

Heart & Soul Centered Astrology



Chart Interpretation Course
Part 1
Complete Workbook

with Ari Moshe Wolfe

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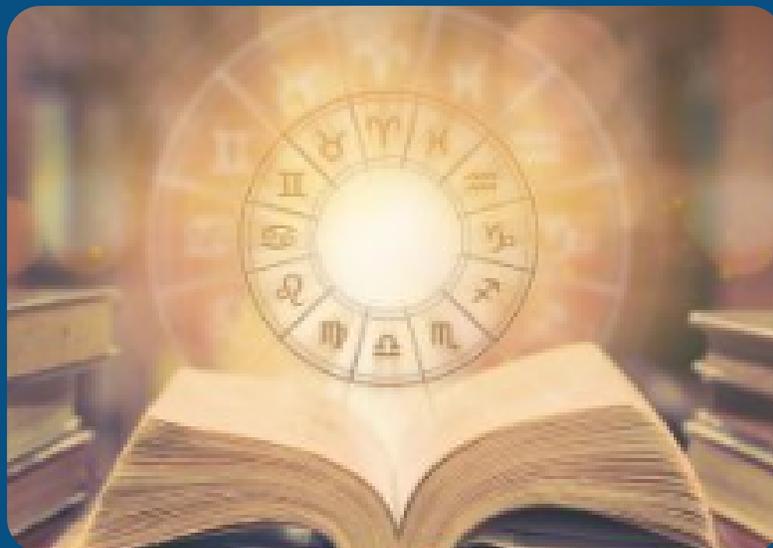
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A Note on the Chart Interpretation Course Practice Work

- Each segment in this workbook completes with review and practice work. For those in the live training program, most of the practice work in this workbook will be reviewed and practiced during our live weekly classes.
- On occasion I offer “additional practice”. This can be done alone or in your optional practice groups.
- See the next page for more information for those enrolled in the additional mentorship add-on.



For those in the Mentorship Add-On

- For those enrolled in the mentorship add-on, each segment completes with the mentorship assignments which will be assigned to those in the mentorship.
- For each practice chart I offer examples of real people who have the signatures of the practice charts. It is up to each student to either work **generically** with the chart signatures I provide, or to **research any of the real-life examples** so that the chart can be given real context. One way or another, each student will be assigned at least one chart example to prepare.
- Be welcome to come to the mentorship class ready to explain how the chart signatures relate to the listed real-life people.



Introduction to the Chart Interpretation Course

Welcome!

Welcome to the Chart Interpretation Course. You are in this course because you have already devoted yourself to the study of astrology from an evolutionary perspective, and you are ready to deepen your practice and skill. The purpose of this course is to learn how to interpret a chart from an evolutionary point of view. Until now we have learned all the various pieces of the natal chart. Now we begin to bring it all together.

The teachings of this course are rooted in the Evolutionary Astrology lineage as taught by Jeffrey Wolf Green. The profound gem of these teachings is that it offers a lens on astrology that provides a comprehensive context for understanding the karmic and evolutionary dynamics within the soul that are being played out in the current life. Throughout this course, we will learn many of the techniques and teachings brought forth in EA, in the way that Ari naturally relates and integrates them into his own practice. However, beyond the technical side, the core of our learning will be rooted in deep love, appreciation, empathy, and devotion to the living reality of the soul; to the truth of what we are.

When we read a chart we are reading the specific dynamics that we, as a soul, are each engaging in this human life on our own path of self-remembering. It is an utterly thorough, deeply intimate, real, breathing living reality for all beings. It is an honor to study and practice this work.

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Less is More

"Less is more" is a principle we will rest upon throughout the course. To bring genuine benefit into another's life, presence and love are enough, even with no chart. Just a little bit of chart information can be powerful medicine if the little bit of chart is used with love.

On the other hand, lots of "knowledge" and impressive technique with no love is inherently useless. Being deeply connected to a little bit is far more valuable than having a flimsy grasp on a whole lot.

In this sense, our learning goal is not to master and identify all the aspects to all the planets in the chart. It is not to add all the possible asteroids and other points to our chart analysis. It is not to be exhaustive in all the potential Virgo/Gemini streams of technique and data out there, for we know that there is no end to that.

We will follow a very simple modality with simple techniques. We will build upon our learning step by step, and we will practice all along the way. Our simple but thorough education will become our foundation from which endless learning can blossom.

Even if you do not plan on becoming a professional astrologer (or a professional who uses astrology), there is much growth and healing in approaching astrology with love. This is the essence and the reason for the namesake of Heart and Soul Centered Astrology. At the core of our learning is the devotion to see the sameness of everyone's journey with our own. To grow in deepening compassion and appreciation for the truth of who we are and the deep spiritual value of the human lives we are all living.

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A note on the Chart Interpretation Course Organization

When this course was originally created, it was organized as two separate courses: The Chart Interpretation Course and The Chart Interpretation Course Part II. The former is entirely about teaching chart interpretation, while the latter is about adding transits and progressions to chart interpretive work.

I have since combined these two courses into a single course called the Chart Interpretation Course. Therefore, this course is divided into 2 parts, each with various segments within it.

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Chart Interpretation Course

Segment 1

Intro to the Nodes

Introduction to the Chart Interpretation Course

Chart Interpretation Course Part I Outline

The Chart Interpretation Part I course is divided into 5 segments.

- **Segment 1: The Lunar Nodes.**
 - Basic astronomy of the Lunar nodes,
 - Meaning of the lunar nodes from an evolutionary perspective
 - The nature of self-identity as a vehicle for soul evolution.
 - Polarity, and the evolution of identity.
- **Segment 2: Pluto and the Nodes.**
 - In this segment we learn the relationship between the soul and the human identity the soul manifests as a vehicle for its evolution.
 - Interpreting charts with 3 signatures on them (Pluto, south node, north node) plus applying the Pluto polarity point.
- **Segment 3: Aspects and Phases.**
 - In segment 3 we step away from interpretive technique to learn about aspects and phases.
 - The meaning of the aspects and phases and how to identify them in a chart.
- **Segment 4: Aspects Applied.**
 - We apply our learning on phases and aspects to the Pluto and the nodes paradigm.
 - Special focus on aspects to Pluto and the outer planets, aspects to the nodes, aspects involving nodal rulers.

Chart Interpretation Course Part II Outline

The Chart Interpretation Course Part II is divided into 3 segments.

- **Segment 1: Transits**
- **Segment 2: Progressions**
- **Segment 3: Life Cycles**

Now let's get started with **Segment 1: The Lunar Nodes!**

Segment 1: The Lunar Nodes

Astronomy

Let's review the basic astronomy of the Lunar Nodes. We return to our favorite astronomical plane: the ecliptic.



The ecliptic is the path of the Earth around the Sun. From the Earth's point of view (G), the ecliptic is the apparent path of the Sun around the Earth.



The Moon is a satellite that orbits the Earth (grey line). This orbital path naturally intersects the ecliptic in two places.

Since the Moon actually orbits the Earth, its nodal points are a perfect polarity. This is not the case for all other planetary nodes whose nodal points will not be a perfect polarity.

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Astronomy (cont'd)



The intersection point where the orbital path ascends above the plane of the ecliptic is called the ascending or north node.



The intersection point where the orbital path descends below the plane of the ecliptic is called the descending or south node.

Anecdotally, we can now understand the astronomy of eclipses. Eclipses are either full Moons or new Moons that happen on the nodal points of the Moon's orbit with the ecliptic, otherwise known as the lunar nodes. In other words, it's when the lunar nodes are conjunct the Sun and Moon.

Lunar Eclipse

Full Moon on Nodal Points



Solar Eclipse

New Moon on a Nodal Point



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Astronomy (cont'd)

True vs Mean Nodes

In all astrology programs the option is given to choose two kinds of nodes: Mean node or True node. The standard motion of the nodes is retrograde, however sometimes the nodes will station direct for a time. True node accounts for the occasional direct motion. Mean node however averages the rate of retrograde motion and keeps the nodes moving backwards at a steady rate. The difference between the two nodes is usually not more than a degree or so.

In this course we are working with the True Node.

The Speed of the True Nodes

Here's an interesting bit of information for those that appreciate the astronomy.

Remember, the Lunar nodes are created as the intersection points between the Moon's orbital path and the ecliptic. When the Sun appears to be on one of the intersection points, it will appear in the natal chart as the Sun on one of the nodes. This is what happens during eclipse seasons (when we have the Full Moon and New Moons near the nodes. This happens about twice a year when the Sun is transiting the vicinity of either node). Conversely, when the Sun is at the greatest point of separation from the Moon's orbital path, this will always show up in the natal chart as the Sun Squaring the nodes.

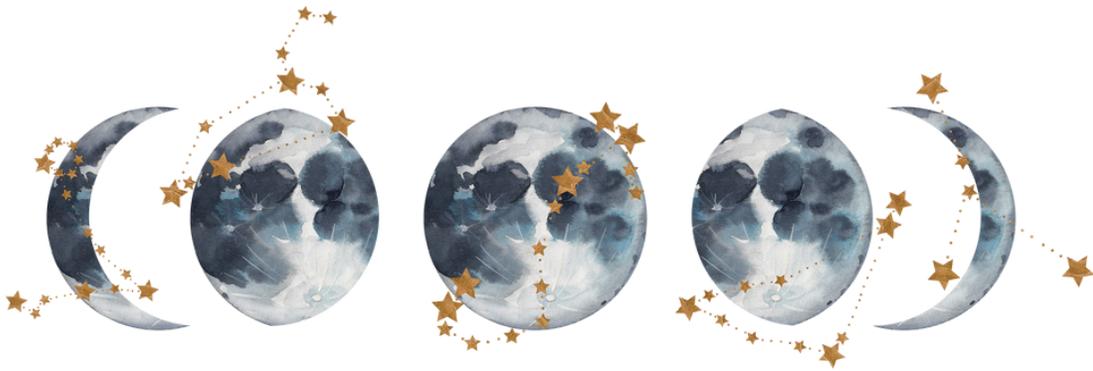
It might be interesting to note that during the time when the Sun is on the nodes, the Nodes move the slowest. And when the Sun is squaring the nodes, the nodes move the quickest. Thus, during eclipse seasons, the nodes will move the slowest, often stationing and moving back and forth for weeks over a very narrow range of minutes. Whereas during the two times in a year that the Sun is squaring the nodes, the nodes move the quickest.

Segment 1: The Lunar Nodes

Introduction

From a soul perspective, the life we come into is not the origins of our being. We can say it's the origins of a particular life context, but it is not where we begin, nor is it where we end.

Each soul has its own emotional memory relative to where it comes from prior to its manifestation of this current life. An easy way to understand this is to look at the metaphor for how identity functions for children.

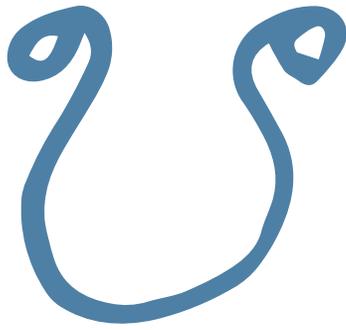


The Moon

Each soul develops a sense of self relative to the particular family and emotional imprinting it is raised with. This will simply include all that is familiar, all that feels like home. When the child finds itself in a new environment - be it pre-school, a friend's home, somewhere where the parental familiarity of home is temporarily missing, it's natural to feel insecure. This is because it knows itself to be other than where it currently is. The Moon thus indicates how the soul will emotionally integrate its present-moment experiences in a way that allows for continuity and security simultaneous to facing the world that is outside of what is safe, known, and familiar.

Take this analogy of a child leaving their home and being somewhere new and extend it to the journey of the soul. Before this lifetime the soul has established a sense of self, it has been playing out time-space experience for the reason we all play out time-space experience: to evolve.

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Lunar South Node

This is what the south node of the Moon represents: the soul's "pattern of identity-making" (Adam Gainsburg quote) prior to this life, and thus the emotional imprint/memory linked to these lifetimes.

On a very neutral level, this is simply what the south node is. Not good, not bad, just the imprint of identity. The accurate way to think of it is as the greater soul context of the Moon. The Moon corresponds to current life emotional imprinting and how the soul throughout the current life will be emotionally integrating experience. The south node of the Moon corresponds to the total past life (that is relevant to the current life) emotional imprinting and who the soul knows itself to be from within based on where it comes from and how it has come to know itself on the level of identity.

Taken by itself, the south node just says, "this is where you are coming from. This is how you have known yourself and the way you have been here as a human." It is not inherently challenging or rewarding. It just is.

Note, throughout this course, I will generally refer to the north and south nodes of the Moon as simply the north node and south node. It should be understood that all planets have north and south nodes and that for now, I am referring specifically to the Lunar nodes.

Is reincarnation a necessary belief?

No, it's not. The only necessary education here is that we learn the south node as implying an existing context of self. Whether we call that a past life or not actually makes no difference. What's important however is our understanding of what the south node pertains to and, in that sense, that we don't start this life out of nowhere.

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Deeper Meaning of the South Node

Going a bit deeper, the south node can imply a few different dimensions. To understand this we must remember that each human life has a purpose. Behind the scenes of our human experiences is an underlying soul thread, even when we don't understand that thread.

Here are a few points to consider about the meaning of the lunar south node:

1. Within the archetype of the south node is contained a holographic picture of many different kinds of lives, experiences, and ways of being that are essential to the soul's sense of identity. For example, a first house south node can indicate trauma due to early endings, and thus an identity construct that tends to rush and be hasty. It can also represent lifetimes of war or battle or past lives of needing to act solo and thus a soul who has developed a sense of solitude and trust in their instincts. As we add more dimensions to the natal chart: Pluto, nodal rulers, and aspects, we will find that the south node is by no means a dry and singular statement, it contains many expressions and dimensions within it.
2. The identity patterning of the past, as indicated by the south node, are the identity constructs relevant to the evolutionary needs of the current life. In other words, the south node doesn't necessarily indicate "all" past lives.
3. Can represent dynamics of the past that are unresolved and that must be re-created in order to be resolved in the current life.
4. Attachments to particular ways of being.
5. Can represent particular gifts, similar to the fruits from seeds that were planted long ago, that will come into fruition in the current life.
6. Gifts and capacities/ways of knowing life that are well developed, balanced, and integrated.
7. All of these expressions can co-exist.

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Identities Want Safety

As a general rule, the default tendency for all souls is to fall on their south node as the source of safety and security. Remember, identity is not real in objective terms. The self-image we all create for ourselves is just that: an image. In order to validate one's self-image, it is necessary to believe in it, uphold it, secure it. This is where the south node can easily become a trap and represent a place of non-growth.

Even if there are many wonderful and useful qualities in one's south node sense of self, we are not meant to stay there forever. To do so would be like the caterpillar deciding to just stay where it is. As we know, the only choice we ultimately ever have is to cooperate with evolutionary necessity or resist it. This is a Pluto thing, and we will delve deeply into Pluto in our next segment. However, what this means is, nothing can stay the same indefinitely. As long as there is a need to enact time space experience for the purposes of evolution, identity will be evolving as well.



The North Node

The north node on a very basic level represents what is opposite to the known, safe, familiar. While there are several exceptions to this rule in some natal charts, which we will learn about, this is a basic starting point for understanding the north node.

The north node, also being of the Moon, points to a developing sense of self, a way for the soul to image itself from within. Being opposite the south node, the north node corresponds to something that isn't necessarily safe, known, and familiar. North node of the Moon says there's another way to know yourself. It corresponds to the evolutionary direction of the soul in the current life.

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Transcending Duality



If the south node was just something to leave behind and the north node was something to embrace, then each soul would be stuck in duality. Ultimately, the nodal axis is not about valuing one node over another, but rather it is about full integration. The soul that adheres to any particular polarity of identity essentially draws the line in the sand and says, "here is where growth ends for me."

To each identification with selfhood, is a very opposite way of knowing oneself. The north node provides an ongoing focal point for evolutionary growth.

Identity can be all kinds of things. It can be adored, it can be famous, it can feel strong and powerful, it can be deeply satisfied with its love life. From an evolutionary perspective, none of that necessarily means anything. At some point, there is a need for all souls to embrace the necessity of evolution.

There are many instances where both the south node and north node represent some level of karmic familiarity. There are also instances where the soul needs to tend to unfinished south node business. Each chart represents its own karmic situation. We can understand this at this point if we accept that the "goal" isn't one node over the other.



At this stage of our learning, it is sufficient and helpful to learn about the north node as reflecting where the soul can choose to grow and evolve; a new way of knowing oneself. Embracing the north node, in turn, implies balance and integration relative to the south node.

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Let's ground our studies here by simply looking at the nodal polarities in some chart examples. First some guiding questions for looking at the nodal axis.



Guiding Questions for Looking at the Lunar Nodal Axis

1. What kind of basic identity structure is implied by the south node?*
2. What kinds of gifts might be implied here?
3. What kinds of challenges and attachments might be implied by the south node?
4. What kind of identity structure is implied by the north node?
5. How might the north node be a challenge/confrontation to the south node identity structure?
6. What kinds of lessons/inner work might be necessary for the soul in order to integrate the north node identity structure.



Remember that the evolutionary stage of the soul and, of course, total context with the chart is necessary to really grasp the full meaning of the nodes. These are just general guidelines and are not meant to pigeonhole anyone just according to their nodal axis.

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Chart A - Answer Key

1. *The basic identity structure implied by the south node: A soul that has been learning and developing their understanding of the many connections of phenomenal existence through relationship to a higher reality, truth, surrender. Inherently curious and open minded, adoptable.*
2. *Gifts: Might be profound open-mindedness, capacity to apprehend all kinds of perspectives. A universalized mind that can access/communicate/relate to anyone from anywhere. Communication with non-physical beings. Ability to communicate with any facet of phenomenal reality through the divine gift of adoptability and receptivity in the mind. Forgiveness and understanding that the mind cannot solve all problems, ability to play the magician and transcend dualities.*
3. *Challenges/ attachments of identity with the south node in Gemini in the 12th: Might be scatteredness, mind constantly chasing security to find meaning in nothingness, deception, duplicity, being deceived easily, inability to understand basic communication, feeling left behind and confused mentally. Lack of discernment regarding when and how to use the logical functions. Potential to make any logical construct reasonable and sound. Mental delusion. Confusing ideas and opinions with reality.*
4. *The identity structure of the north node is about apprenticing with the intuition, developing a healing path with nature/ natural ways/ cultivating more ground and clarity in sincerity and intuitive practical ways of living. Learning to be of service and useful in a natural way.*
5. *The north node would be a challenge to the south node identity structure by way of the need to keep the mind focused on the practical. 6th house Sag represents what is tangible and intuitive, whereas the 12th house Gemini south node can be entirely imaginative and have no useful/purposeful affects.*
6. *Lessons for this soul for integrating the north node identity structure would be to learn the difference between an imagining vs what one can actually know to be true. Developing a rhythm on a path of apprenticeship/ practice of healing that connects the soul with their own intuition, plants, nature in a way that allows them to cultivate their gifts in a way that is practical. This way, the 12th house Gemini reflects a soul that is open to all kinds of experiences, ways of thinking but is grounded in a path of service that is intuitive and allows for a cultivation of humility, self-honesty, and trust in one's capacity to navigate according to one's intuition.*

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Other Points:

This axis can speak to a very wide range of karmic situations. As we get a feel for real charts we will find how incredibly colorful the nodal axis is. Without being exhaustive, here are some reflections that pop up for me:

Gemini in the 12th house, as per anything 12th house, can speak to a monastic situation. This can be a soul that has spent a considerable amount of time in silence. Here the mind is oriented towards the absolute. The challenge here would be the capacity to integrate that/adapt within society at large. In this case, the Sag 6th house north node would simply represent the need for the soul to put into action and make use of their own spiritual essence so that they can go and teach. This builds their immunity and capacity to be in the world without needing to retreat from it/ stay in a mentally pure state free of clutter. This is where we might find the disillusionment of an otherwise purity and the need to have a cosmological bottom line. Otherwise, they will find themselves potentially distracted by all the mental energies around them.

