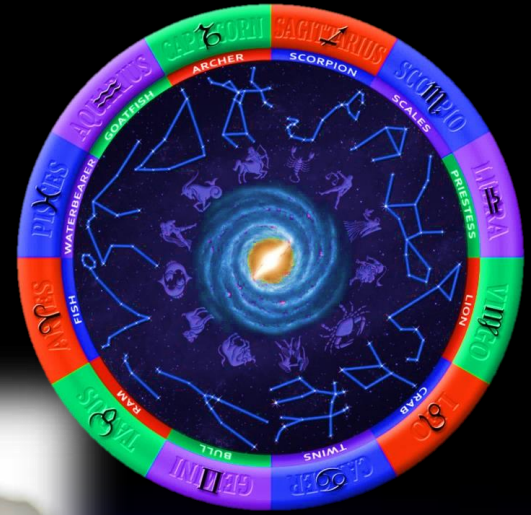


MARS

Overview in Shamanic Astrology



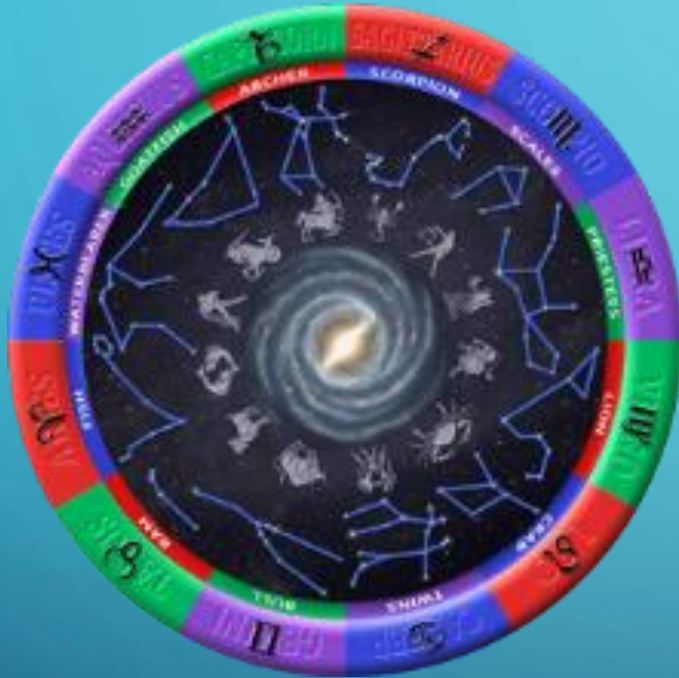
*with Erik Roth –
Shamanic
Astrologer*



*Daniel Giamario -
Originator of
Shamanic Astrology
and the Mars Cycle*

*Recorded on
April 26,
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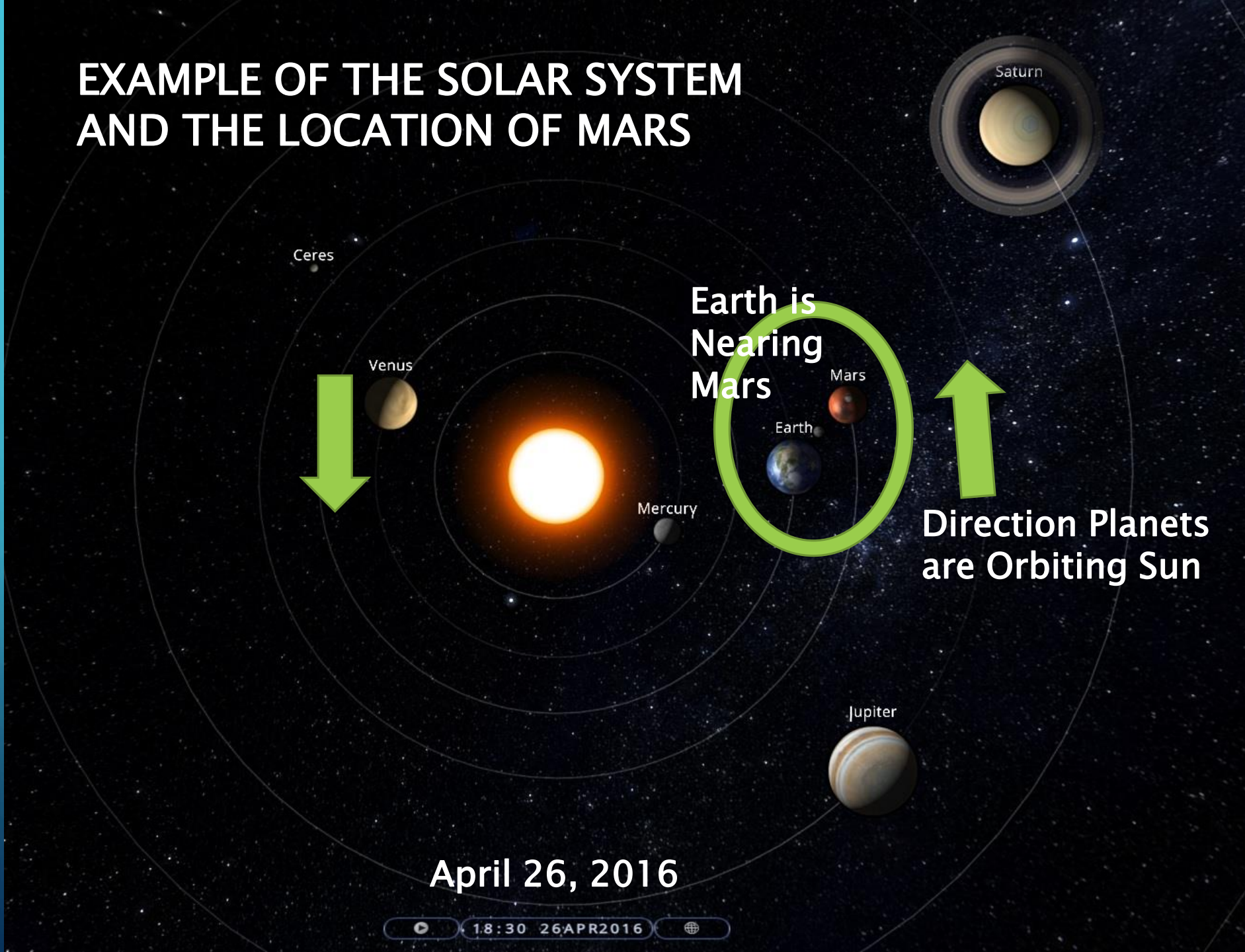


