



MARS IN SHAMANIC ASTROLOGY

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- 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
- The most important Mars Cycles are the Mars Returns that take place at ages 2, 15, 32, 47, 62, 64, 79, and 94. It is when Mars “Returns” back near the original placement of a person’s Natal Mars on the person’s birthday. Most exact at ages 47 and 79

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
- The Natal House placement of Mars and the “Overtone” of Mars are also very important when understanding the full extent of the masculine expression in a person’s life (also their relationship to the masculine). Outer planet aspects to Mars help further define the masculine
- 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”

Shamanic Astrology was created by Daniel Giamario in the 1980s. The Mars Cycles were developed by Daniel Giamario in his 1997 article “A Shamanic Investigation of Venus and Mars” in “The Mountain Astrologer”