Furthermore, the south node in Gemini in the 12th can reflect a savior complex. Trying to be socially available to everyone and everything. Giving too much information. Talking, perhaps on the premise of helping, with no discernment of what's actually needed or helpful.

Or in a different way the 12th house Gemini can reflect a situation where the soul is hearing contradictory voices, not knowing how to discern what is true or not. In this case, the Sag in the 6th north node would reflect the need to develop discernment and an intuitive ground that enables them to know what is true, not according to mere voices/thoughts, but direct intuitive sense.

Segment 1: The Lunar Nodes

FURTHER PRACTICE

(sample answers on next page. We will also address questions 2 and 3 in our live class)

1. *Look at your own nodal axis. Spend some time contemplating the above questions for yourself.*
2. *What is the relationship between the nodal axis and the Moon? What is the difference between them?*
3. *Why do you think the lunar nodes are so important in this work?*

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Practice 2 - Answer Key

1. NA
2.

The lunar nodes and the Moon in total speak to the way the soul will emotionally integrate its experiences. They reflect the personalized, human sense of "self". The soul's sense of self serves as a focusing agent for its evolutionary needs. Our self-image is the filter of our perception and thus indicates the way we are orienting to life experience. The difference between the Moon and its nodes is that the Moon corresponds specifically to the current life ego structure and how the soul will integrate all experiences from moment to moment. The nodal axis has an evolutionary implication and speaks to where the soul is coming from and where they are learning to see themselves in a new way. We can say that the Moon is the present moment stability that enables the soul to feel a sense of safety as it is navigating between the shores of the past and future.

 - An analogy I have given for this is that the south node is the land you come from. You are on a raft traveling from the known to the unknown. The Moon is the teddy bear you hold onto, which provides a sense of present moment security and safety along the journey.
3.

They are so essential because evolution happens through the emotional body. Nothing reaches the soul but through the identity construct.

 - One useful idea/practice. We can take the south node and think of it as the filter through which we will personalize everything in our life. It's the rose colored glasses we default wear. Adam Gainsburg once offered that we can look at the south node and put any planet in the chart where the south node is as a way to sense how the south node is the bottom line filter through which we will emotionally relate to everything in our chart.

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In Class Assignments

These two charts will also be practiced in our live class.

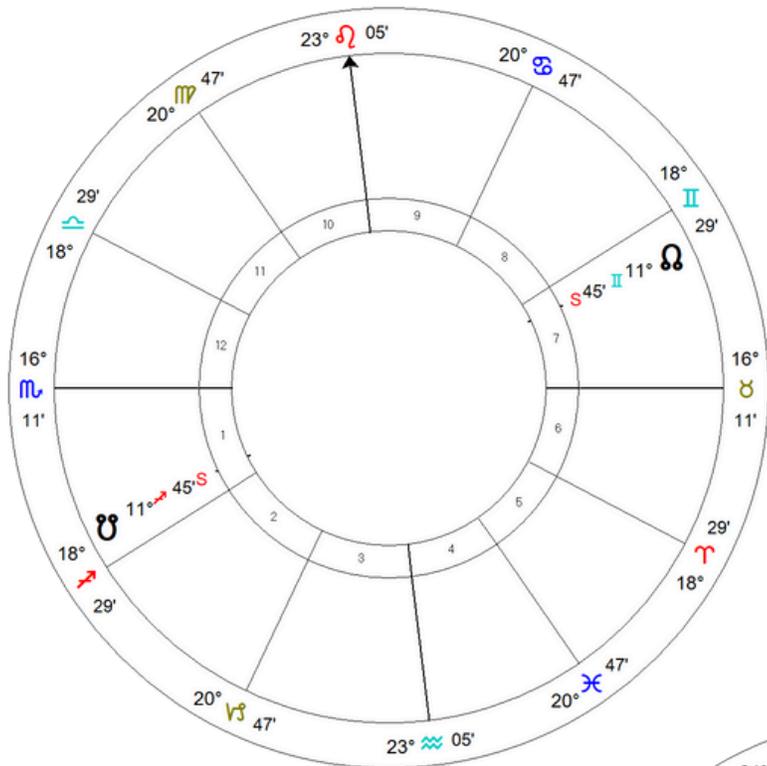
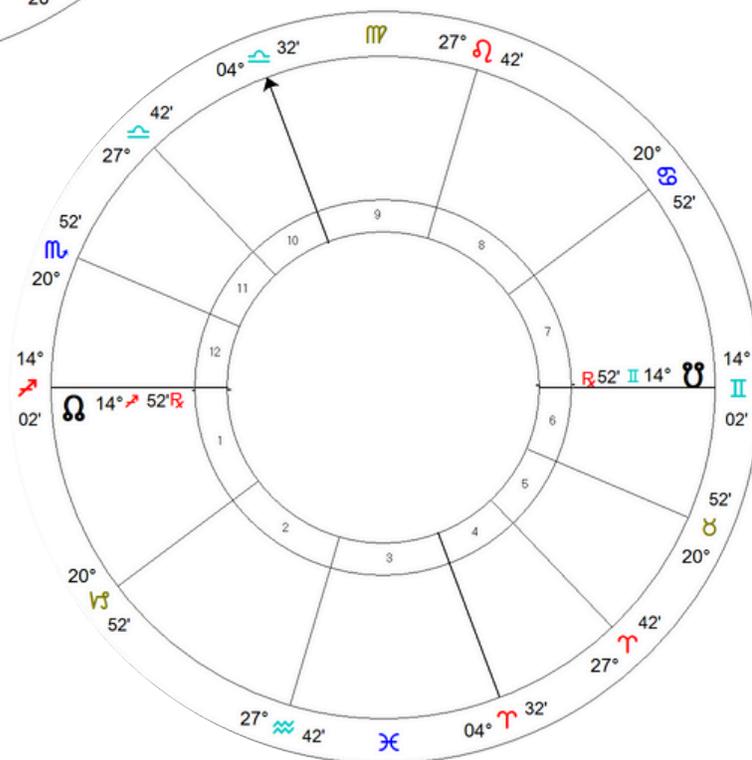


Chart 1C

Jeffrey Wolf Green, Samuel Adams, Shirley Temple

Chart 1D

Arsenio Hall, Charles Ponzi



Segment 1: The Lunar Nodes

Mentorship Assignments

Answer the guiding questions below for the two chart examples on the next page. Further, study at least one of the well known figures listed with these nodes and seek to grasp the reality of their nodal placements.

Guiding Questions

1. What kind of basic identity structure is implied by the south node?
2. What kinds of gifts might be implied here?
3. What kinds of challenges and attachments might be implied by the south node?
4. What kind of identity structure is implied by the north node?
5. How might the north node be a challenge/confrontation to the south node identity structure?
6. What kinds of lessons/inner work might be necessary for the soul in order to integrate the north node identity structure.

Bonus: Explain for each chart, for one of the well known figures listed below (or bring another chart and be ready to educate us) how these nodes have expressed in their lives.

Please be willing to go deep in your research, so that you can return to these people's charts later on in this course!

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Mentorship Assignments

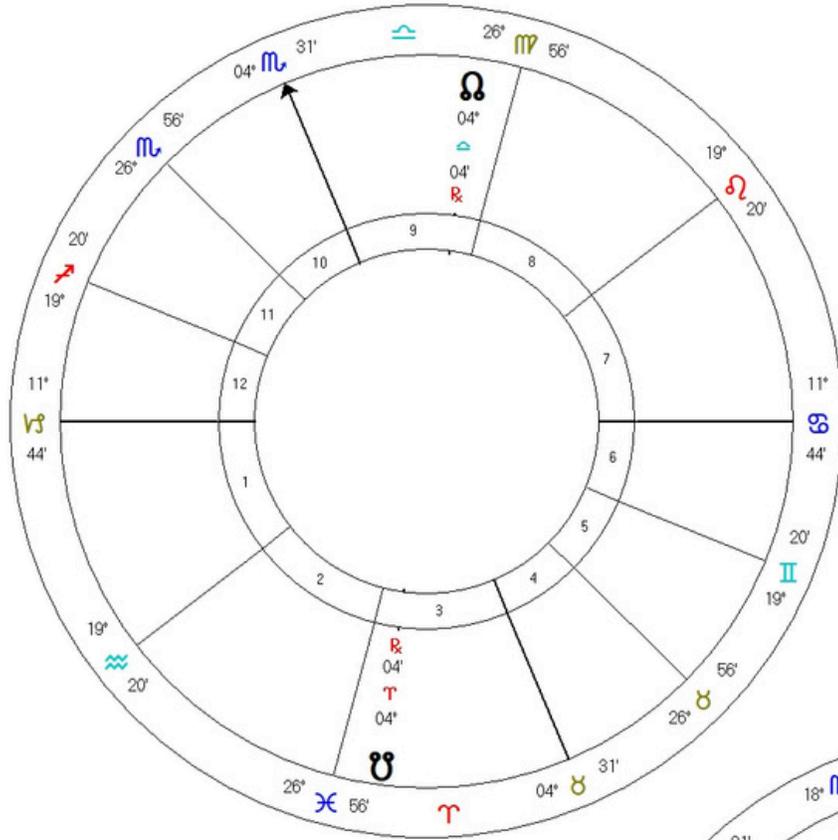
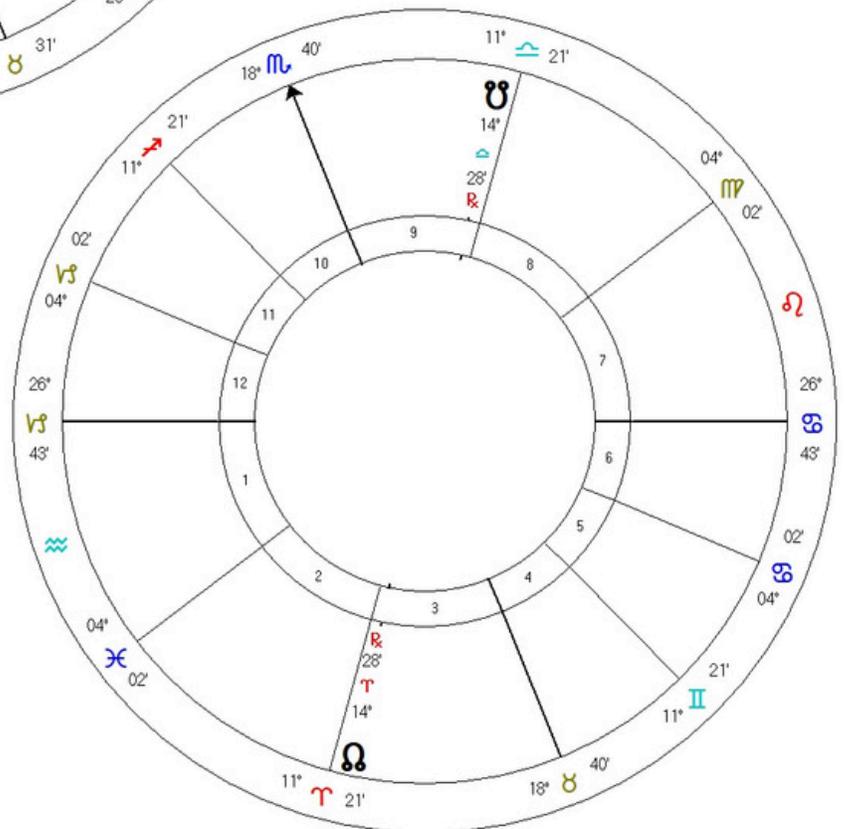


Chart 1E

William Butler Yeats,
Michelangelo, Chuck Norris

Chart 1F

Rosa Parks, Jim Jones, James
Earl Jones, Mitch Hedberg,
Napolean IV



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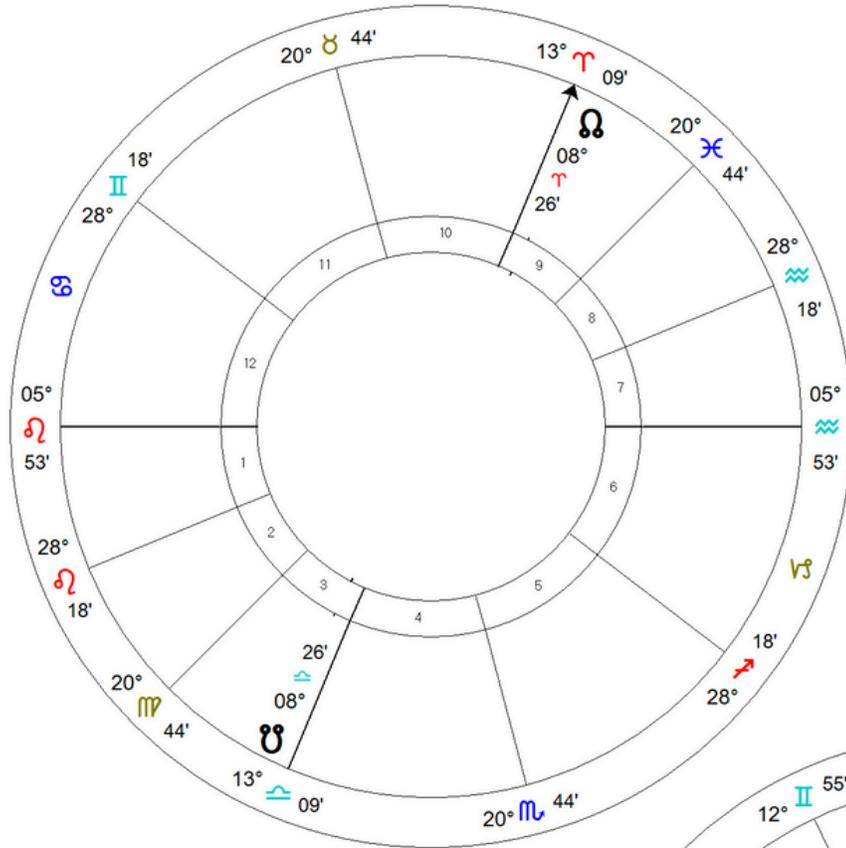
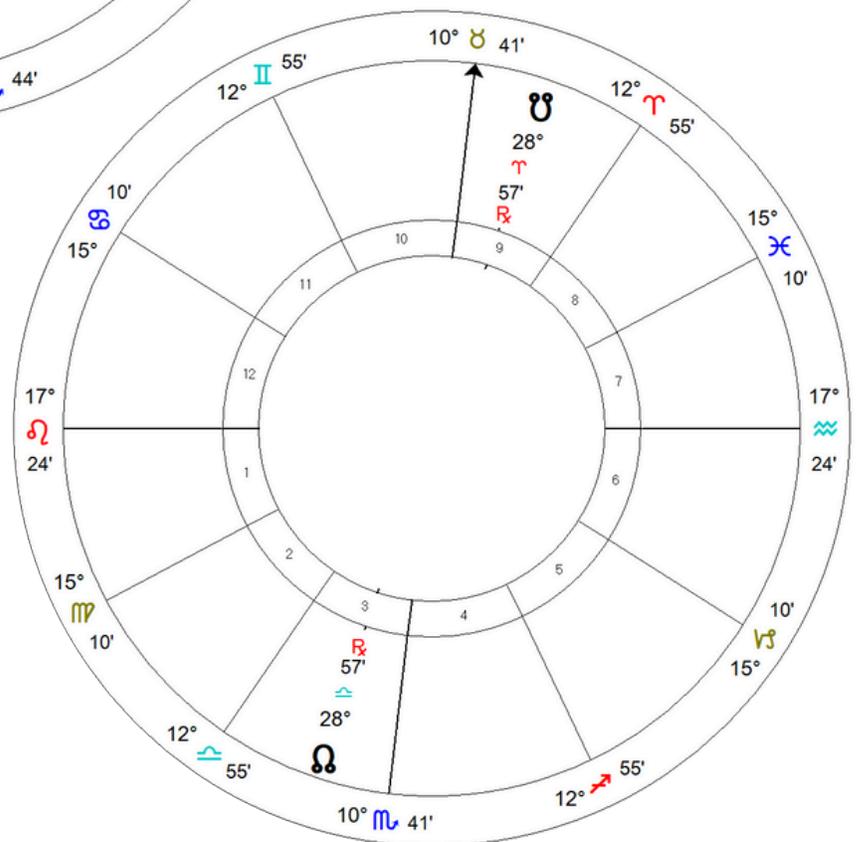


Chart 1G

Peter Gabriel, Aleister Crowley, Martin Luther (founder of Lutherism), Michael Moore

Chart 1H

Tina Turner, Al Pacino, Anita Bryant



Segment 1: The Lunar Nodes

Recommended Learning Resources



The Moon and Her Nodes

An EA Zoom talk with Ari Moshe. In this talk, I speak about the connection between the Moon and the Lunar nodes. I bring several other elements together which we have not learned yet: the solar lunar phase. and nodal rulership.

[The Moon and Her Nodes](#)

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Segment 2

Pluto and the Nodes

Segment II: Pluto and the Nodes

PART I: INTRODUCTION

This segment is devoted to introducing the core Pluto and the nodes interpretive technique. This technique and wisdom teaching was taught by Jeffrey Wolf Green. What we are learning in this segment is based in that and is taught in Ari's natural way. Differences will only be in approach, but not in core philosophy.



Up until now we have learned the meaning of the nodes and how to read them in a very general way in the chart. However, we do not have any soul context for the nodes. What this means is we don't know the reasons for the soul being here in the first place. We have to appreciate that identity isn't its own entity. Identity is the self-construct that the soul puts on according to its purposes. It has a reason.



An analogy for this would be putting on a business suit for a job interview. The business suit doesn't define the individual, it is clearly serving a particular purpose. Such is the same with the entirety of human identity. Identity allows the soul to individuate and know itself as a self. This allows for the journey of human experience to take place. It is through this journey that the soul will grow and evolve.

We will clarify this further as we introduce the interpretive technique. Soon, we will work with Pluto and the nodes, together. For now, let's review the core meaning of Pluto to establish a firm ground.