The Mars Cycle interpretation originated from Daniel Giamario in the late 1990s. Contributions from Erik Roth are also presented here.

Facts About Mars

- It is the 4th Planet from the Sun
- **It was named after the Roman God of War**
- Depending on the time of its cycle, Mars can be the 2nd Brightest Planet to the 5th Brightest visible planet
- **Mars takes 1.83 Years to complete 1 Orbit around the Sun**
- Mars takes (on average) about 2 months to traverse 1 astrological sign
- **Mars Returns to the same “meeting place” with the Sun every 779-780 days (on average) or 25 months – This is known as a “synodic cycle”**
- Mars moves through the zodiac 42 times (37 synodic cycles) in almost exactly 79 years
- **Mars is considered a “personal planet” in Shamanic Astrology**
- Symbolizes the “Masculine Principal” in Shamanic Astrology

EXAMPLE OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM AND THE LOCATION OF MARS



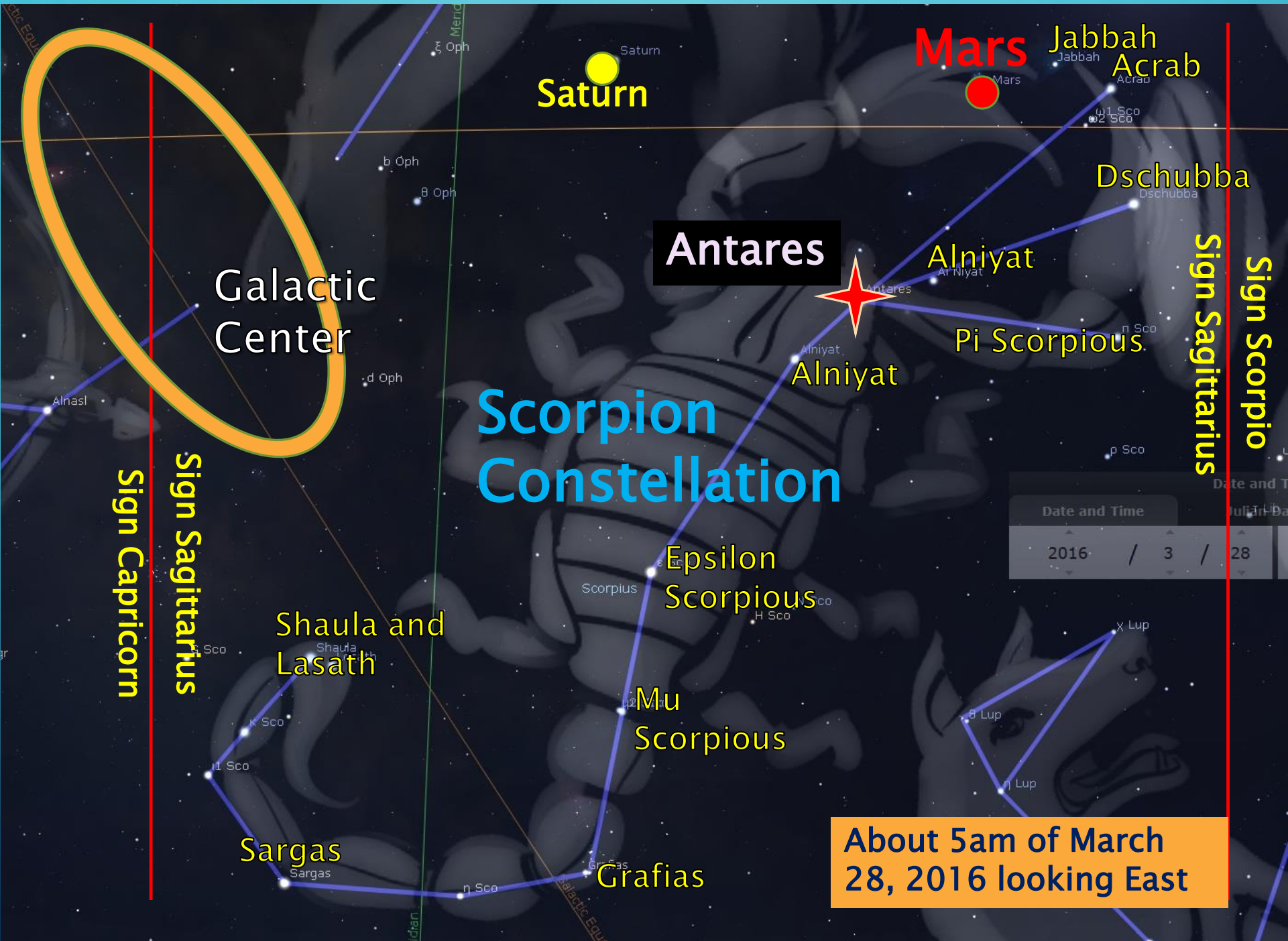
Earth is
Nearing
Mars

Direction Planets
are Orbiting Sun

April 26, 2016

STARS AND SIGNS

- Astrological Signs are “Seasonal”, which means they are based on the essence of Earth’s Seasons
- In Shamanic Astrology, the Signs are viewed as Archetypes
- Constellations or Star Groups refer to the background stars
- The Constellations inform the Signs/Archetypes – over thousands of years as the Constellations “precess” backwards, influencing the signs



