in the sky, never more than 7-8 degrees either way from the point of stationing direct.

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 Aquarius Cycle 2018 - 2020

Phase 1 – July 26, 2018 to Sept 25, 2018

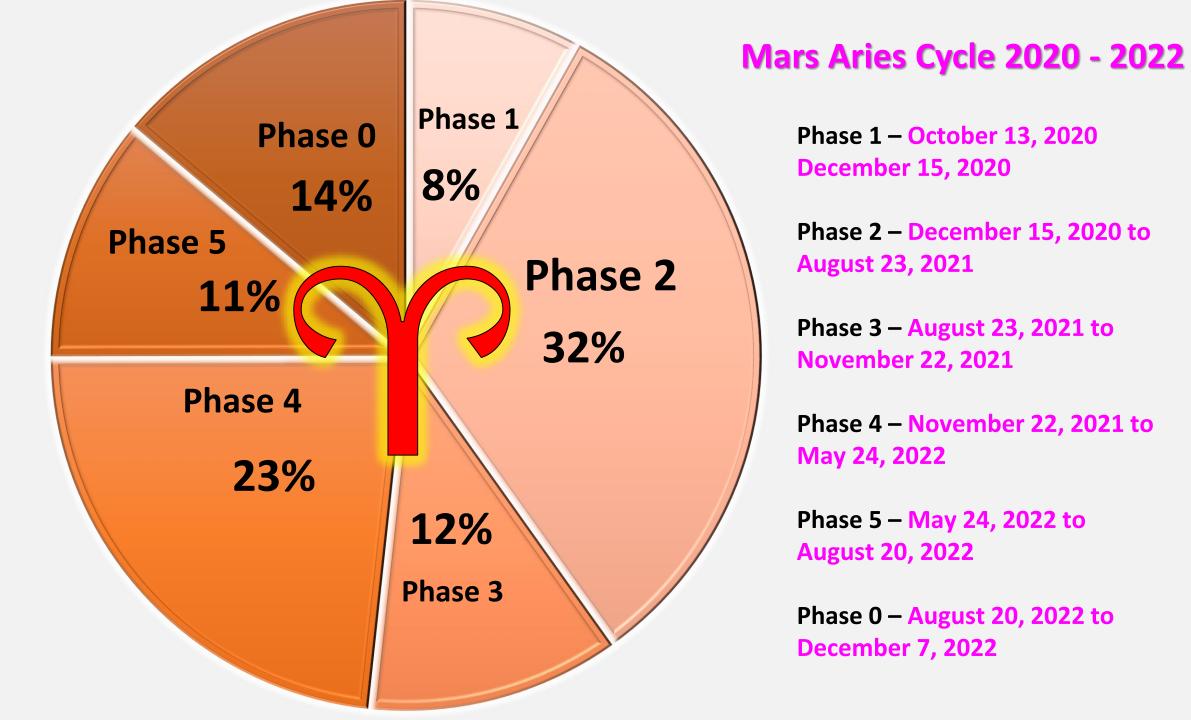
Phase 2 – Sept 25, 2018 to July 17, 2019

Phase 3 – July 17, 2019 to Oct 16, 2019

Phase 4 – Oct 16, 2019 to March 30, 2020

Phase 5 – March 30, 2020 to June 27, 2020

Phase 0 – June 27, 2020 to October 13, 2020



### Credits

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#### Resources used also include:

- 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)
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