Segment II: Pluto and the Nodes

PART II: PLUTO REVIEW

(from the Essentials Course workbook)

- Pluto is evolutionary necessity and implies cycles of generating desires, playing it out, and exhausting them. Pluto corresponds to the cycles of evolution and involution.
- Pluto reflects the choice to cooperate or resist evolutionary necessity. There is no grey area in between. Pluto reflects the free will of the soul.
- Pluto corresponds to the gradual purging or elimination of all that is no longer necessary. All separating desires: to separate from the Source.
- Elimination of toxins from the body, relationship patterns that are unnecessary, addictions, dependencies and the metaphor/concept of compost and decomposition. All of these things must be purged at various stages so that evolution can continue.
- Gradually, one's sense of power and security becomes linked to what cannot be given or taken, and thus a greater ability to live through life's changes all the while staying whole within oneself.
- The position of Pluto indicates where the greatest amount of change will or can happen in one's life. These changes can take the expression of completely life-altering and traumatic experiences that are akin to one's core security network falling away. Or these changes can be gradual, unobtrusive but ultimately permeating and all-encompassing.
- Pluto reflects the capacity to live wholly through periods of darkness, be deeply available and present for other people in their own darkness, impervious to attack/ negative energies.

Segment II: Pluto and the Nodes

PART II: PLUTO REVIEW

Challenges

- Pluto represents where we are impelled into relationship of all kinds in order to find more within. This can be done unconsciously and result in entangled power dynamics based in attachment to power from outside sources. Or it can be done consciously and result in greater self-empowerment without unresolved energetics.
- Pluto itself rules the concept of “shadow”. Shadow moves with us, we cannot get rid of it. When we ignore our shadow it becomes operative in our life and takes over. When we embrace our shadow we can use it and actually grow spiritually from it.
- The desires that arise within us are first unconscious, it arises within us before we even understand why they are there. Pluto represents where we learn to embody our desires, take them in so that we can become conscious: thus more empowered in our choice making. What we do not meet within ourselves becomes shadow and rules our lives. In this sense, our shadow or our darkness is a fertile ground from which spiritual growth occurs, but it needs to be met head on.
- Compulsion, addictions, "selling one's soul" to forces outside of oneself. Psychology of victimization and forces of manipulation.

Keywords:

- Craving and aversion, holding on, possessiveness, manipulation, being manipulated, jadedness, permeating distrust of intimacy, fear of letting go/death, obsession of any kind, using manipulative forms of magic and energy control to manipulate people or circumstances for one's own favor, revenge.

Segment II: Pluto and the Nodes

PART II: PLUTO REVIEW

Karmic Implications



To have Pluto anywhere implies something very important about what brought us into this life in the first place. Fundamentally, we can read Pluto as indicating the nature of the soul's evolutionary journey. It points to the soul's core evolutionary purpose.

This will have been played out in the past via all the above Pluto dynamics. Issues with loss of power, manipulation, self-empowerment, resistance and cooperation with evolution. The position of Pluto itself simply points to the core soul program that's been going on for all lifetimes relevant to this lifetime.

When we tune-in to Pluto, we must remember that life is about evolution. There may be times where a soul feels great and on top. And other times where they are dealing with a lot of loss and feelings of disempowerment. From an evolutionary perspective, neither is more meaningful. They are all just phases. The point is to be where we are, where the content is, and to continue on the path.

Pluto teaches us that evolution is a law, it is necessary. Evolution of the soul is the gradual awakening of the soul to its true nature. As the soul moves through the stages of evolution, the entire paradigm of its life shifts. The "rules" are different at every stage of evolution because at a core level the evolutionary needs of the soul are different.

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PART II: PLUTO REVIEW

Karmic Implications (cont'd)

This is an incredibly important point to understand. The totality of the reality we experience is determined by the inner reality of the soul. If we are evolving into a spiritual stage of evolution, then we will be dealing with a paradigm of reality that is not relevant to a consensus stage reality. While there may be certain karmic dynamics that are relevant to us (i.e. money or sexuality lessons etc), that is very different than our evolutionary paradigm. All kinds of karmic dynamics can be manifest at any stage of evolution.

The inner reality of the soul is its desire nature. Basically, what it wants. What we want is what determines the entirety of the paradigm we experience. Free of desire there isn't a whole lot of drama. Full of desire, there's a lot of drama. This is not bad, it just is. Whatever is unresolved within us impells us into life experience. It impells life to produce experience. There is no separation between the inner desire nature of the soul and it's seeming outer life.

Becoming aware of this is the launch for taking increasing self-responsibility for everything that we perceive/experience. This is because we come to understand that everything in our life is relevant to and a reflection of our ongoing evolutionary needs.

We can summarize and categorize the karmic implications of Pluto in a few simple ways:

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PART II: PLUTO REVIEW

Karmic Implications (cont'd)

Regarding the Past:

1. The kinds of desires of the soul that have determined the nature of the soul's evolutionary journey in all lives leading up to (and relevant) to this life.
2. Thus, where there have been natural evolutionary and involutory phases of embracing new desires, exhausting them, generating new ones. Included in that can be all kinds of cataclysmic or non-cataclysmic experiences that have led to evolution and/or resistance to evolution.
3. Pluto corresponds to what we are still holding on to coming into this life based on where we left off. Consider that at the end of each life, the only thing that continues on are the desires within. The attachments, obsessions, compulsions stick. That which is yet unresolved becomes the basis for where the soul will continue to create experience.

Regarding the Current Life:

1. Pluto corresponds to our dna, genetics, as well as the underlying "dna" or imprint of our human incarnation. The soul is the program for the life we come into. From this perspective, we can understand that the totality of the time-space reality we come into, which includes the society and the physical parameters relevant to our lives (Saturn), as well as the early life emotional imprinting (Moon) must be relevant according to the soul's ongoing evolutionary needs (Pluto).
2. Pluto corresponds to the evolutionary purpose of this life. It reflects where the soul is continuing to evolve and will thus face the choice to cooperate or resist evolutionary necessity.

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The underlying archetype of the Pluto signature points to the core evolutionary drive of the soul itself, the quality of its particular journey, but it doesn't give context for what that has looked and will look like.

Pluto doesn't tell us:

1. The context of the human life experiences where the evolutionary intention has and will play out.
2. It doesn't tell us the kind of ego structure the soul has created for itself in order to play out its evolutionary intention.

In other words, *Pluto is just a statement of soul intent*. We know nothing from Pluto alone about how this journey is actually manifesting. It would be inaccurate to make any assumptions about the kinds of challenges and empowerments a soul has experienced or might experience by the position of Pluto alone.



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PART III: THE SOUL AND THE EGO

The soul needs a vehicle

It's a fascinating situation. The soul is formless, and yet desires by their nature are form oriented. All desires, except for the pure desire to reunite with one's Source, are linked with that which is ephemeral by its nature. This leads to the manifestation of form/time/space oriented experience.

These experiences of form/time/space become the basis for the soul to play out its desires, to move through them. Were there no desires, there would be no form. So long as there is desire for experience, there needs to be a *somebody* to have experience.

A personality, an ego construct, a sense of self is necessary to have any experience. Jeff Green describes the human identity as akin to the lense of a film projector. It focuses the light, without which the light would be diffused and thus not appear in specific ways.



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Soul is soul. It's immutable and it comes into this life with the intention/imperative to evolve. That is what Pluto is all about. However, when the soul does the human thing it NEEDS an ego structure to play out and manifest its desires. Without an ego structure there is no focusing agent, there is no human to play it out. This human experience is the vehicle for soul evolution.

For example, when consciousness manifests as a caterpillar it is necessary that the caterpillar know itself as a caterpillar. It has to have caterpillar desires and do caterpillar things. However, when it's time to evolve the caterpillar ego structure will have to fall away. This leads to the involutory phase: during an evolutionary transition, there is no solid ego structure because the old one that used to serve a purpose is no longer useful and the new one hasn't been born yet. Not caterpillar, not butterfly.

In the same way, we all experience many ego deaths in a single life time. If you think of yourself 10 years ago, you were certainly not the same person. You can see how your self-image has changed as you grew and have become more self-aware.

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EGO IS TO SOUL AS MOON IS TO EARTH

The ego is a satellite to the soul. It does not exist separate from it. Thus we can naturally say that the ego structure that a soul manifests at any particular moment of time REFLECTS the inner reality of the soul: the kinds of desires the soul is working through. Remember caterpillar ego structure matches caterpillar level desires and intentions.

It's easy to compartmentalize our whole being and speak of ourselves as a human and a soul. The teaching here is that we are a soul and the manifestation of the human self is the vehicle for the soul to have the experiences it needs for its own ongoing evolutionary growth. It would be absurd to drive a car and say that you are both the car and the person driving it.



Just as ego is a vehicle and a reflection of the soul's evolutionary purpose, we can say that the lunar nodes are the vehicle for Pluto. Pluto doesn't inherently speak about the human experience, it speaks about the evolutionary intention underlying the human experience. To understand the actual human experience, we have to start working with the Moon and the lunar nodes. Lets jump in to this.

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The South Node can be understood as the past life ego structure. If we read the South Node in context with Pluto we understand “why” that ego structure. We begin to build a picture that describes the evolutionary intentions of the soul and the way the soul manifested itself in this human experience in order to experience it.

Together, the south node with Pluto is quite a powerful starting point for chart interpretation. It indicates, still in pretty general terms, who the soul has known itself to be, and why. When we start working with Pluto through the lens of the south node, we take our first step at opening our intuition to intuitively connect the dots. The key is to understand that, when it comes to the human experience, there is no separating the south node from Pluto.

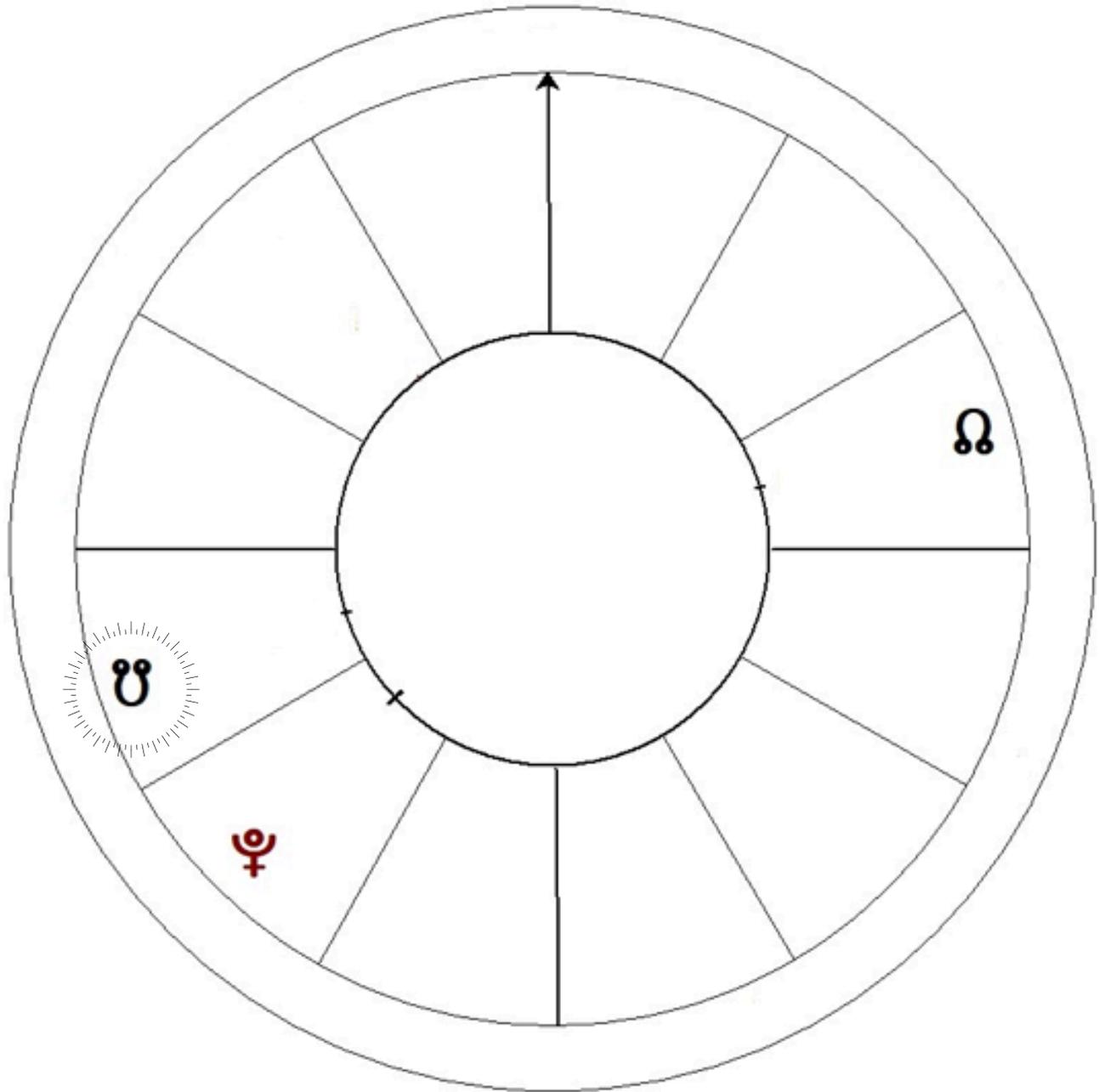


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EXAMPLE 1:

2ND HOUSE PLUTO, 1ST HOUSE SOUTH NODE



Lets start with looking just at the core evolutionary dynamics of Pluto in the 2nd house.

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2nd house Pluto

Pluto in the 2nd corresponds to evolutionary lessons around self-reliance, finding esteem and value in the soul. Money, attractiveness, possessions etc, they all might be relevant at certain times, but they all come and go. Likewise, our own body, ability to do things, or more broadly anything that we have come to depend upon as a source of self-value and survival will also come and go.

On the level of empowerment, Pluto in the 2nd house can correspond to where the soul has developed a great self-capacity, to be resourceful and make life work, even in difficult conditions. It can reflect a soul that understands that everything is impermanent, and will give and share their inner resources. On the level of disempowerment, this can correspond to a soul that feels victimized via not having core survival needs met, feeling psychologically weak in their ability to provide for their own core needs. There can be an overdependence, a "leaching" of other people's resources and attachments to comfort/pleasure/self-gratification without the willingness to give of oneself. Or, this can reflect strong sexual obsessions and using sexuality/biological attraction as a way to feel powerful and esteem within oneself. There can also be strong possessiveness, and an underlying self-interest that orients to life according to what life will give to oneself.

The soul may have gone through cataclysmic experiences related to loss of possessions, sexual or physical violations. There can be a permeating fear of being possessed.

For all souls, Pluto in the 2nd house points to a gradual journey of the soul exhausting desires for self-preservation and self-worth linked with possessiveness towards external factors. This points to the journey of the soul gradually awakening to their inherent value from the inside.

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South node in the 1st relative to Pluto in the 2nd

Now, let's put the South Node in the 1st house. This is a soul that has done everything themselves. 1st house: independent, on their own. Being able to do things solo, solve their own problems and provide for their own needs is what has provided for them a sense of value and worth (2nd house Pluto). The possessiveness here is the attachment to that 1st house self-image: solo, I'll do it myself, not taking other people's advice, perhaps resistance to sharing, resistance to budging, very fixed in their ways. Also very sexual independent and a generally instinctive orientation to sexuality. There can be anger and defensiveness (1st house) linked to holding onto or protecting one's resources for oneself (2nd house Pluto). This soul might generally embrace a non-confrontational attitude "leave me alone, I'm doing my thing". 2nd house Pluto self-preservation and tendency to put one's head in the sand linked via the independence of the 1st house.

Some notes:

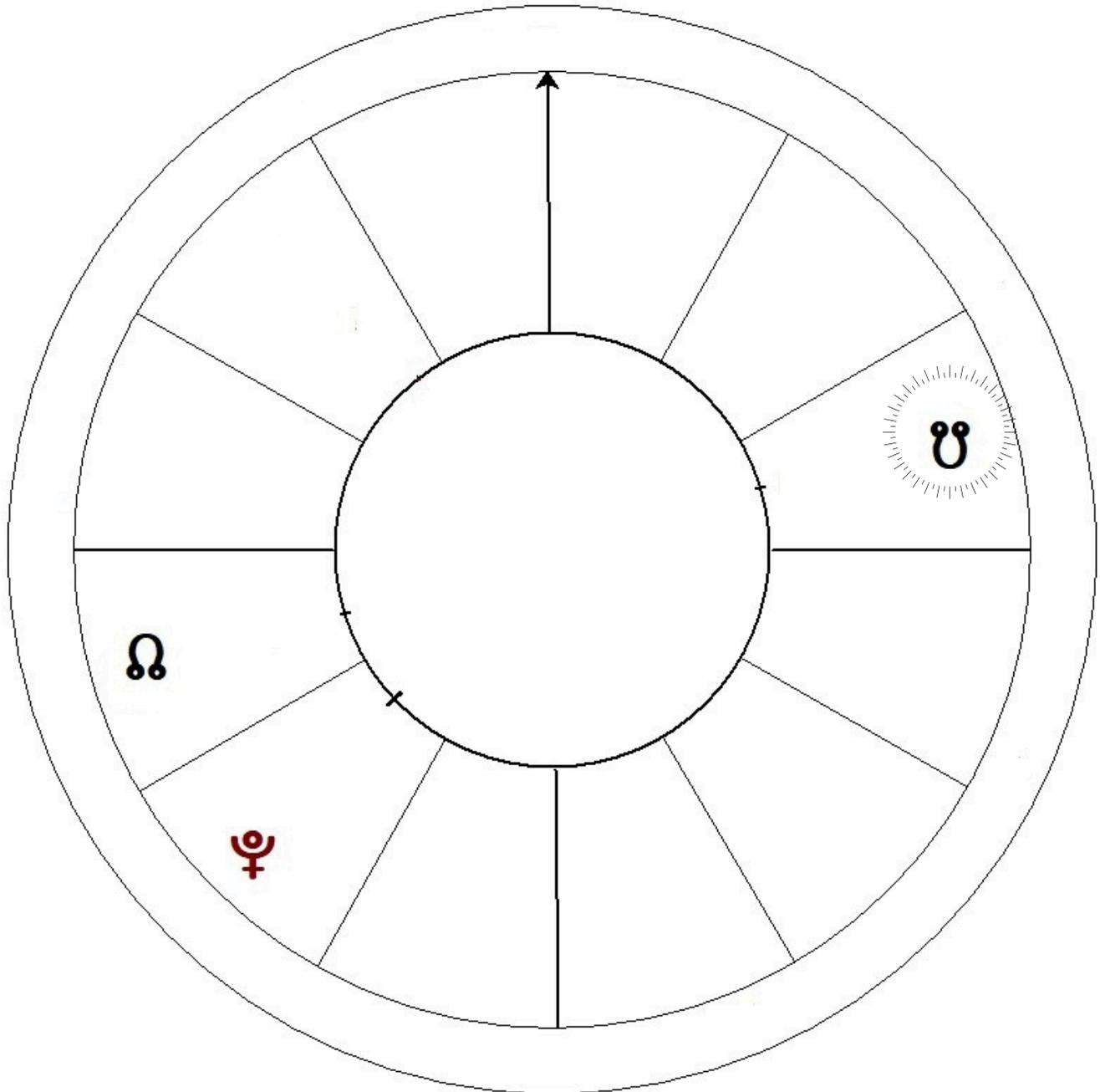
- Attachments of identity: need to be alone, thinking in terms of self-gratification. Resistance to sharing.
- Memories of being solo, needing to be strong and alone (1st house sn) because of core survival needs (Pluto 2nd house) Archetype of the soul hunting for their own food: instincts alive, life and death situations. This can thus manifest as a very defensive and protective soul that needs a lot of alone time and will act/live as if they need a great deal of solitude to do their own thing.
- Relative to empowerment, this can reflect a soul that has strong self-leadership capacities, can depend on themselves, can determine and provide for their own basic needs.