Saturn

Mars

Jabbah Acrab

Galactic Center

Antares

Dschubba

Alniyat

Sign Sagittarius
Sign Scorpio

Pi Scorpius

Scorpion Constellation

Sign Sagittarius
Sign Capricorn

Epsilon Scorpius

Shaula and Lasath

Mu Scorpius

Sargas

Grafias

About 5am of March 28, 2016 looking East

Date and Time

2016 / 3 / 28

MARS IN SHAMANIC ASTROLOGY

From Daniel Giamario in the “Shamanic Astrology Handbook” and related articles found on shamanicastrology.com

- ❑ Mars by sign primarily represents the specific archetypal expression of the masculine principle (the animus) for both men and women. For men, Mars symbolizes the archetype of the masculine or the intended current life expression of the new “god”.
- ❑ For women, initially, Mars represents the projected externalized imagery of the masculine or the beloved. The intent for a woman is to eventually internalize and integrate her Mars in the psychological/spiritual process of the Sacred Marriage. This is when a woman develops the capacities and ability to take responsibility for her own Mars, ultimately creating wholeness.



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- The signs of Mars for men, and Venus for women, do not describe how a person is initially, but rather what is intended for a person to discover and explore, so in that sense is what they are becoming. Or said another way, it is a set of instructions from Great Mystery.”



THE 12 BASIC VERSIONS OF MARS [REPRESENTED BY AN ARCHETYPE]

1. The Rugged Individualist

2. The Lover

3. The Eternal Youth

4. The Nurturer

5. The King

6. The Druid or

Steward

7. The Partner

8. The Shaman

9. The Adventurer/Seeker

10. The Sage or Teacher

11. The Cosmic Visionary

12. The Empath

Basic Breakdown of the Natal Chart in Astrology



Ascendant Always falls in the First House

Horizon Line Here



Meridian Line

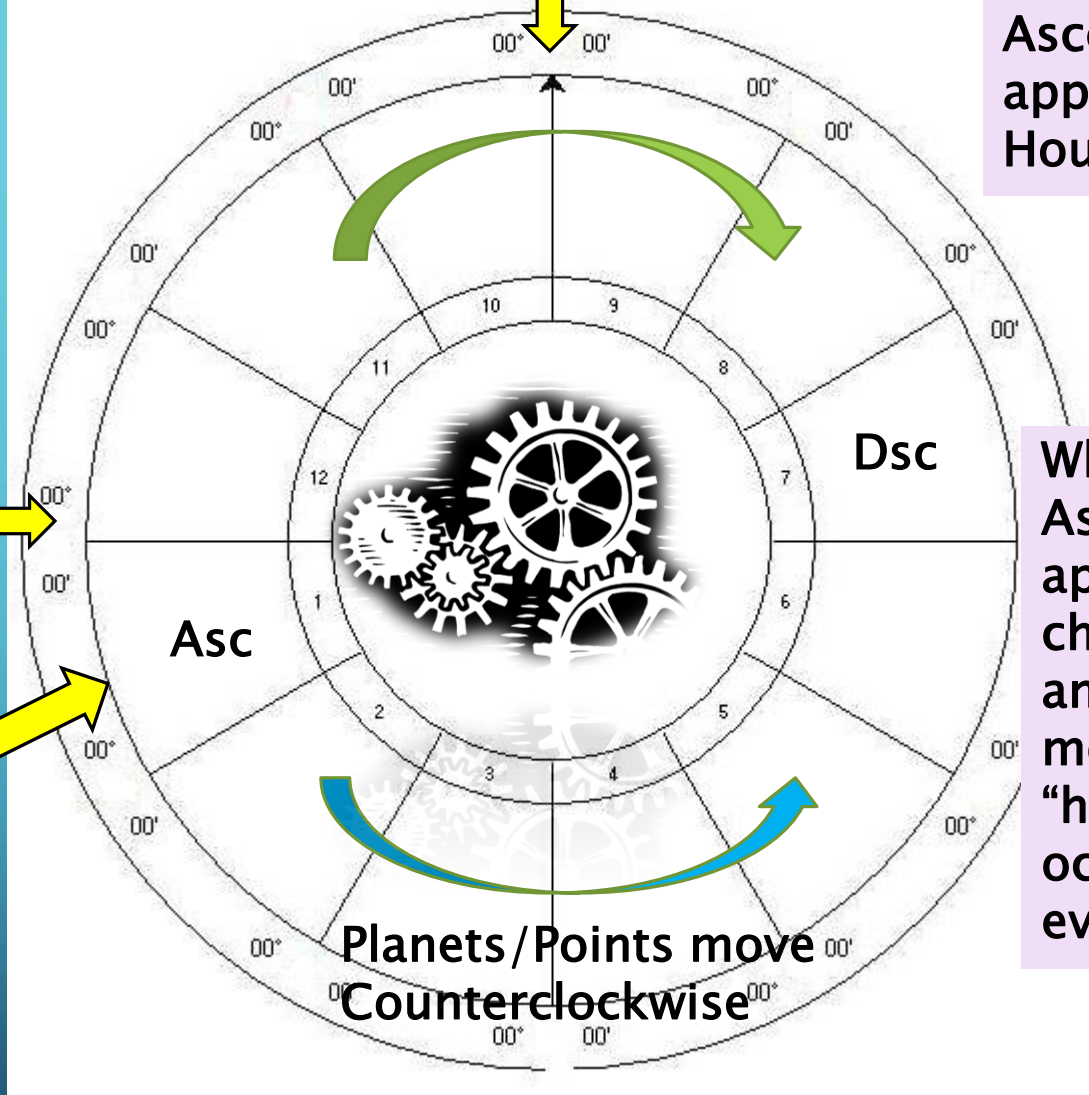


Chart Dial with signs moves Clockwise as new Ascendants appear in the 1st House

When new Ascendant appears, all the chart planets and points move to new "house" – this occurs about every 2 hours