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EXAMPLE 2:

2ND HOUSE PLUTO, 7TH HOUSE SOUTH NODE



Lets flip the nodes and look at the south node in the 7th house.

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South node in the 7th relative to Pluto in the 2nd

Here, the 2nd house Pluto person is looking towards others (7th house). What do you think of me, do you approve of me, will you validate my worth? The possessiveness here would be towards the value other people can bring to the soul and in that, a lack of inner self-value. As per any 2nd house Pluto, sexuality and self-preservation is of prime importance, here there would be a dependency on other people, relationships as a way of meeting one's own sexual needs. This can result in becoming fixed (2nd house Pluto) in relationship where they gravitate towards strong sexual connection and may become entangled in depending on others to validate their worth or supply all their needs, or conversely, where doing that for another would determine their own value. This can result in a pattern of the 2nd house Pluto soul giving away their resources and self-value for the sake of being approved of – also pointing to a pattern of self-isolation and aloneness (2nd house) even while sharing intimacy (7th house). At the same time, this soul might be great at sharing and excellent at intimacy, listening, and even supporting other people to value themselves, a natural counselor.

Notes:

- Attachments of identity: need for approval results in losing one's own self-value to the needs, projections, opinions of other people.
- Fixation on attraction, connection, relationship, sensual/sexual pleasure through others. Memories of being in partnership, sharing pleasure, connection, mutuality. Perhaps memory of needing others to provide for oneself. Not knowing oneself to be strong/able on their own.
- Relative to empowerment, this soul may be able to enter relationships from a place of wholeness, know their own self value and share in ways that are truly beneficial for all involved. A counselor that can help other people to determine their own value. Great communicator, gives and shares from a place of self-love and self-honor. Attracts relationships that resonate with that.

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The North Node

Consider that the north node is the opposite of what is known, safe, and familiar. Thus, for the soul to embrace a new self-orientation (north node) implies it is not in a state of psychological resistance. The only reason a soul will fixate on the south node is because of unresolved desires that the soul is still seeking to play out.

To be clear, this doesn't mean the south node always implies fixation and unresolved desires. The south node can just as easily symbolize who the soul has known itself to be and what is integrated. Relative to Pluto, this will reflect where the soul is already self-empowered. However, if there is resistance to change, then the south node will represent the psychology of attachment and fixation. Relative to Pluto, it means the soul is resistant to evolution.

Remember, identity follows the soul. This needs to be understood. To shift identity is to, on a soul level, open to change.

It's not a purely linear process

As we delve deeper into chart interpretation we will find many instances in which the soul is working out unresolved karma with both nodes. Sometimes, a part of the journey actually involves flipping back and forth between nodal identities. I bring this up now so that we do not fall into the mistake of thinking that the only goal is to move towards the north node. It's possible to "skip" ahead and subsequently the need to go back and deal with unfinished business.

This gives appreciation for the timing of all things. Often we need to play out our south node ego structure for a while. There might be unfinished business, unresolved desires that need to be played out entirely. Each soul program is entirely unique.

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Lets first look at the north nodes of our two chart examples, just by themselves.

- When the 1st house South Node person (example 1) embraces their 7th house North Node, they may feel resistance to listening to other people's advice, for asking for what they need. They might feel anger and tend to want to isolate. And yet by embracing the North Node in the 7th house, they challenge themselves to a way of knowing themselves that is beyond their existing sense of self. They will learn that by learning how to communicate and express needs, learning how to listen, that they actually benefit and improve their lives.
- When the 7th house South Node person (example 2) embraces their 1st house North Node, they might feel hesitant and afraid of hurting other people's feelings, afraid of disappointing others. They might not know how to express their needs or have a good relationship to their "no". And yet by embracing the North Node in the 1st house they find out that they are actually a lot more independent and stronger than they thought.

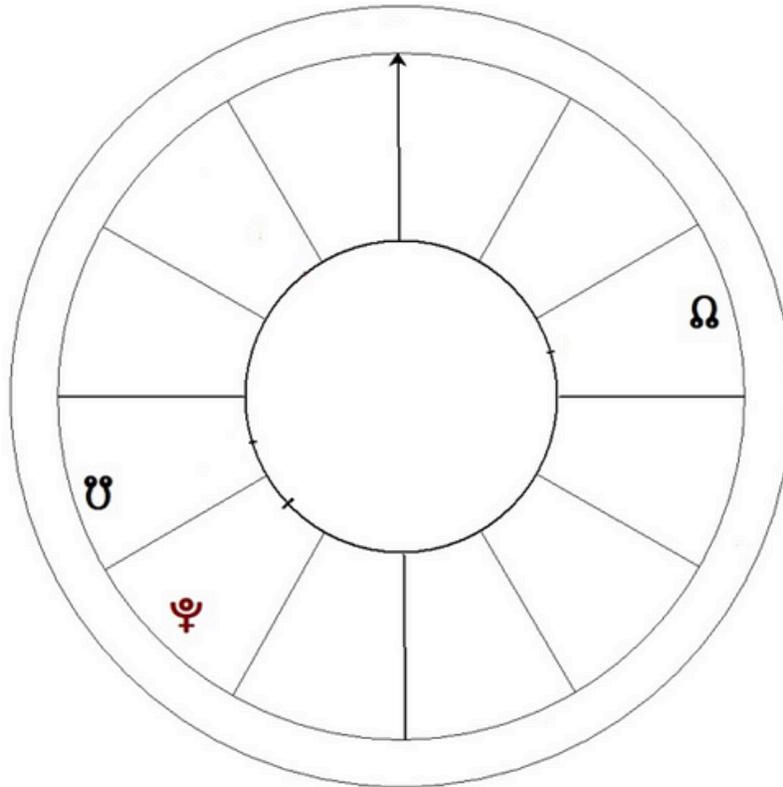
Since we know that identity follows the soul, it must mean that there is an evolutionary process occurring whenever a soul does their nodal work.

So we must ask the question: When each soul embraces the north node, how does that affect evolution relative to Pluto?

Evolution can only go so far when the soul is fixated on a particular way of being. In order to evolve the soul will need to open to knowing itself in a different way. Lets examine this with both of our charts.

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Pluto in the 2nd house, south node in the 1st, north node in the 7th:

- Resistance to evolution = I need to do things by myself, focus on my own self-interest, I want to be alone. Highly self-reliant but to a point of defensiveness. (Pluto relative to 1st house sn).
- Embracing evolution = When I share and open to listening, more resources are available, I can get my deepest needs met. Evolution here is enacted by learning how to share and get out of the self-limiting isolation (2nd house well of isolation relative to the solitude of the sn in the 1st house). In this way the soul can circulate their resources (Pluto in the 2nd house) and bring more value into their lives and others. Also through sharing and intimacy, an enrichment occurs that would not otherwise happen. Left alone, the soul could stagnate because of the fixation on staying solo and isolated. In sharing, the soul participates in a flow of life.

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Pluto in the 2nd house, south node in the 1st, north node in the 7th cont...

This implies the soul is truly cultivating self-esteem rooted in the soul itself. To be defensive and protective is actually to imply that one's self-value is not sovereign and solid from within. To share and give freely, be open to the gifts of relationship, is to imply there is nothing to hold on to. Thus, a state of freedom. There are many facets to what may unfold for this soul by way of embracing the north node.

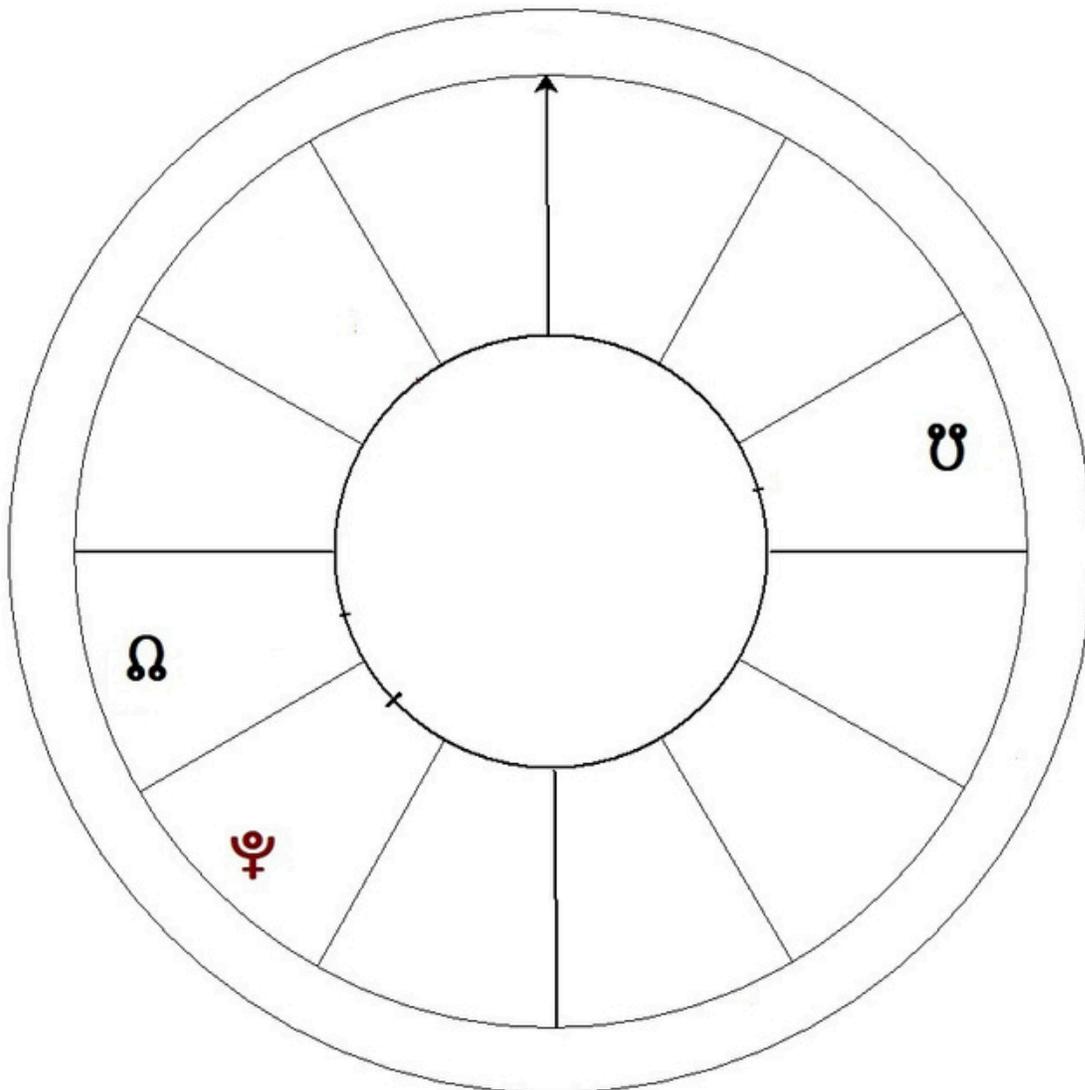
What would be a challenge? Well there can be outright resistance to adopting to/learning to harmonize with other people's ways. This soul has such a profound degree of self-familiarity. And yet this north node in the 7th house constantly invites the soul to examine where security truly comes from. It might be, throughout this soul's journey that they will encounter really important evolutionary lessons via relationship. Perhaps times where they need to ask for help, or sexual experiences that involve a true meeting of two souls that result in a much deeper experience of one's inner soul nature, more so than the soul could access alone.

Particular areas that might offer richness in learning:

- Learning to listen, facing the impulse to isolate
- Open to other perspectives, realizing that others may have views that are useful for oneself
- Opening to a way of being that enables the soul to more freely share their inner and outer resources for the purposes of giving to others what others need. This puts into motion the circulation of gifts and abundance.
- Relationship encounters that affect an awareness within the soul that sharing and listening opens up deep inner doors.
- Slowing down the 1st house need to keep in motion anxiety/defensiveness and learning relationship and communication skills.
- Shifting from a predominately self-focused orientation to sexuality to one based on mutuality and listening.

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PART V: PLUTO AND THE NORTH NODE



Pluto in the 2nd, south node in the 7th, north node in the 1st:

- The soul with the South Node in the 7th house and the North Node in the 1st affects evolution by way of learning how to be alone and thus stepping outside of the narrow 2nd house well that has been defined by pleasing and/or depending on other people (South Node in the 7th) and learning to depend upon themselves (2nd house via 1st house north node).
- This means letting go of the narrow way they have held onto their sense of worth and value (2nd house Pluto through the South Node in the 7th: value through other people). Things can't always be peaceful and easy, they have to claim their worth and value as their own 1st house north node.

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Pluto in the 2nd, south node in the 7th, north node in the 1st cont...

This means that the 2nd house self-value and sense of ground will be truly sovereign because the soul isn't needing to control the outer environment: how other people feel, the need to be pleasing, depending on others to provide for oneself. It frees the soul from entanglements and creates a laser focus on the orientation to *be whole unto oneself, here and now.*

Particular challenges to evolutionary growth:

- Facing the reality of others being disappointed. And thus not wanting to budge or make any changes relative to other people's expectations/ needs.
- The insecurity of indecision linked to fear of not having one's basic needs met, thus the need to face the 1st house fear in stepping forward on one's own. There's a need to experientially learn about one's own capacities to self-sustain.
- Slowing the momentum that has been created via all kinds of agreements and expectations set up in relationship that keeps the soul orbiting with others in patterns of codependency and people pleasing. The 2nd house Pluto issue here can be a state where the soul is entrenched in a pattern of giving themselves away to others, sharing in a way of entrapment to the point of not having what one needs for oneself.

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PART VI: PLUTO POLARITY POINT

The Pluto polarity point is a teaching Jeffrey Wolf Green introduced that describes the bottom-line evolutionary purpose of the current life. I teach it only as a learning tool so that we can understand how evolution works relative to natal Pluto. In this course we will not be using the Pluto Polarity Point as a point in the chart, but we will learn what it symbolizes and we will integrate it in our understanding.

The polarity point is the point opposite Pluto and represents the point of evolution relative to where the soul tends to hold on the most. It follows in the same teachings as all polarity. The polarity to anything is the point of greatest confrontation relative to the soul's greatest resistance. Thus, to embrace polarity is to demonstrate true power, true security.



For example, what does the Pluto polarity point in the 8th house represent relative to the 2nd house Pluto? To let go, face your own death, embrace impermanence, ultimately to find stability in what doesn't come and go. Otherwise, a 2nd house Pluto can be fixated on what constitutes as secure and will hold on to that.

For a 1st house south node that is the little world it has created by itself, on its own. For the 7th house south node that is its dependencies on other people and how others define oneself.

When we embrace the North Node we defacto activate the Pluto polarity point. Lets explore this idea with each nodal combination.

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The north node in the 7th house activates the Pluto polarity point in the 8th by way of taking the soul out of the self-possessing world where it is secure in its own little bubble. The 8th house symbolizes merging resources, embracing confrontation, death and decomposition. So this means sharing, letting go of what you have in order to give, receiving what others can give. Forming trusting bonds and growing more as a result. The 8th house here is a symbol of growth relative to the 2nd house pattern to remain fixed in its security patterns.

The north node in the 1st house activates the Pluto polarity point in the 8th by way of the soul embracing the confrontational reality that everything and everyone that comes will also have to go. That no relationship can be possessed as the determinant of one's security. Here they are moving out of the 2nd house stagnation and putting their resources into circulation via personal choice making. They may have used their own sexual energy to attract others, thus constituting a sense of self-value. Here they are circulating their energy within and thus letting go (8th house) of the fixation to use it as a form of unconscious manipulation. There can be a learning here to practice self-cultivation so that they learn how to circulate their own sexual/emotional energy without linking it to others.

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How we will work with the Pluto Polarity Point in this course

We will simply use it as a learning tool that will help us understand the nature of evolution. In our practice, we will stick with the natal position of Pluto, but use the teachings of the polarity point to understand how evolution happens relative to the natal position of Pluto.

When the soul embraces the north node it defacto implies they are no longer in a state of psychological resistance to change. This implies evolution relative to natal Pluto.

A useful practice is to take the Pluto polarity point and create a mantra out of it. This serves as a psychological point of focus for evolution. For example if Pluto is in Libra in the 2nd house, the polarity point would be Aries in the 8th. A mantra might go something like "I am strong enough to let go" or "I have the agency to make the necessary changes." Imagine applying that to both a south node in the 1st house or a south node in the 7th house ego structure. Powerful!

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To encapsulate what we have learned, let's set some basic guiding questions. As always, before we even look into someone's chart, we must first connect with the actual reality of the soul. Feel into evolutionary stage/ the inner reality of the soul itself.

Guiding Questions

- Start with Pluto. What are the core evolutionary dynamics that have been at play in the past, leading to this life?
 - What is the evolutionary purpose of this life (this is where you can work with the teachings of the Pluto polarity point).
- How have the desires/evolutionary needs of Pluto been played out via the south node?
 - What might resistance might look like via the attachments and identifications of the south node identity structure?
 - What might be some gifts and self-empowered qualities?
- What might the resistance to the north node look like here (attachments of Pluto relative to the south node)?
- What is the evolutionary intention of this life as indicated by the north node as a vehicle for soul evolution (Pluto)?
 - How does the north node affect evolution (consider Pluto and its polarity point)?

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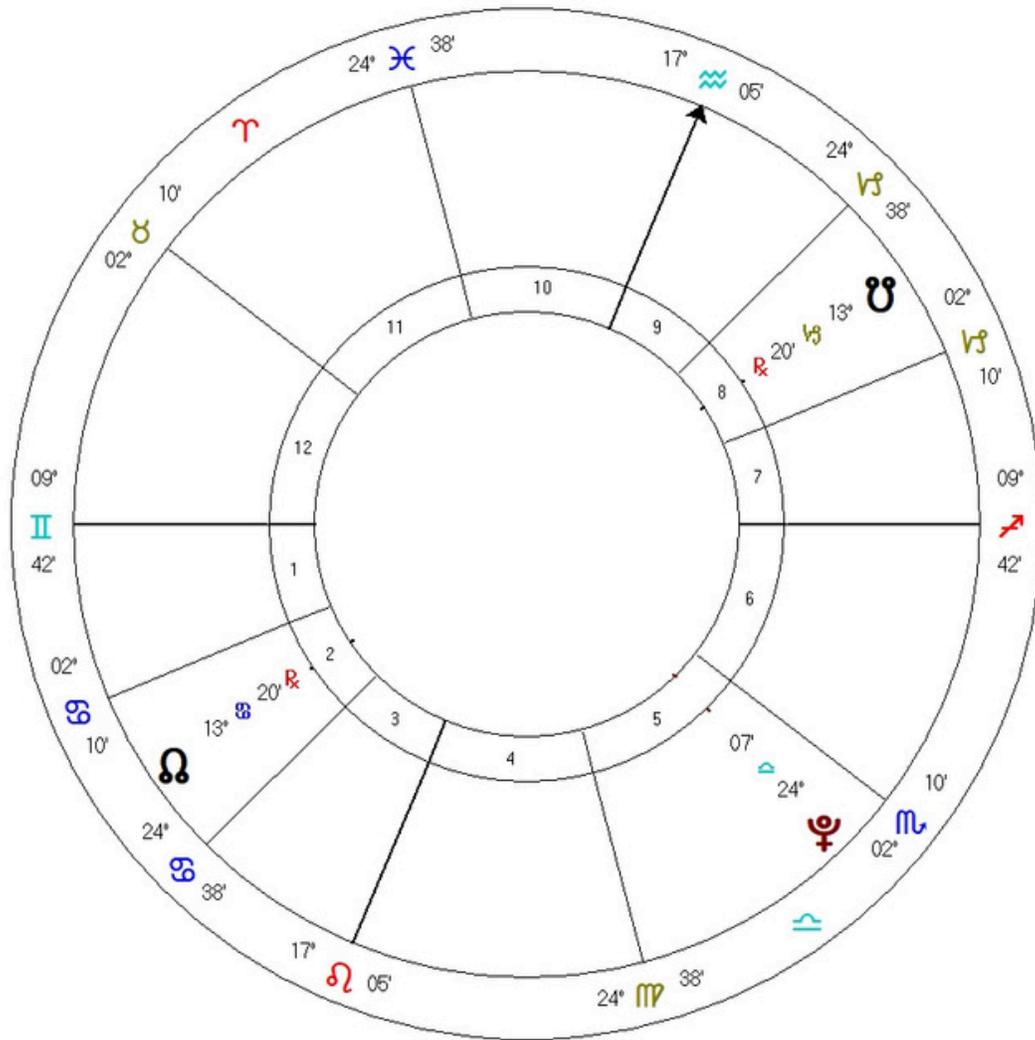
Some clarifying points:

- To resist evolution means resisting change. This might mean not letting go of something, or not taking the necessary steps to embrace a new way and become self-empowered. Both shedding of the old and the need to embrace the new are two sides of the same evolutionary coin.
- The involutory period that occurs between evolutionary phases is always important to honor. Often before the new can be embraced, the old has to die and the soul needs to endure a process of "endings". What emerges is a greater capacity to live without concern for gain or loss. What emerges is an evolved consciousness, closer to abiding knowledge of one's true self.

Lets practice all of this with houses and signs combined in a new example!

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Core signatures:

- Pluto in Libra in the 5th house
- South node in Capricorn in the 8th
- North node in Cancer in the 2nd

Remember, these are just general interpretations. Actually being with a real live soul will truly reveal the direction the mind needs to go. For our learning purposes, let's follow the above guiding questions. Try it yourself, my answers are on the next page.

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1.) Relative to Pluto, what is the core evolutionary intention?

- Pluto in Libra in the 5th house corresponds to an evolutionary program oriented around creative self-actualization. There's been a great need to be seen and to feel one's inner vitality, to share connection and feel appreciated. At the core, this soul is awakening to their own creative essence, rooted in the nature of the soul itself. Thus connecting to that soul power means drawing upon a deep well of creative energy and expressing that. This has been the evolutionary theme leading to this life.
 - a. Deep insecurities can manifest around how others are seeing oneself, if the soul is well received, recognized. Giving one's power away in exchange for adoration or recognition (libra 5th house).
 - b. Manipulation/control/withholding on the basis of needing to be special, make oneself feel valuable. All kinds of ways the soul's life force can get wrapped up in the need to gain external validation and recognition or to be sucked into other people's need to use the soul for their own purposes.
 - c. The capacity to be a leader, to embrace a deep soul level courage and ability to share, to see others, to be deeply present and open.
 - d. The Pluto polarity point is Aries in the 11th house: not giving a shit about what other people think. This represents being detached to just be oneself. Implied in that is the soul is not becoming psychologically entangled on the need to be concerned with or manipulate the outer environment in order to feed the deep need to feel one's creative power. This represents a soul that knows who they are and will be it while not becoming self-consumed about what they look like, what others think etc.

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2.) How has this intention been played out through the south node?

- These evolutionary dynamics have been played out via the 8th house Capricorn south node structure. This is a soul that has been orienting towards deep connection, building structures, investments, connections that can grow and become something greater. A possible strong orientation towards marriage, traditional merging, deep bonds and commitments to growth and experiences that will see and validate one another. Bonds of trust are important.
- Attachments: Strong attachment to gaining confidence and likability through osmosing it from others (5th house Libra Pluto via 8th house Cap south node). Control, patriarchal domination (being dominated, dominating) because of a need to feel secure in being special.
- Conditioning around marriage and thus relationship structures. This can easily express as the man as the center of the household. Being identified with status linked to one's social position/social power and thus feeding the 5th house sense of being powerful. Importance and social power (8th house Cap) as a way to actualize desires for importance and likability (Pluto in Libra in the 5th).
- Can speak to issues of abandonment and betrayal: the little child not being seen. Violations and abandonment that impacts a sense of not being important, not being powerful. Not feeling the capacity to be socially esteemed/powerful and thus not feeling special. Likewise can speak to getting stuck in relationships where one gives away one's sovereignty in order to be appreciated and noticed.
- Gifts: Ability to share, deeply present, vulnerability in seeing others, capacity to commit and share oneself. Giving even though it might be scary. Overcoming fears of abandonment and opening one's heart anyway.

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3.) What might resistance to the north node look like?

- Resistance to the north node might look like a fear of being alone. Inability to nurture and care for oneself via constant dependency on being provided for, seen, validated, acknowledged by others. Strong entanglements resulting in lack of self-care and emotional self reliance. Possibility of psychological dynamics of being abused/abusing via over dependence on power and recognition from/over others.

4.) What is the evolutionary intention of this life?

- The evolutionary intention is for this soul is to know itself as inherently powerful, likable, special and creatively sourced from within their own being. This means people's approval and "noticing" of oneself is not important, as that will all come and go. This points to power that is within and thus the ability to share and shine from the depth of one's own being.
- This is developed through cultivating emotional self-reliance and love for their own life. This reflects the soul claiming their own Pluto power: not depending on others to see them but rather depending on their own self to provide for their basic emotional needs. This means knowing their own inherent resourcefulness. The Pluto polarity point in this case represents being independent and free to be themselves (Aries in the 11th): i.e. not becoming entangled in what other people think.

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Answer the guiding questions below for the following 4 charts. Each of these charts are expansions of the examples provided last week.

I suggest you read the relevant section in the Pluto book to review the meaning of each Pluto placement. We will go over all of these classes in our live program. Ari may also go over the above chart examples in the live class as well.

Guiding Questions

- Start with Pluto. What are the core evolutionary dynamics that have been at play in the past, leading to this life?
 - What is the evolutionary purpose of this life? (This is where you can work with the teachings of the Pluto polarity point).
- How have the desires/evolutionary needs of Pluto been played out via the south node?
 - What might resistance might look like via the attachments and identifications of the south node identity structure?
 - What might be some gifts and self-empowered qualities?
- What might the resistance to the north node look like here (attachments of Pluto relative to the south node)?
- What is the evolutionary intention of this life as indicated by the north node as a vehicle for soul evolution (Pluto)?
 - How does the north node affect evolution (consider Pluto and its polarity point)?

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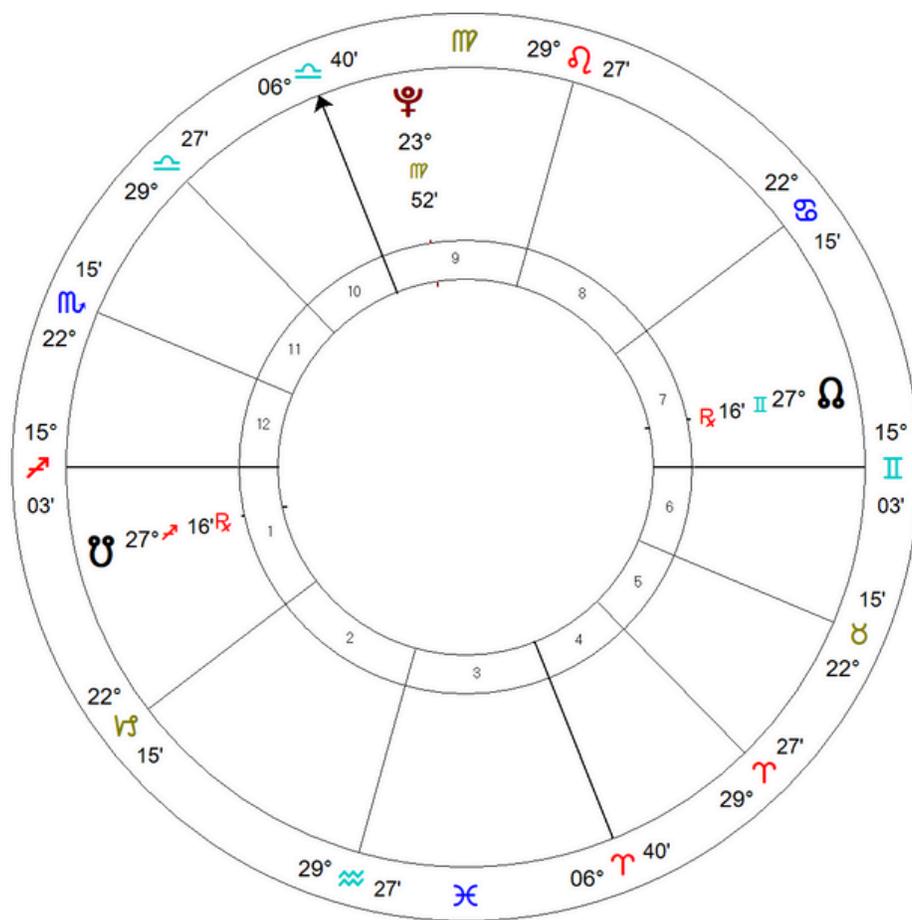


Chart 2A. Samuel Adams

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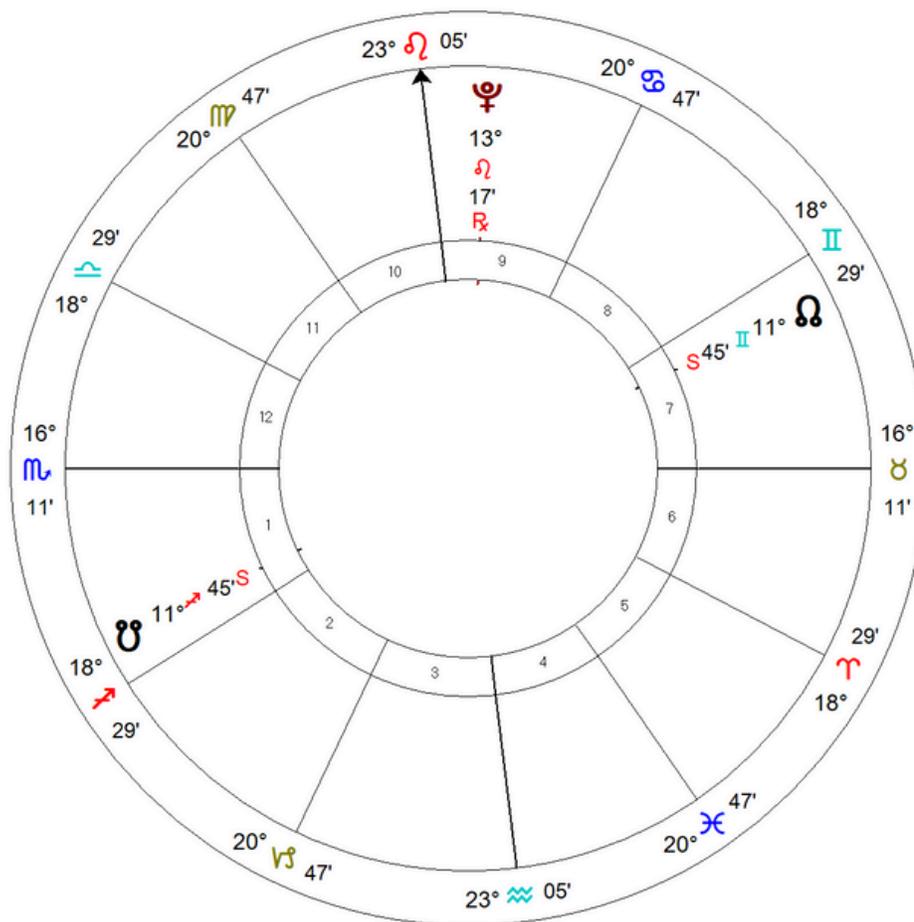


Chart 2B. Jeffrey Wolf Green

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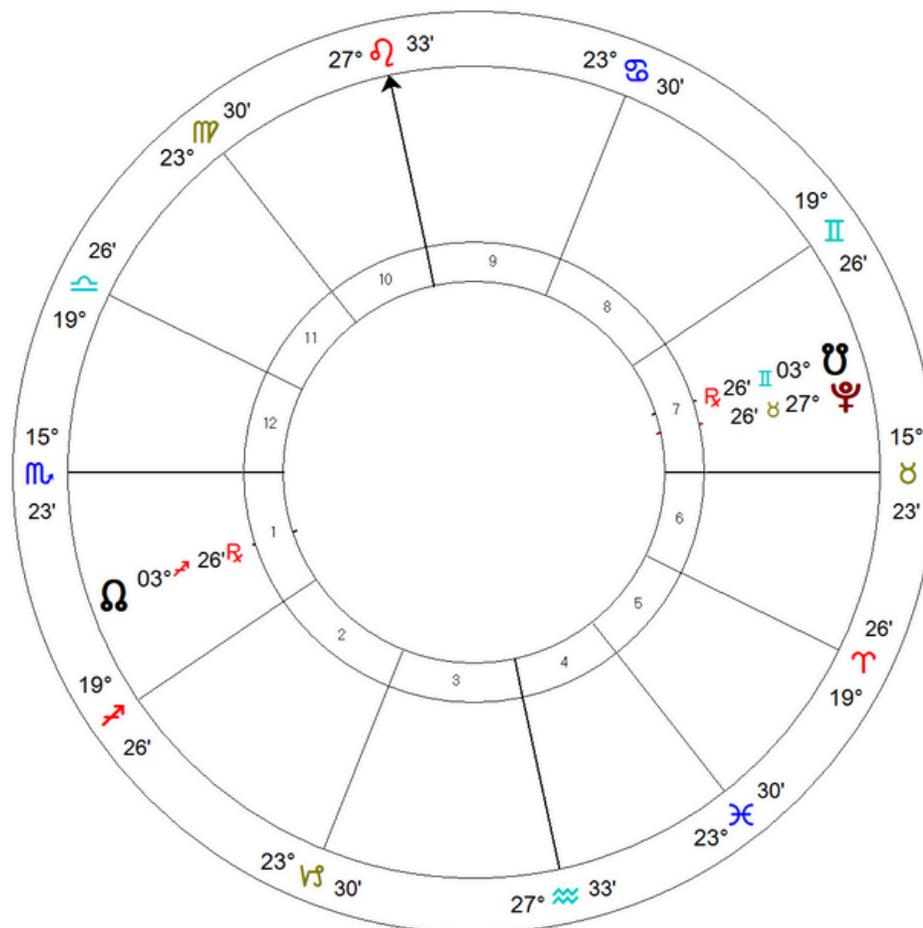


Chart 2C. Charles Ponzi

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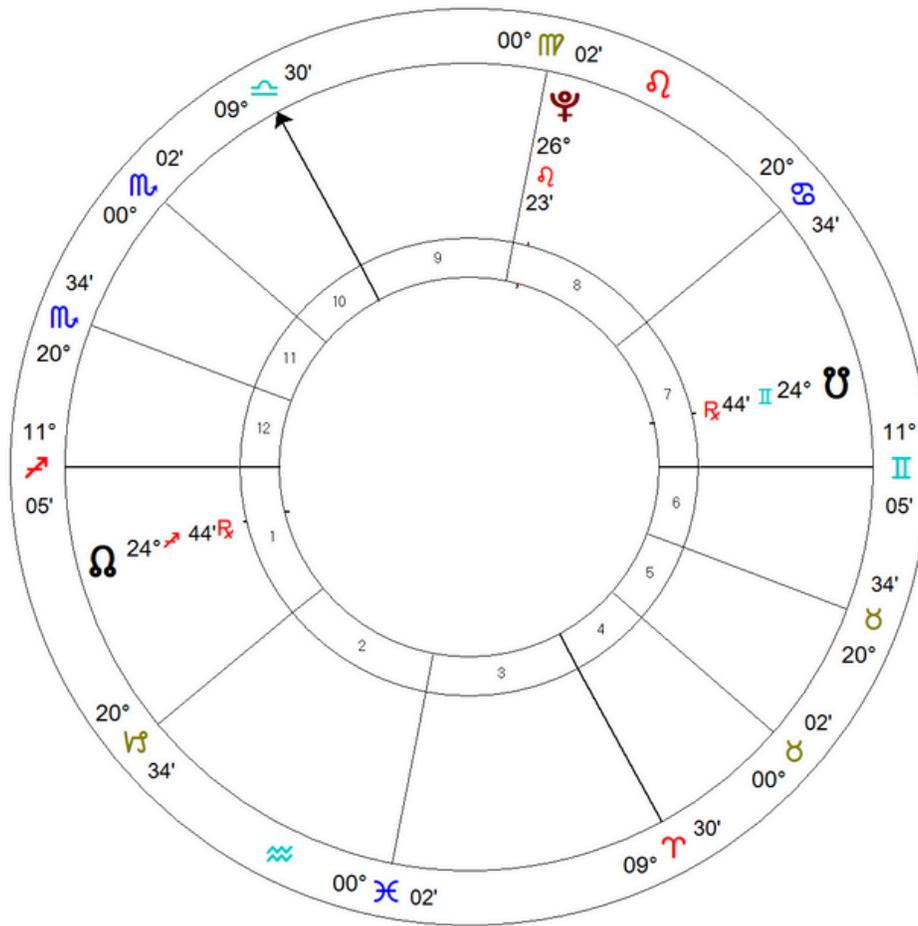


Chart 2D. Matthew Manning

Guiding Questions

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Mentorship Assignments

For the following 4 charts, practice interpreting the Pluto and Nodes relationship both in a generic sense, and in application to the specific examples given. These charts are a continuation of some of the examples given in segment 1.

If you feel drawn, you may also add the Pluto position to any of the Mentorship Assignment charts from segment 1 that I have not posted below.