Whole Sign House System: Lines divide the Houses and Signs

Astrology Chart

**Sun –
Divider of
Day and
Night**

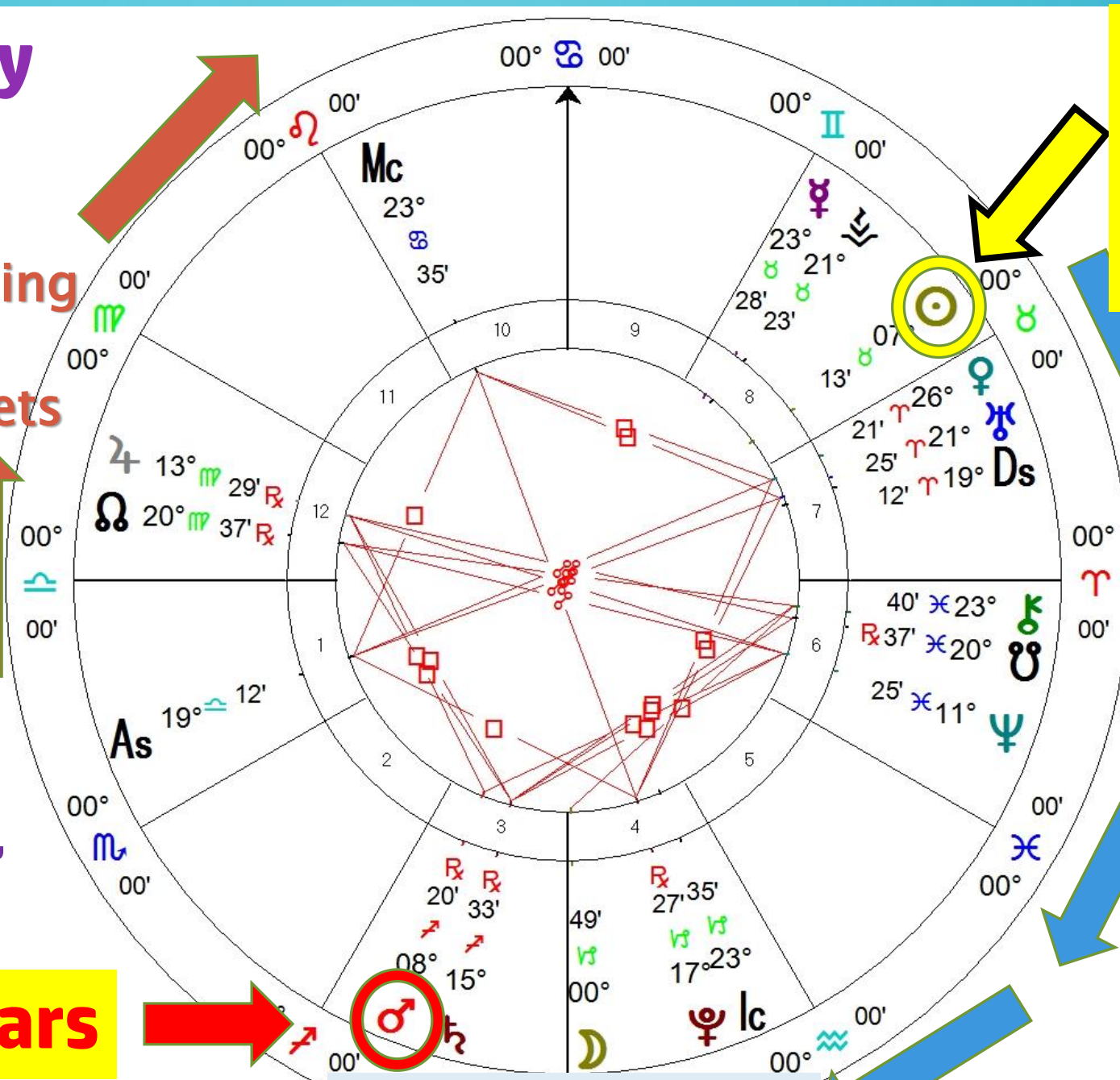
**Evening
Sky
Planets**

**Morning
Sky
Planets**

For people born on this day,
they would have Mars in the
sign of Sagittarius

Mars

Midnight Period



Event of Apr 26 2016
Event Chart
Apr 26 2016, Tue
6:30:36 pm PDT +7:00
Portland, Oregon
45°N31'25" 122°W40'30"
Geocentric
Tropical
Whole Signs
True Node

Mythological Origins of Mars

- The Roman version of Mars and the Greek counterpart, **Ares** were much more “war-like” than their predecessors in ancient Sumer, Babylon and Akkadian cities
- **Ninurta**, the Babylonian predecessor of Mars and Ares, first appeared around 3000 BC
- **Nergal** emerged shortly after Ninurta, though the time frame is sketchy. **Nergal was a consort of Erishkigal**, goddess of the Underworld.