Guiding Questions

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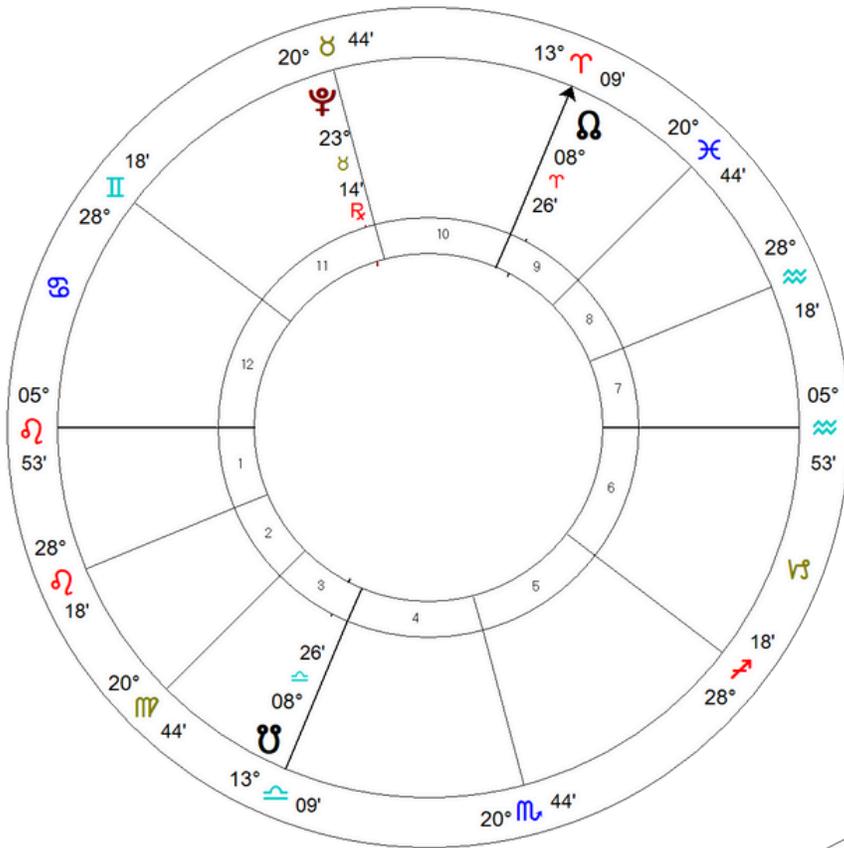
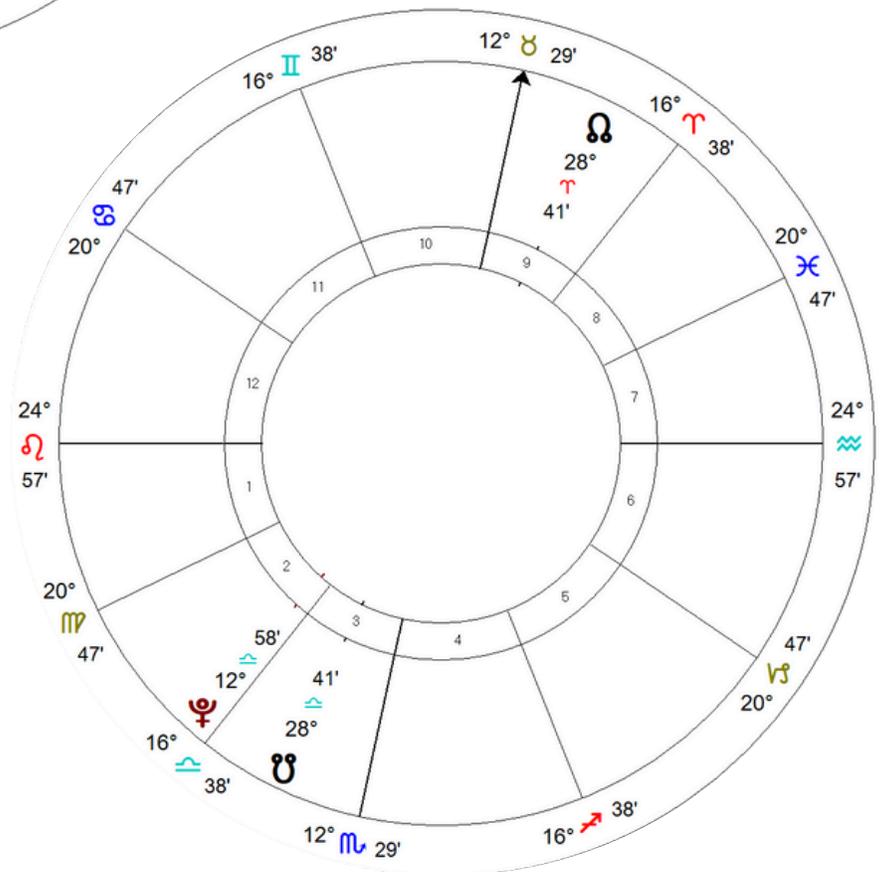


Chart 2E.
Aleister Crowley

Chart 2F.
Martin Luther (1483)



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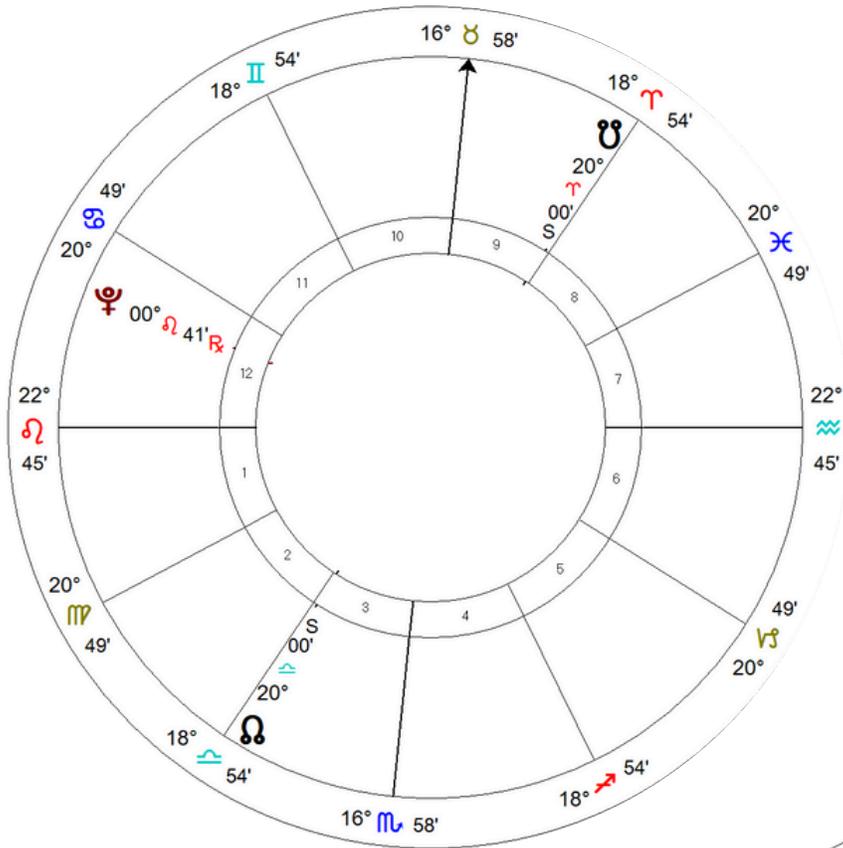
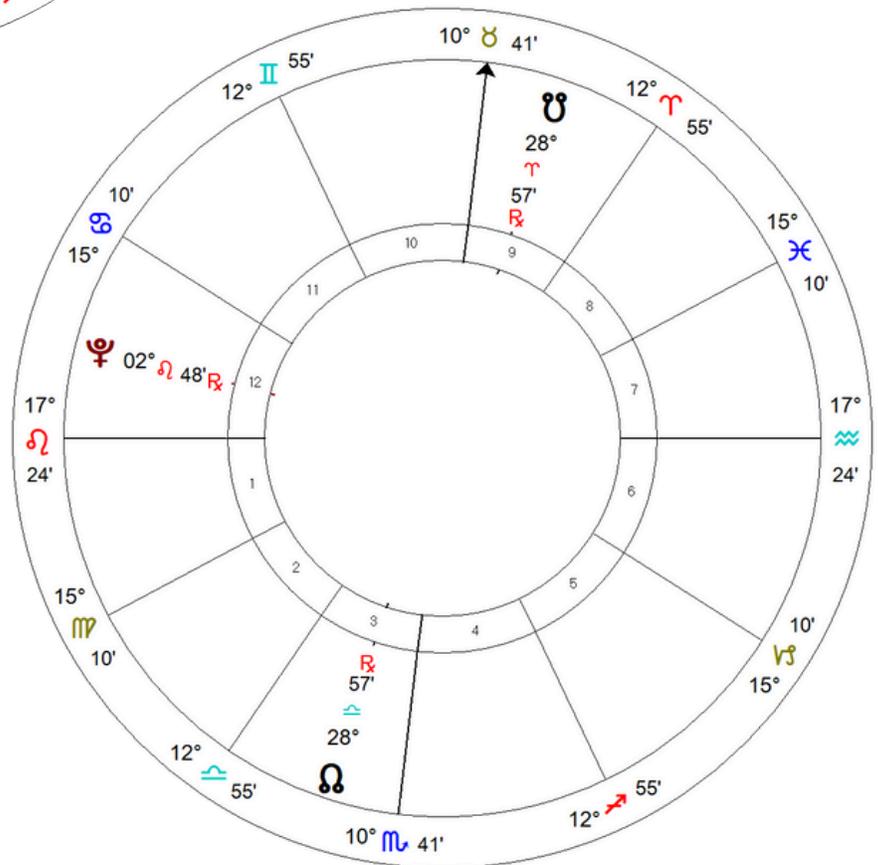


Chart 2G.
Anita Bryant

Chart 2H.
Tina Turner



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Mentorship Assignments - Week 2

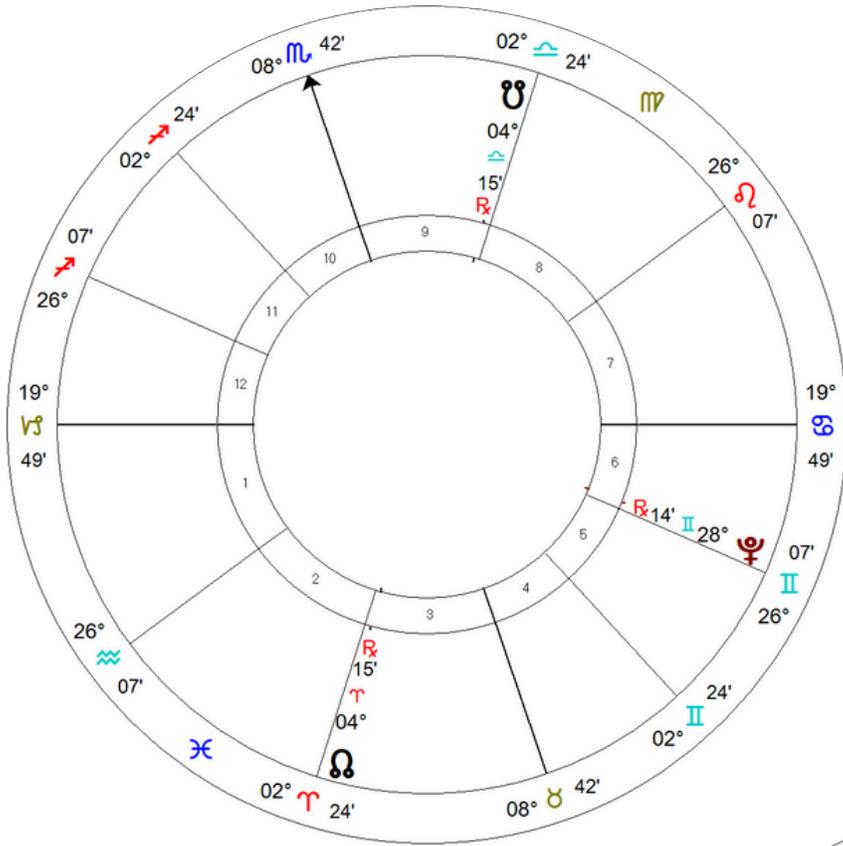
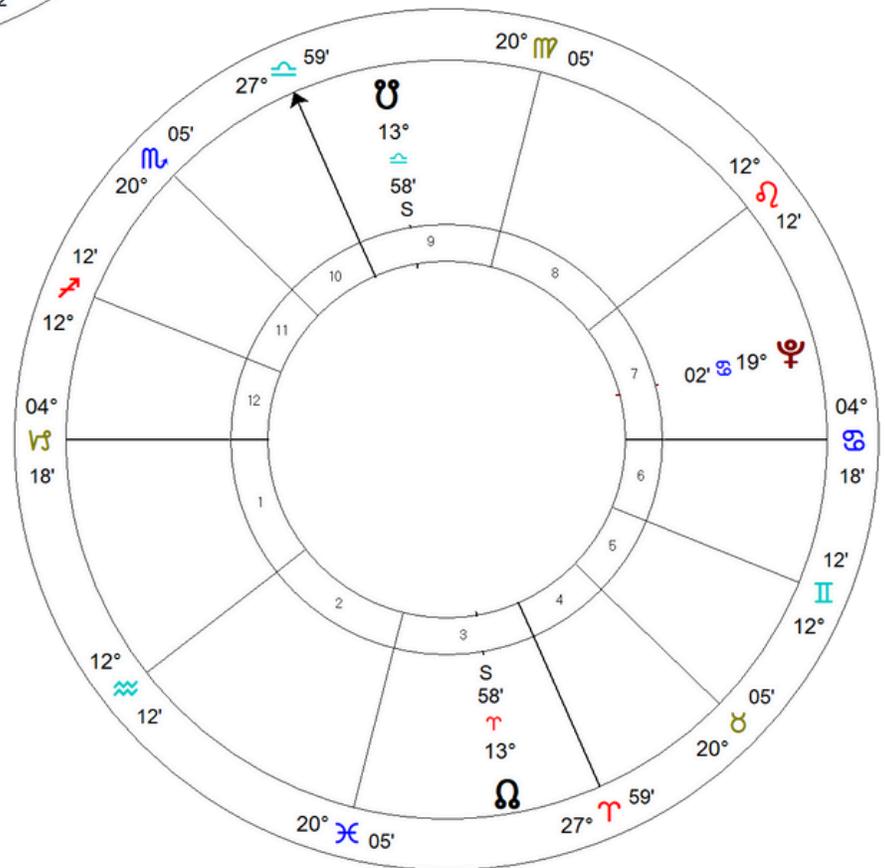


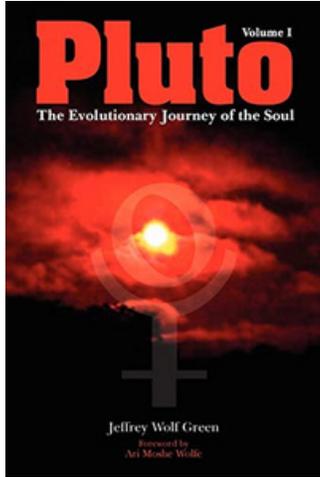
Chart 2I.
Rosa Parks

Chart 2J.
Jim Jones



Segment II: Pluto and the Nodes

Recommended Learning Resources



Pluto the Evolutionary Journey of the Soul

by Jeffrey Wolf Green

It is strongly suggested you own a copy of this book and continue to reference it for each Pluto signature we practice.

Pluto through the 12 houses. In this series with Kristin Fontana, I devote each show to a different Pluto position. This series provides lots of examples that work with Pluto and the nodes.

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Chart Interpretation Course
Segment 3
Aspects and Phases

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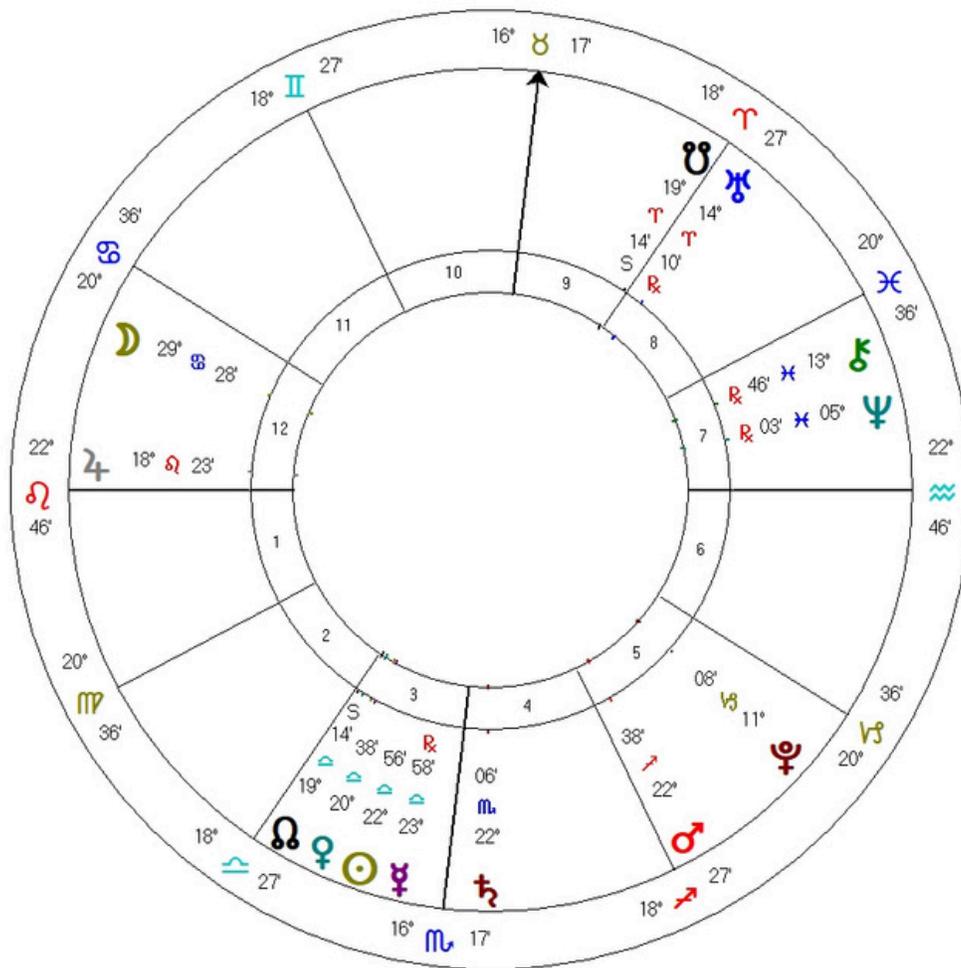
Part 7: Review and Practice

Part 1: Intro to Planetary Relationship

Practicing Intuitive Synthesis

Before we delve into phases and aspects, we must appreciate that there is so much to see in the natal chart just with a basic understanding of the inherent relationship between planetary functions.

For example, Saturn corresponds to discipline, structure, the cultivation of inner authority. Mars corresponds to action, conscious will, and the cultivation of decisiveness and self-leadership. Regardless of where these two planets are in the chart, we can intuit so much by just reflecting on the fact of their respective placements. What basic intuitive deductions might we make here in this chart?



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Intuitive Understanding

First, of course, my interpretation here is a generalization and is not meant to pigeonhole anything about the actual karmic reality of the soul itself. This is just to exemplify natural associations between planetary archetypes.

Saturn in Scorpio in the 4th house. Where is the soul learning self-authority? Through establishing emotional security rooted in their capacity to take full responsibility for their inner emotional needs. This means disciplining how they are in relationship to the most tender and vulnerable places within them which speaks to important life lessons around trust/ healthy dependencies/ learning healthy emotional boundaries, likely deconditioning process around early life emotional imprints. This soul is learning to integrate and build a structural reality over time that supports a depth of stable emotional connection all the while learning to take full responsibility for their own emotional reality.