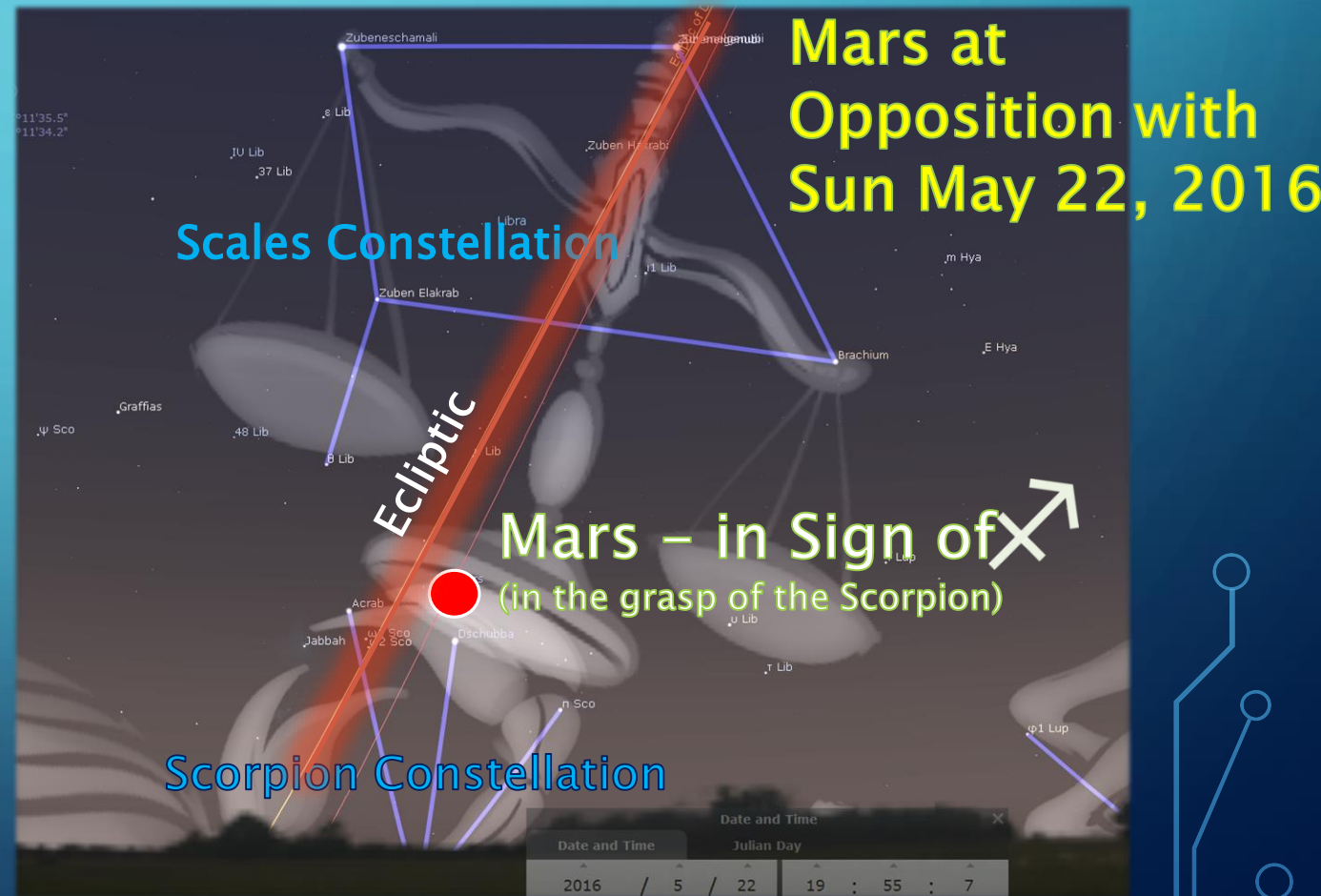
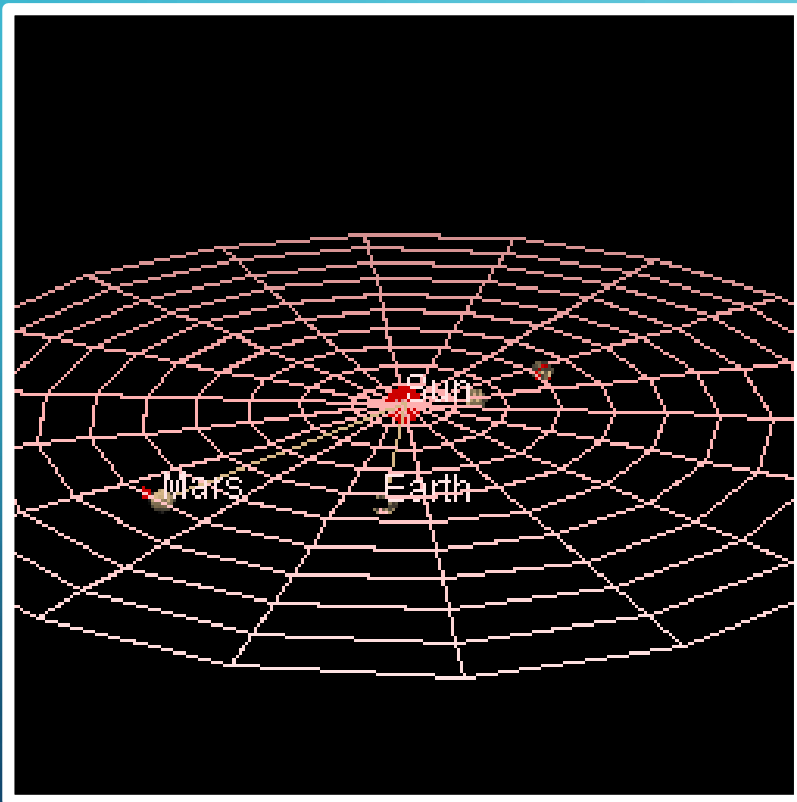


Mythological Origins of Mars

- There is evidence to suggest these gods from ancient Mesopotamia took on qualities from more war-like deities like **Erra – god of war, hunting and plague**
- There is also evidence to suggest the “wild man” image of **Lahmu (primeval hero)** and Gilgamesh’s friend **Enkidu** were also assimilated into **Nergal**
- In ancient Egypt, only one god really stands out with any association with the Greek Ares or Roman Mars, and that is **“Anhur”**. There are several other gods and goddesses that have “battle” or “war” as part of their overall quality, but it was not as evolved into the War God we know until the advent of ancient Greece.