Mars in Sag in the 5th. This points to intuitive actions to express, actualize, be seen, and go big. The impulse for action and individuation reflects a soul that senses itself to have a purpose that requires trust in its own inner knowing/intuition/ unique capacities. Cultivation of courage, confidence and bravery to live one's truth is implied here. Possible confrontations linked to an overly narcissistic attitude or being impulsive in expressing one's energy/truth in non-useful ways.

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Inherent Relationship

First, Saturn and Mars speak to the natural relationship between ongoing action/reaction/forward movement in life (Mars) and the need to consolidate, become self-aware and structure a system of living that is sustainable and workable long term (Saturn). This can speak to natural stress between the youthful need for movement and freedom and the more mature need to deal with the responsibilities and demands of life. In a basic way, the Mars-Saturn interface points to how a soul learns from their experiences in action and reaction to mature and make choices constructively and responsibly with respect to their long term evolutionary needs.

Sign and House

Now let's look at the relationship between their respective signs and houses. The energetics should be fairly obvious. Saturn is in a water sign and house and Mars is in a Fire sign and house. Regarding the signs, Saturn is fixed (Scorpio), and Mars is in mutable (Sag). This can naturally speak to the tension of:

- needing to become emotionally self-responsible and tend to a rich and tender inner reality (Saturn Scorpio 4th) which thus represents a lived reality of limitations and parameters through which the soul is developing wisdom and self-agency, with ...
- the need for an immense degree of creative freedom, space, and autonomy (Mars in Sag in the 5th) so that the soul knows itself to be free to make whatever choices they determine as necessary for their own self-actualization/sense of purpose.

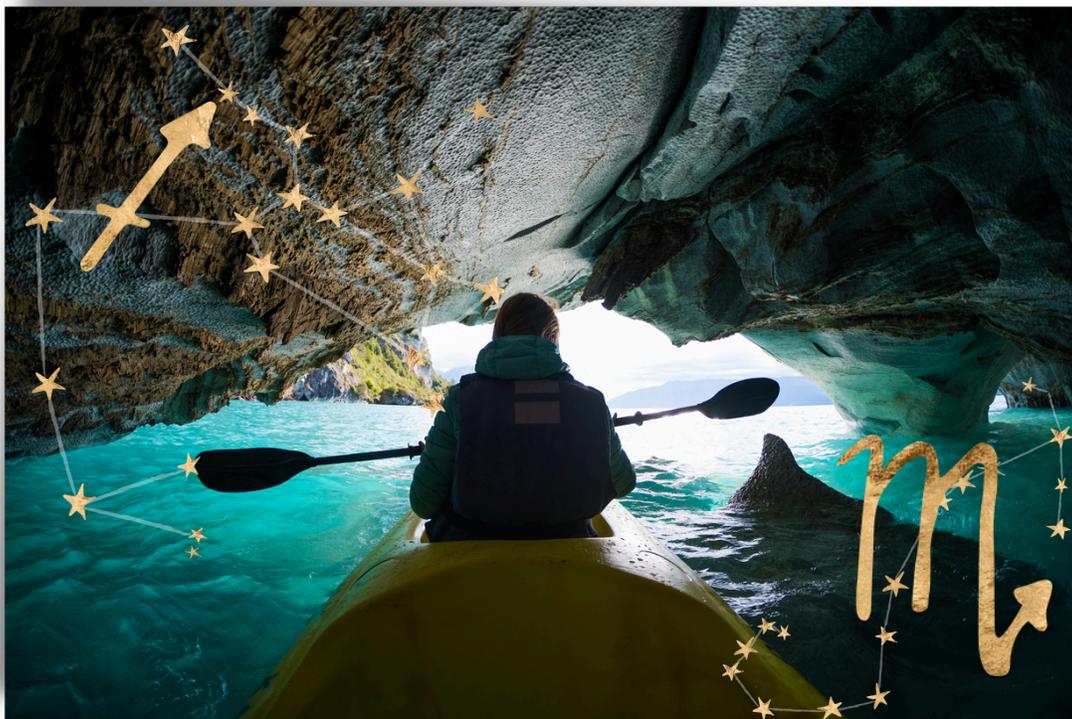
These two signatures intuitively remind me of the relationship between the child leaving the womb to explore and the safety and security within the womb itself. We can intuitively feel how these two signatures can reflect an inherent tension within the soul.

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For example, sexually, Mars in Sag in the 5th can be very courageous and confident. It can also be flighty and opportunistic, romantic, big talker, willing to take risks. This might be all fun and exciting, but how might this impact the soul on the level of their Saturn in Scorpio in the 4th? Might it be reasonable to consider that this soul might attract very flashy and exciting romantic adventures only to either be unavailable for deeper emotional connection (not addressing their deeper Saturn work) or on the flip side, find themselves with partners that don't stick around thus resulting in the Saturn in Scorpio in the 4th abandonment/ being thrown back to oneself?

Perhaps there is a lesson for this soul in integrating the flashy and exciting Mars impulses in Sag in the 5th with the emotionally vulnerable need to slow down and to deep inner work and build a foundational reality of healthy emotional of Saturn in Scorpio the 4th.

All of this is just a theoretical example in order to exemplify a very natural and intuitive way of connecting planetary archetypes.



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Once again, sometimes less is more...

I would like to stress once again a very important reminder. As we each deepen in our astrological study, it can often feel tempting to add more points (for example the newest asteroid everyone is talking about), and to consider all the aspects between all the planets. In truth, there is always more potential data to add to our natal chart analysis. There is no end to it.

The value and depth of our interpretive work is not rooted in the quantity of information we are dealing with. It is rooted in the depth of our authentic direct connection to whatever it is we are looking at. Quality over quantity. This to me is the gem of the EA practice in general.

This example of Mars and Saturn is fairly intuitive. In this chart, it happens to be that Mars and Saturn form a new phase semi-sextile (30 degree aspect). We will learn specifically what that means, however I invite you to consider that you might already know what it means.

As you continue on this learning journey, I'd like to encourage you to apply your own critical thinking, to connect with your own intuition. This is very different than mechanically memorizing the meaning of an aspect and then trying to apply it. This is learning from the inside out. While we have not formally learned the meaning of a semi-sextile, we have reflected upon the basic relationship and tension between Sagittarius and Scorpio, the 4th house and the 5th house. This is a natural clue in to what a semi-sextile means. Just with the basic knowledge we have of signs, planets and houses, we know more than we might think.

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Practice Assignment

Look at your own chart, or any chart of your choosing, and practice this intuitive synthesis with any planetary pair. A planetary pair is essentially between any two planets, however, it might be helpful to work with the planetary pairs that are a bit more obvious/ common to work with. To review the last teaching from the Essentials Course here is a simple list of common planetary pairs according to polarity, octave, or essential relationship.

POLARITY

- Sun Uranus
- Mercury Jupiter
- Venus Mars
- Saturn Moon
- Venus Pluto

OCTAVE

- Pluto Mars
- Neptune Venus
- Pluto Mars

ESSENTIAL RELATIONSHIP

- Sun Moon
- Saturn Uranus

And to help focus the mind, here is a review of the core meaning of each planet:



- **Pluto** reflects the soul's evolutionary needs. The reality of evolution is what manifests experience in the first place. Through Pluto we see that the soul is oriented to life experience as a way to play out, exhaust, and generate new desires. A soul cannot apprehend a level of reality it has not yet evolved to. Thus, a soul's stage of evolution, as reflected by the nature of their desires, is the bottom line for understanding the context for the rest of the chart.



- **Saturn** reflects the parameters and limitations that the soul manifests that serve as a template for the evolutionary journey. Time and space are to be used constructively for the purposes of awakening/ soul evolution: i.e. awakening out of time and space.

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- **Uranus** corresponds to the inherent individuality of the soul and is who one is regardless of one's conditioning. This is the essential nature and reflects the essential intelligence of creation. It is what the soul awakens to as it sheds conditioning.



- **Neptune** reflects what is essentially and eternally true, the source and truth of all creation. This is accessible and available always.



- The inner planets reflect the social sphere where all relative activity is occurring.
 - **Mercury**, sharing information and data which constantly serves to broaden perspective and awareness of the whole.



- **Venus**, the exchange of needs, intimacy, and interpersonal communication that enables all souls to support one another in essential ways - as well as how the soul will identify its basic survival needs relevant to being in a human body.



- **Mars**, the function of conscious will which is necessary for acting upon the underlying evolutionary needs that bring the soul into human life.



- **Jupiter**, how the soul will interpret reality and understand their place, and thus an intuitive sense of where they are going and an inner driving force for the journey of soul growth.



- **Sun** is how the soul will give creative meaning and purpose to the totality of its life experience and thus reflects the creative intelligence that gives life and light to the soul's entire evolutionary journey.

Part II: Introduction to Aspects

WHAT ARE ASPECTS?

Now let's delve into aspects! First, we must define what an aspect is. Here I will define an aspect on various levels of understanding.

- **Technical definition:** An aspect is a specific harmonic or geometric relationship between two points in the chart. This includes all the planets as well as the 4 angles, nodes and any other point that we can put in the natal chart. It is measured by the elongation (number of degrees) between any two points. Not all elongations imply aspect.
- **Basic interpretive definition:** Each aspect has a particular meaning that describes the quality of relationship between two points on a chart that are in aspect to one another.
- **Evolutionary meaning 1:** Each aspect symbolizes a specific evolutionary intention that a soul must embrace throughout its entire lifetime. There is a purpose, from an evolutionary perspective, underlying every planetary relationship, each aspect.
- **Evolutionary meaning 2:** Each aspect implies a particular stage of relationship within the context of a larger cycle.

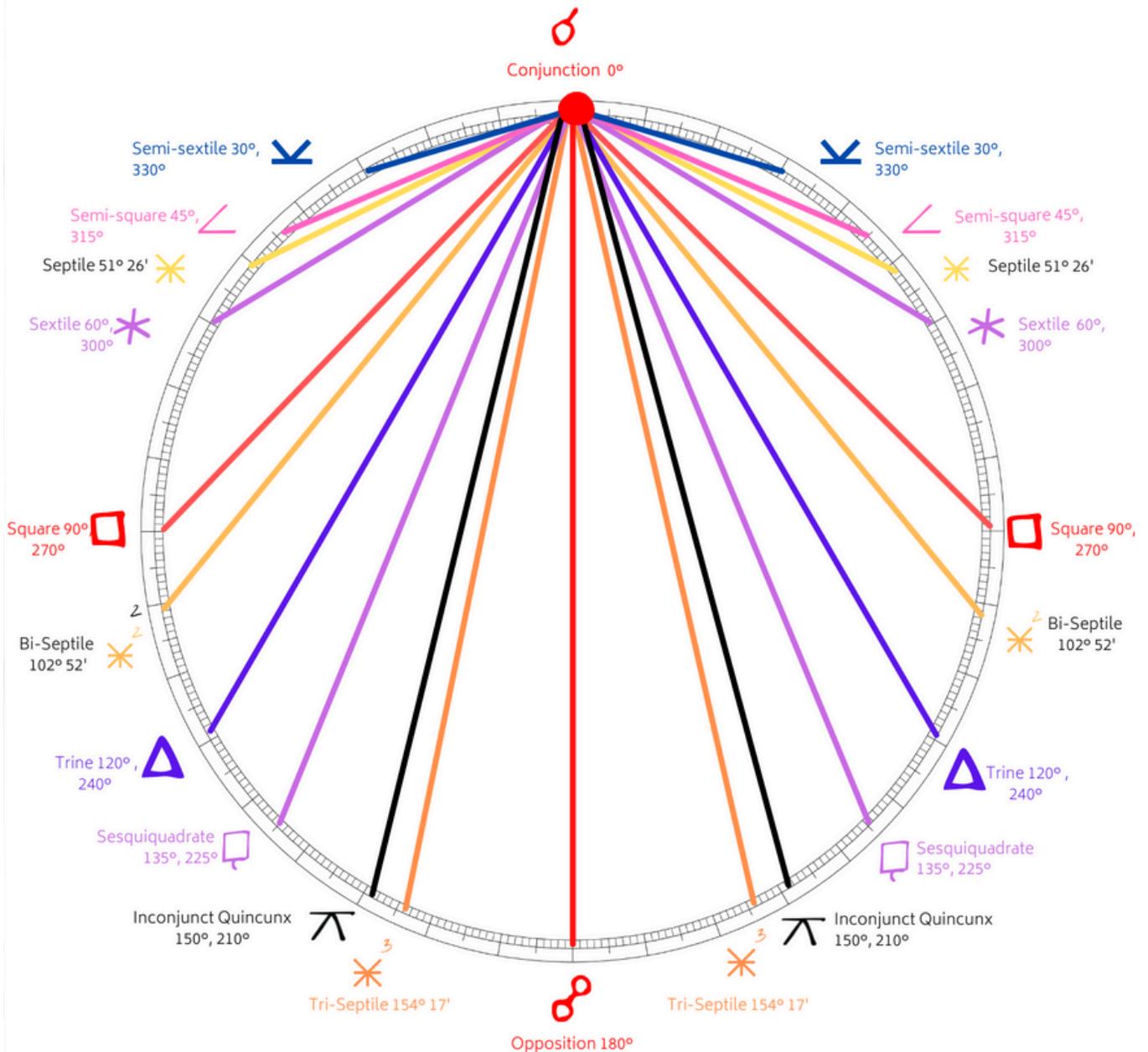
In this segment, we will explore in-depth the meaning of aspects from an evolutionary perspective.

IDENTIFYING THE ASPECTS

Before we learn the meaning of an aspect, let's start with learning how to identify them and calculate them in the chart.

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All Aspects



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Basic Rundown

Conjunctions imply two planets that are in the same place (with an elongation of zero degrees - see the top of the chart). Moving in either direction, we have a semi-sextile which implies a 30-degree elongation, a semi-square which implies a 45-degree elongation, and so forth all the way until the opposition which is when two planets are at a 180-degree elongation from one another (see bottom of chart).

How to Identify an Aspect

To correctly identify an aspect you must understand the proper way to count the elongation between any two points. The way to do this is to put your finger on the slower moving body (which we will consider point zero) and move through the zodiac until you reach the faster moving body. This points to the degrees of separation between the slower and the faster. This makes sense if you consider that in all cases, it's the faster-moving planetary body that is moving away from the slower-moving planetary body.

For reference, determining the relative speed of a planet is equivalent to its distance from the Sun. After the Moon, which is the fastest moving body, the closer a planet is to the Sun, the faster it is. So Mercury is the fastest, and Pluto is the slowest. The exception to this is the Sun. Aspects to the Sun are in their own category and in general, we can always think of the Sun as the slower moving body.

Let's practice this with this sample chart below. Identify the aspect between:

- Sun and Mars
- Saturn and Mars

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Orbs

Notice in the above chart with the aspect lines that there are many aspects indicated, though they are not all at the exact elongation. For example, Jupiter and Saturn have a red line with a box in it, indicating a square aspect (90 or 270 degrees). However what is the actual elongation?

Putting our finger on the slower moving body (Saturn) and moving through the zodiac until we reach the faster moving body (Jupiter), the actual elongation is about 267 degrees. This is still a square. Why?

Have you ever tuned a radio dial and before you reached the exact frequency you begin to hear the station? Aspects are like that. Two planets can be within a range of degrees before or after an exact aspect and still carry the vibration of the aspect. This range of degrees is called an orb.

Here are my general orb suggestions. Please note that these are suggestions. We must leave it up to our own personal observations and correlations to determine orbs for ourselves. I suggest that instead of orbs being a hard rule, that they are seen as general guidelines for tuning into the natural waxing and waning of aspects.

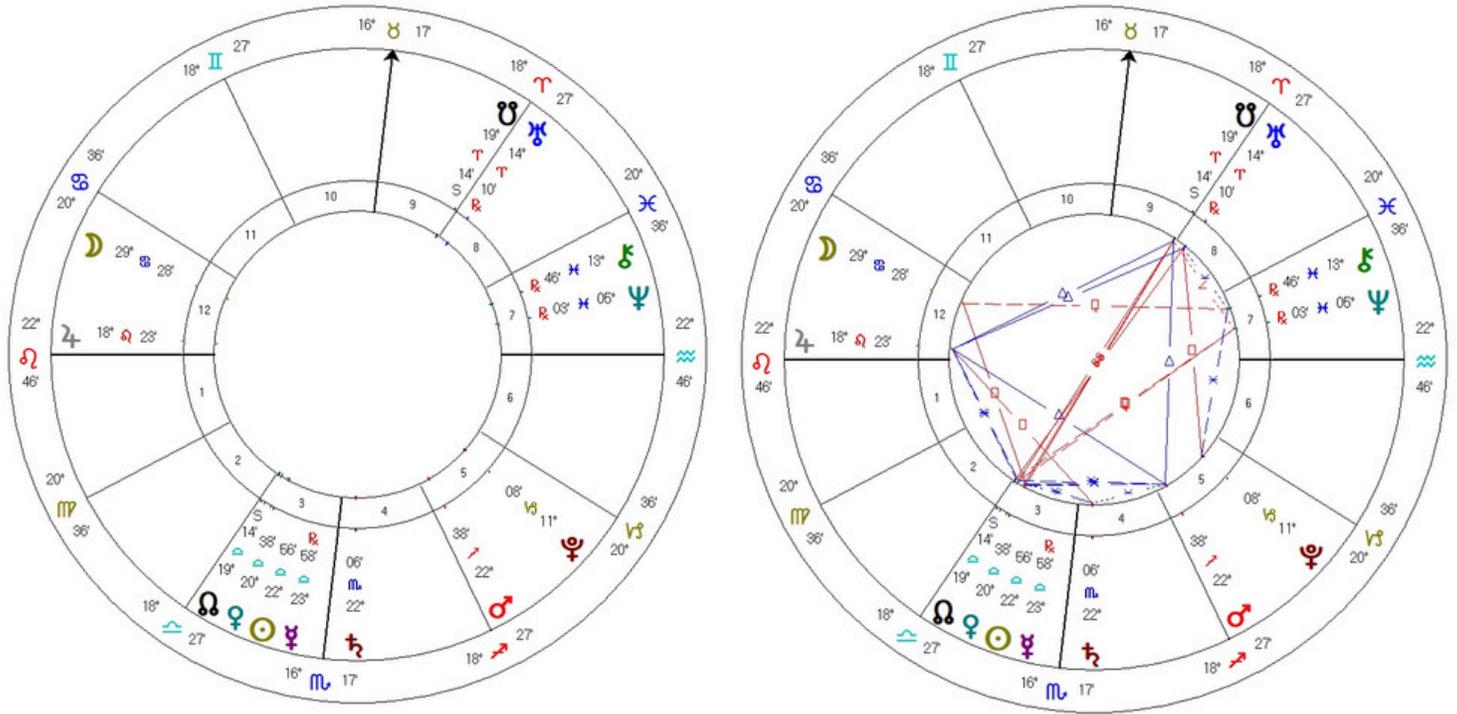
Orb Suggestions

10°	3°	3°	2°	1°
Conjunction	Sesquiquadrate	Sextile	Semisextile	Novile
Square	Semi-square	Inconjunct	Quintile	Septile
Trine	Semi-sextile			biseptile
Opposition				triseptile

Now that we know about orbs, lets practice a bit more identification! In the same chart, what is the elongation, aspect and orb between:

- Mercury and the Moon
- Uranus and Venus
- Mars and Venus

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Answer:

- Mercury and Moon's elongation is exactly 275 degrees, 30 minutes. This is a trine (because it is within a 10-degree orb of 270). In particular, it is a **separating** trine because the two planets are separating from the exact aspect. The exact orb is 4 degrees 30 minutes. It is a separating orb.
- Uranus and Venus Elongation is 186 degrees and 28 minutes. This is an opposition (because it is within a 10-degree orb of 180). And it is a **separating** opposition because it too is after the exact aspect. The exact orb is 3 degrees 32 minutes. It is a separating orb.
- Mars and Venus's elongation is exactly 298 degrees. This is a sextile because it is within a 4-degree orb of 300 degrees. This aspect is **applying** because it is before the exact aspect. The exact orb is 2 degrees. It is an applying orb.