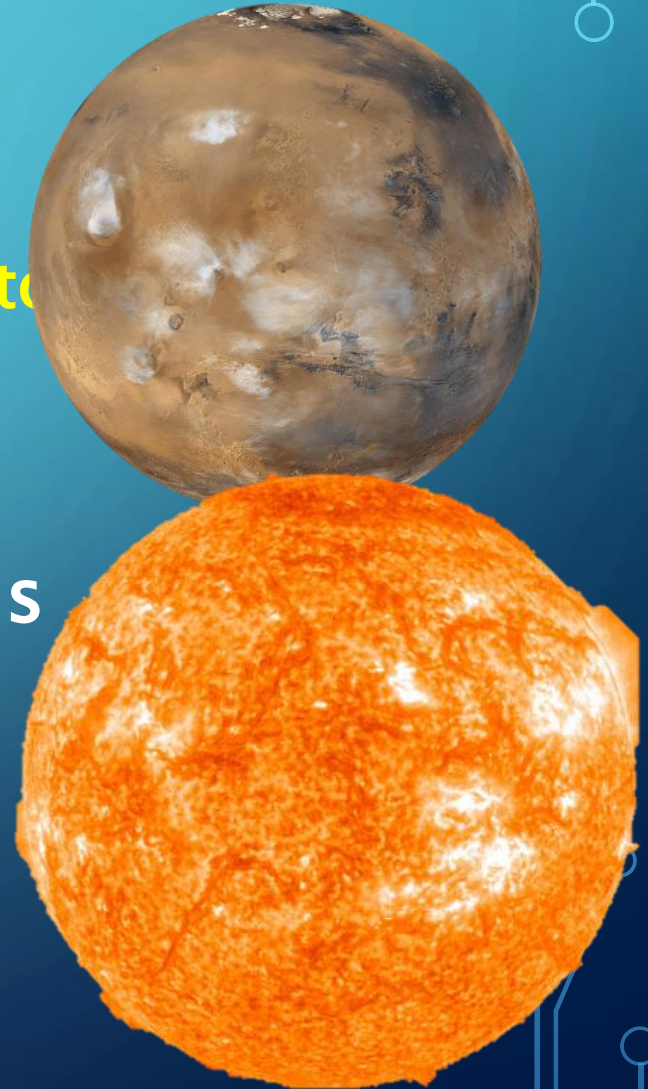


HOW THE ORBIT OF **MARS** AND NIGHT SKY TELL US OF THE MASCULINE

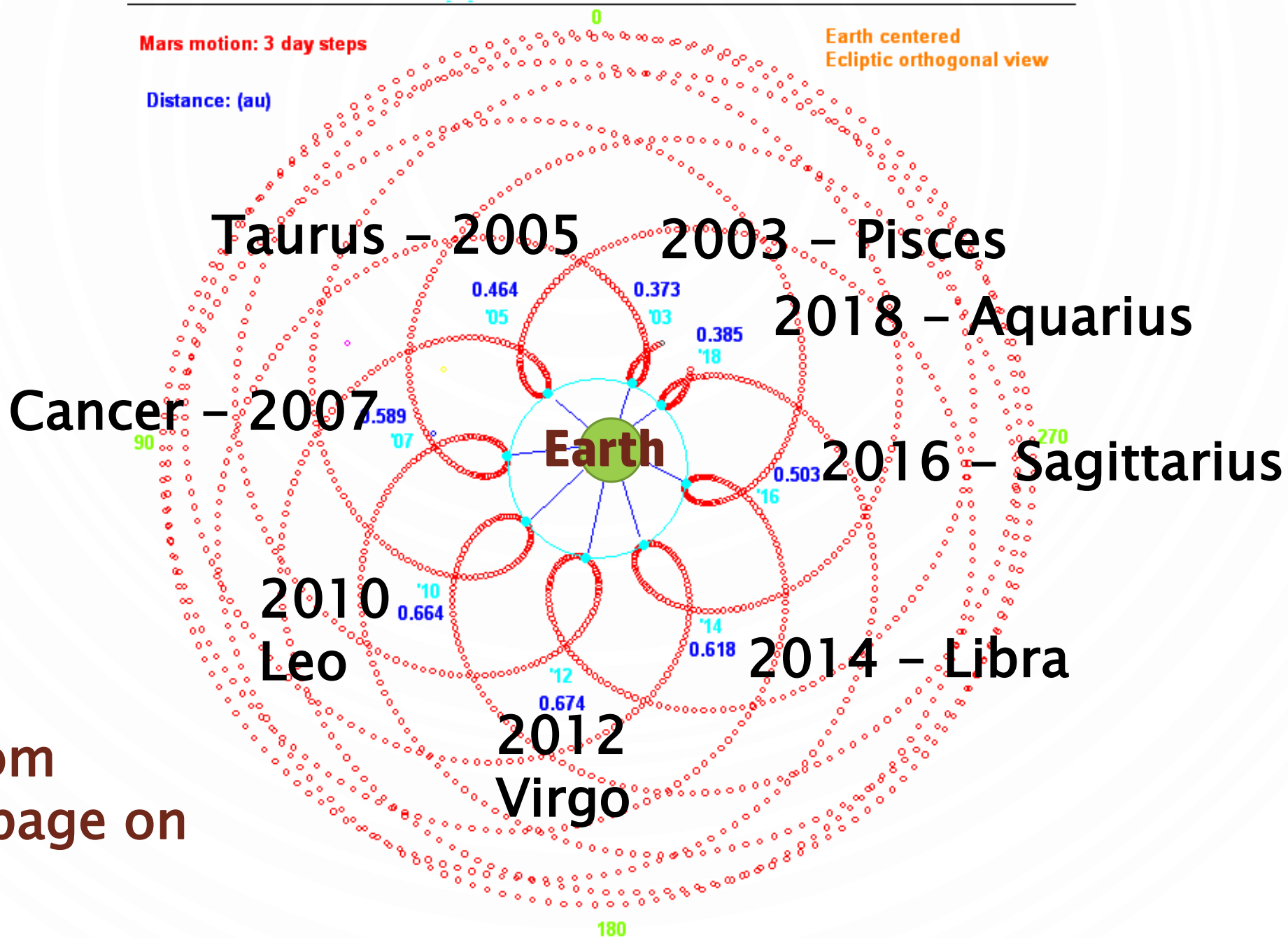


THE MARS SYNODIC CYCLE

- ❖ 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



Mars oppositions: 2003-2018



Graphic from
Wikipedia page on
"Mars"

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

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

AN EXAMPLE OF DETERMINING THE *OVERTONE*

Mars–Sun Opposition Dates and Signs

Month	Day	Year	Deg	Sign
May	31	1969	10	Sag
Aug	10	1971	17	Aqu
Oct	25	1973	2	Tau
Dec	15	1975	23	Gem
Jan	22	1978	2	Leo
Feb	25	1980	6	Vir



Example at Finding your Mars Overtone: Erik was born on 11/25/71. His birthdate falls between the “Acronychal Rise” dates of Mars on Aug 10, 1971 and Oct 25, 1973. Erik would use the Acronychal Rise date that immediately precedes his birthday. Therefore, Erik has a *Aquarius Overtone*.

EXPERIENCING MARS' JOURNEY

- The 25–26 Month Synodic Cycle was known throughout the world and was captured in stories / myths for countless generations
- The Pawnee Tribe of North America conducted a major ceremony around Mars that included tasks or challenges for a man to accomplish before reaching a specific goal
- In Greek/Roman myth, the demigod Hercules/Heracles had to experience “12 Labors” – this is theorized to relate to Mars/Moon conjunctions
- Heracles origin goes back thousands of years to the Epic of Gilgamesh and many other “Hero” myths from across the world, primarily from Akkad, Babylon and Sumer.
- One example of the how the experience of the planet Mars was recorded down comes from at least 1400–1500 BC tells how the god Nergal become the consort of Erishkigal (the underworld goddess in Mesopotamia). – **More on this during the Webinar Series!**

The Mars Return Cycle

❖ A Mars Return cycle is the time when Mars comes back near the degree of a person's natal placement of Mars (not as exact as Venus). Closest approaches at age 47 and 79

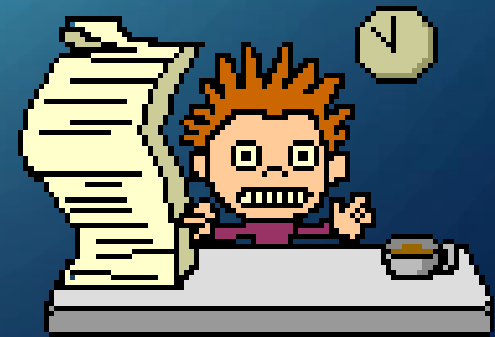
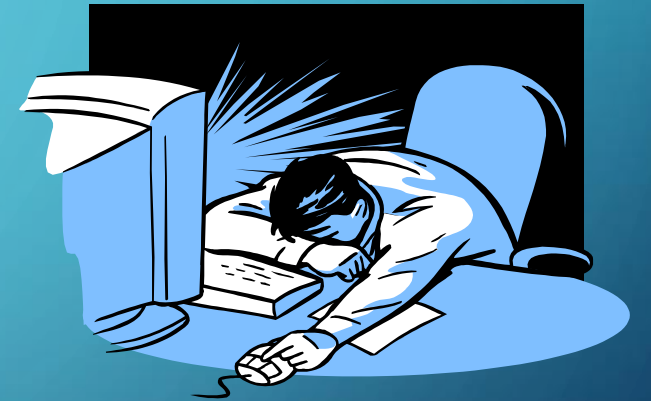
❖ A person has a Mars return every 15-17 years. The first takes place around age 2, then ages 15, 32, 47, 62/64, 79, 94

❖ The Mars Return phases are like an entire life cycle of a person, an evolution of subtleties in about 25 months



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 Sun–Mars Opposition



ISSUES AROUND THE MASCULINE TODAY

- Their Relationship to the Feminine/Mother
- **Loss of Cultural Rites of Passage**
- Unconsciously Living out their Father's "un-lived" life (sometimes the mother)
- **Society's Traditional Definition of the Masculine or Being a "Man"**
- Longing for the Father and Tribal Fathers (or Ancestors)
- **Being governed by Fear**

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

KNOWN PEOPLE AND THEIR MARS EXPRESSIONS

- **Robin Williams** – Mars in Cancer conj Uranus (Moon in Pisces/Sun in Cancer) – *died during Mars Return (and Pluto opposing Natal Mars) age 63 (in Phase 2 of Mars Return)*
- **Judge Antonin Scalia** – Mars in Aries (Moon in Scorpio / Sun in Pisces) – *died during Mars Return*
- **David Bowie** – Mars in Capricorn (12th house) square Neptune (Moon in Leo / Sun in Capricorn) – *just began cycle of Pluto conjunct his natal Mars when Bowie passed away*
- **Merle Haggard** – Mars in Scorpio – *Near end of Mars Return Cycle when he died on his 79th Birthday*
- **Hillary Clinton** – Mars in Leo conj Pluto/Saturn (Moon in Pisces / Sun in Scorpio)
- **Donald Trump** – Mars in Leo conj Asc (Moon in Sagittarius / Sun in Gemini)
- **Oprah Winfrey** – Mars in Scorpio square Pluto (Sun/Venus in Aquarius, Moon/As in Sag)
- **Bernie Sanders** – Mars in Aries Retrograde

HOW WE EXPERIENCE MARS IN OUR LIVES

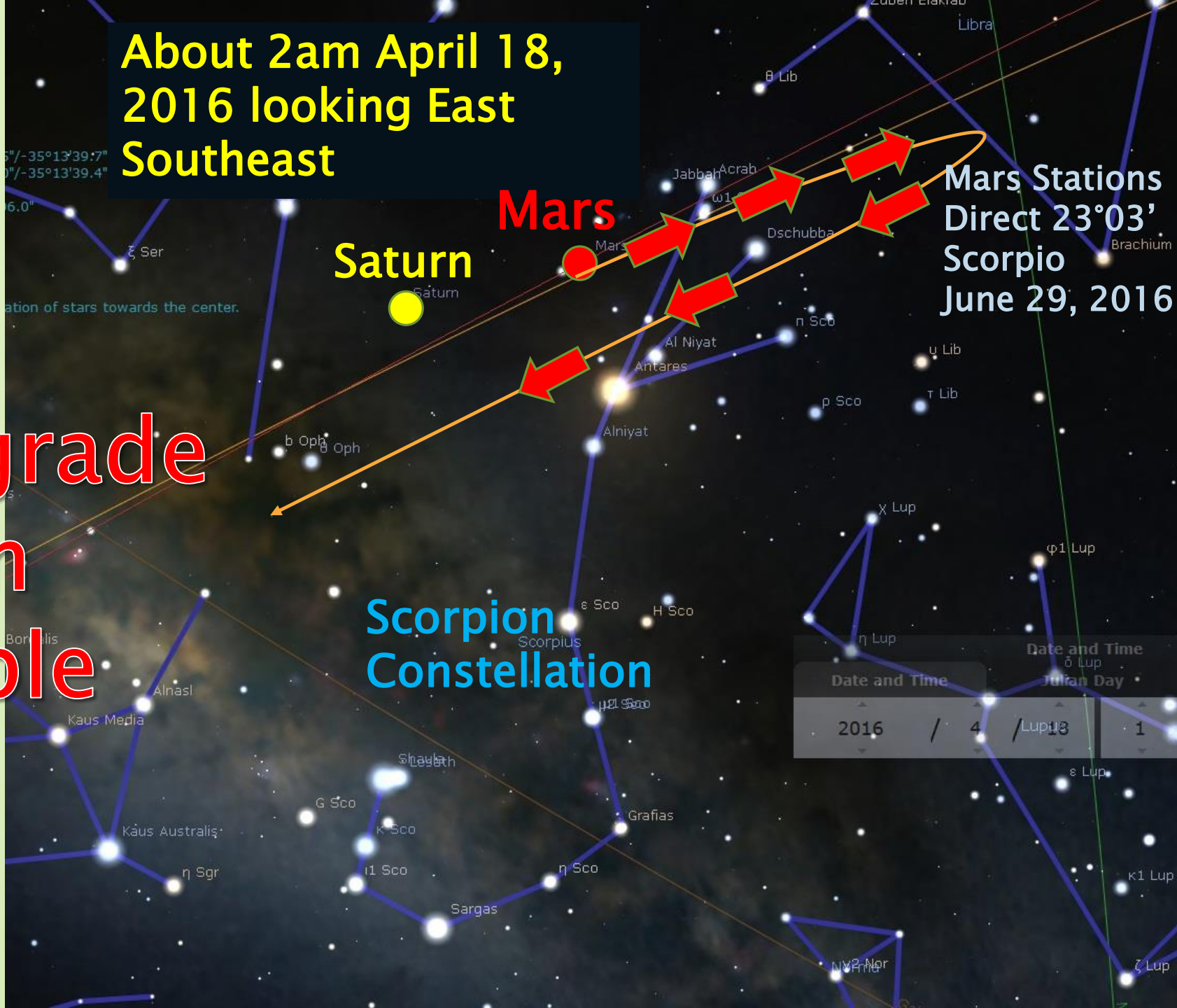
- Primarily in the form of relationships, including romantic and other personal relationships
- Through our Father or Father–image/archetype (your Moon sign also and relationship to Saturn)
- Every 15 or 17 years when we experience a “Mars Return” (Ages 2, 15, 32, 47, 62/64, 79, 94)
- Through other initiations triggered by outer planets “transiting” our natal Mars position

R Mars Retrograde R

- Mars Retrogrades happen about every two years and signal the time when Mars will go into Opposition with the Sun (hence the start of the next Mars Synodic Cycle)
- The least frequent of Retrogrades is Mars (the least amount of actual days in Retrograde is the planet Venus)
- When someone is born when Mars is Retrograde, that fact makes the natal Mars archetype a more radical, distinctive and unorthodox version of that masculine archetype
- Mars is typically retrograde for about 2 to 2 ½ months each time (every two years)
 - 2016 between April 16 and June 29
 - 2018 between June 26 and August 27 (shorter period of time because Mars will be closer to Earth in 2018)

About 2am April 18,
2016 looking East
Southeast

Mars Retrograde Motion Example



A large, stylized blue 'Rx' symbol is centered within a red square. The 'R' is bold and blocky, with a small 'x' to its right. The background is a solid red color.

Mars Retrograde

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- We can receive the clearest transmissions during a Mars Retrograde because it is during it's closest point to Earth
- Mars spends about 7–8 months in the same part of the sky during it's Rx and Opposition phases. The sign and constellations in that zone become a major part of what we are learning during the entire Mars 26 month cycle

CREDITS

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- *Star and Planet Combinations* by Bernadette Brady
- *Shamanic Astrology Handbook* by Daniel Giamario with Cayelin Castell
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