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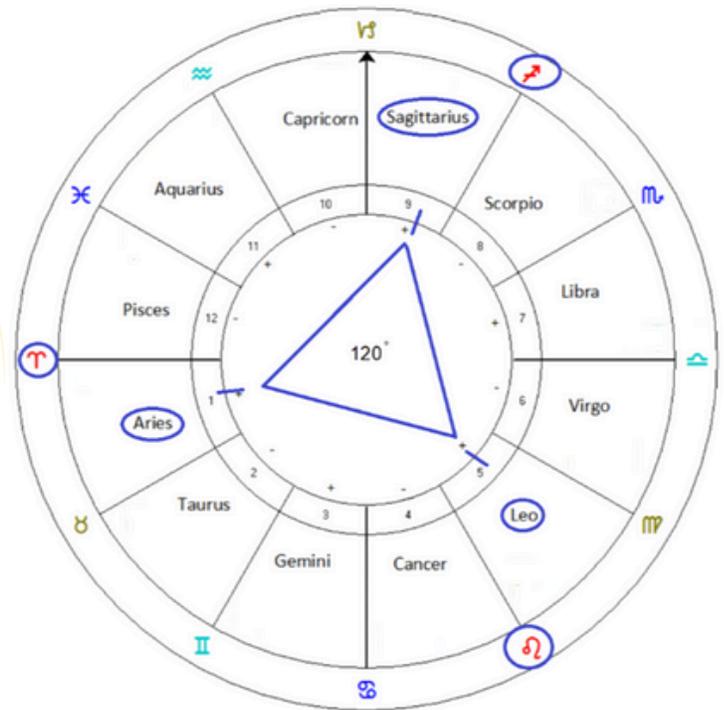
Separating and Applying

The difference between the two is simply likened to the difference between tuning in to the exact radio station before arriving at the exact frequency, vs tuning away from the exact radio station after having already arrived at the exact frequency. Since applying aspects imply a building of energy, I tend to be more liberal with my orbs allowance. Whereas since separating aspects are already after the fact of the exact aspect, I tend to be more conservative with my orb allowance. Again this is something we all need to get a feel for ourselves.

Tips for Counting Elongation

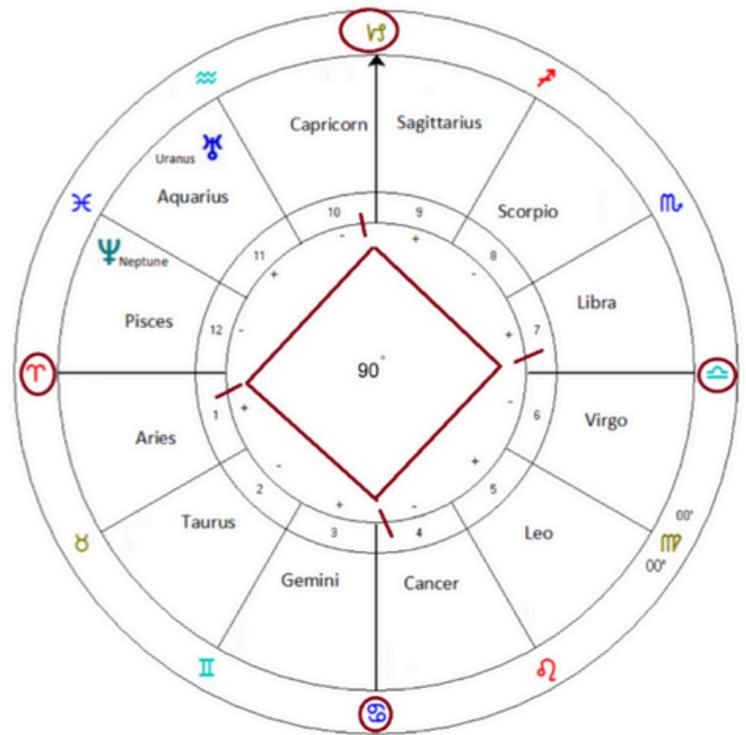
I don't suggest becoming entirely dependent on the aspect lines. It's useful to know how to visually identify aspects immediately. There are some basic tips that are useful to strengthening our aspect identification skills. This is about noticing patterns that relate to the natural relationship of the zodiac.

For example, planets of the same **element** (i.e. fire, earth, air or water) assuming they are within the right orb, are always going to close to 120 degrees from one another: a trine.



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Planets of the same **modality** (i.e. cardinal, fixed or mutable), assuming they are within the right orb, will always be 90 degrees or 180 degrees one from another: a square or an opposition.



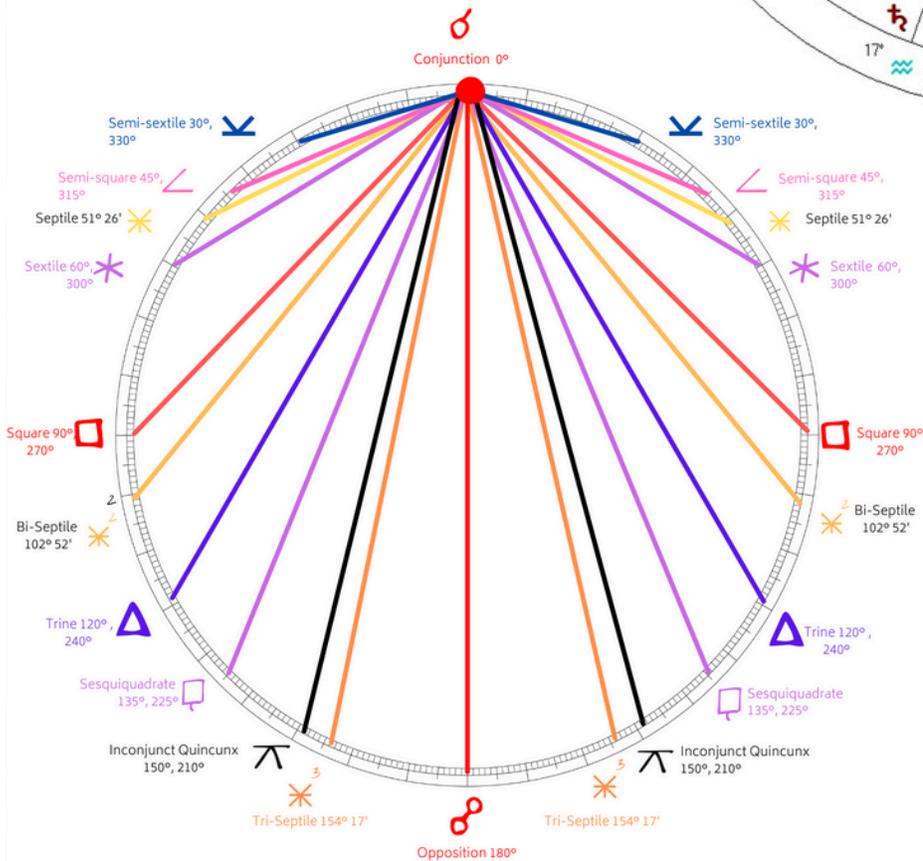
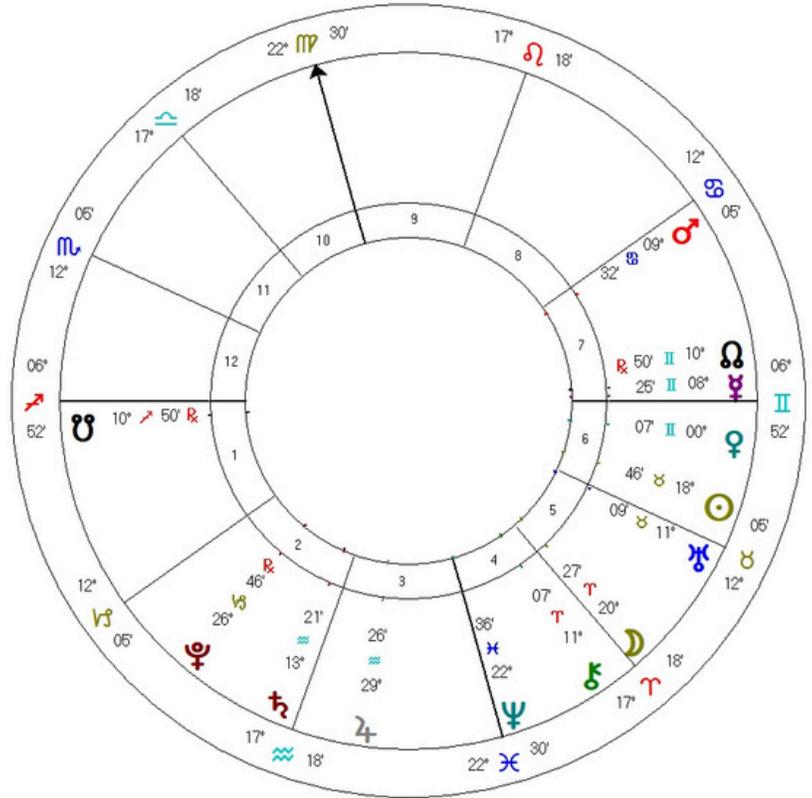
There are many other patterns you will naturally start to notice over time and practice.

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One more identification practice

Based on that, looking without the aspect lines, I'd like to you give a shot at identifying the elongation, aspect, orb and to determine if the aspect is applying or separating for:

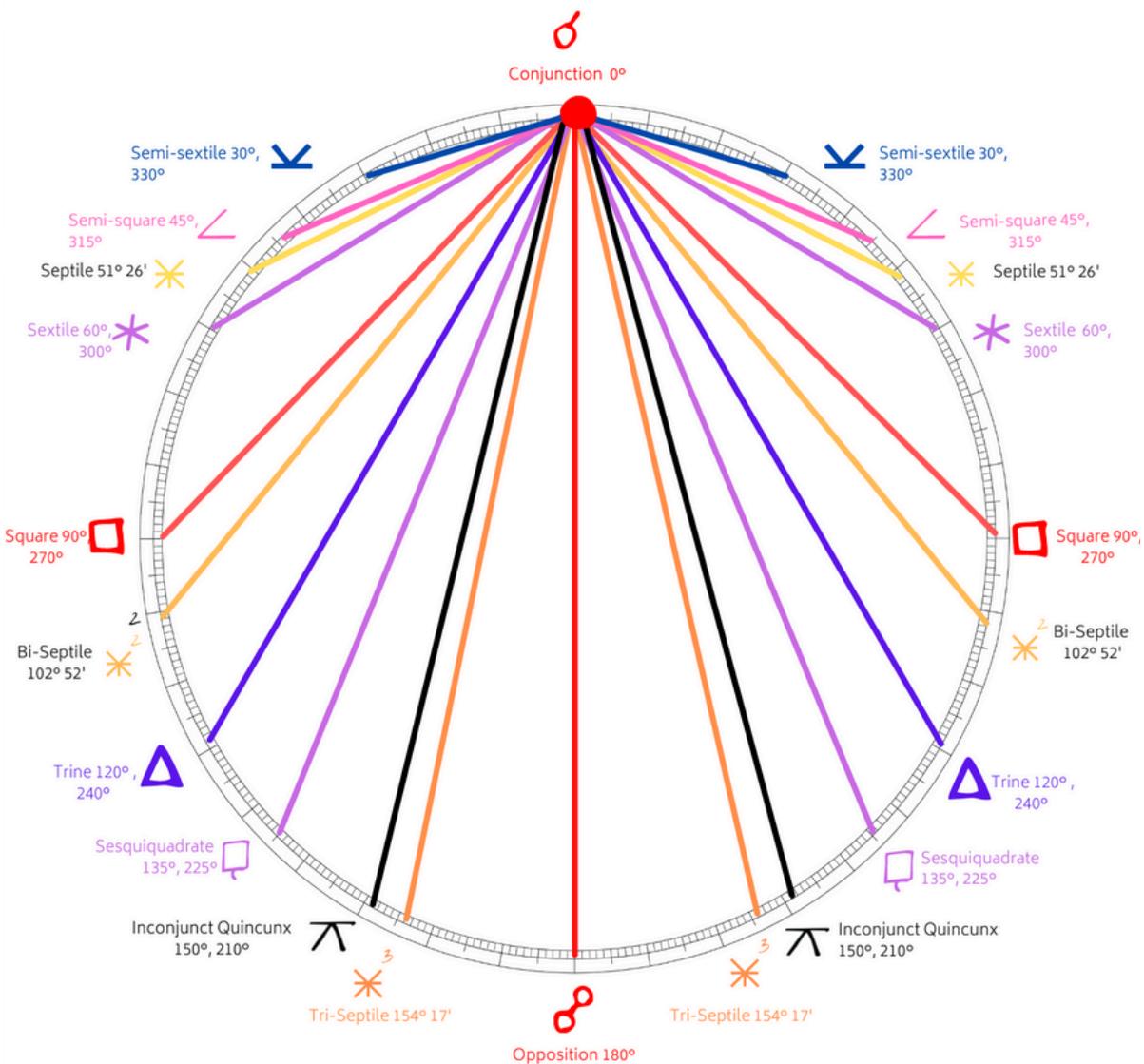
- Mars and Chiron
- Saturn and Mercury
- Jupiter and Venus



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Answer:

- Mars and Chiron share an elongation of $88^{\circ}25'$. This is an applying square with a $1^{\circ}35'$ orb. It's easy to immediately identify the square because we can visually know that Cancer and Aries are a natural square to one another (signs of the same mode are square).
- Saturn and Mercury share an elongation of $115^{\circ}4'$. This is an applying trine with a $4^{\circ}56'$ orb. It's easy to see that this is a trine because Aquarius and Gemini naturally trine one another (signs of the same element are trine).
- Jupiter and Venus... I'm trying to trick you on this one. In this case, they are both in air signs, but they are not trine! The elongation is $90^{\circ}41'$. This is a separating square with an orb of $41'$.

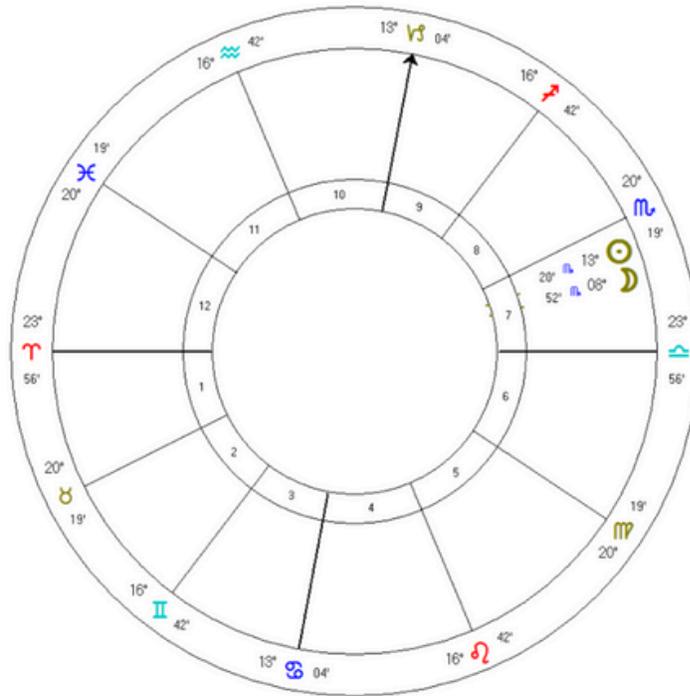


Part III: Introduction to Phases

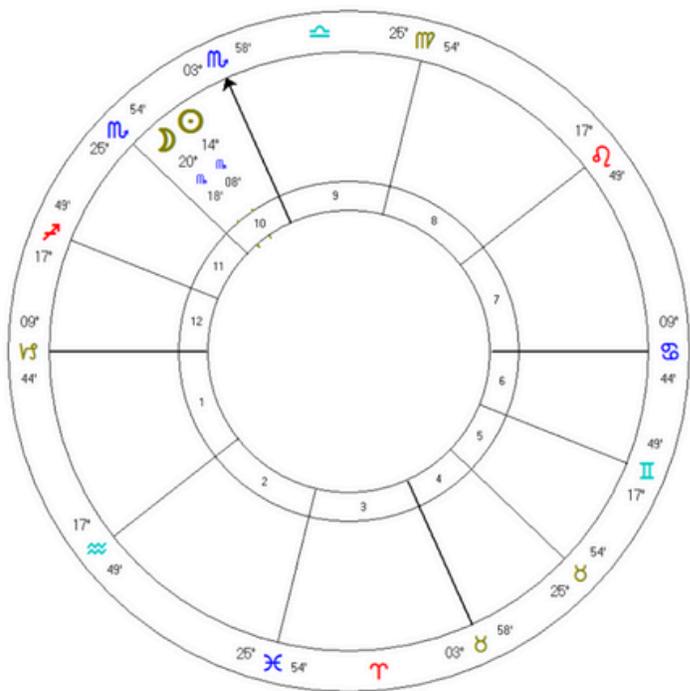
Phases imply that all aspects manifest within the context of a cycle that starts at zero degree elongation, climaxes at 180-degree elongation, and wanes all the way back to zero degrees. Phases imply a process of development from ingestion (initial conjunction) maximization (opposition) back to dissolution and completion (final conjunction).

Consider these two charts.

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Part III: Introduction to Phases

Both of these charts represent new Moons. New Moons occur every month when the Moon and the Sun are conjunct. Thus, these two charts are showcasing a conjunction of the Sun and Moon. Besides for the fact that these two new moons are at different zodiac degrees and different houses (which we will ignore for now), what is the practical difference between the two?

In the Nov 5th chart, notice that the Moon is before the Sun. Which celestial body moves faster, the Sun or Moon? The Moon of course. So, it is clear in this chart that the Moon is approaching or **applying** to the Sun. The orb is tightening moment by moment as they approach an exact conjunction.

Now look at the Nov 6th chart. In this case, the Moon has already passed the Sun and is moving further away from it, increasing the orb, moment by moment. While this is still a conjunction (within 10 degrees) the conjunction is **separating**.

Energetically, an applying aspect versus a separating aspect is very different. Like the example of the radio dial, if you are turning towards the exact station the clarity of that station will get stronger and stronger with each turn. On the other hand, if you are turning away from the exact station, the clarity will wane with each turn.

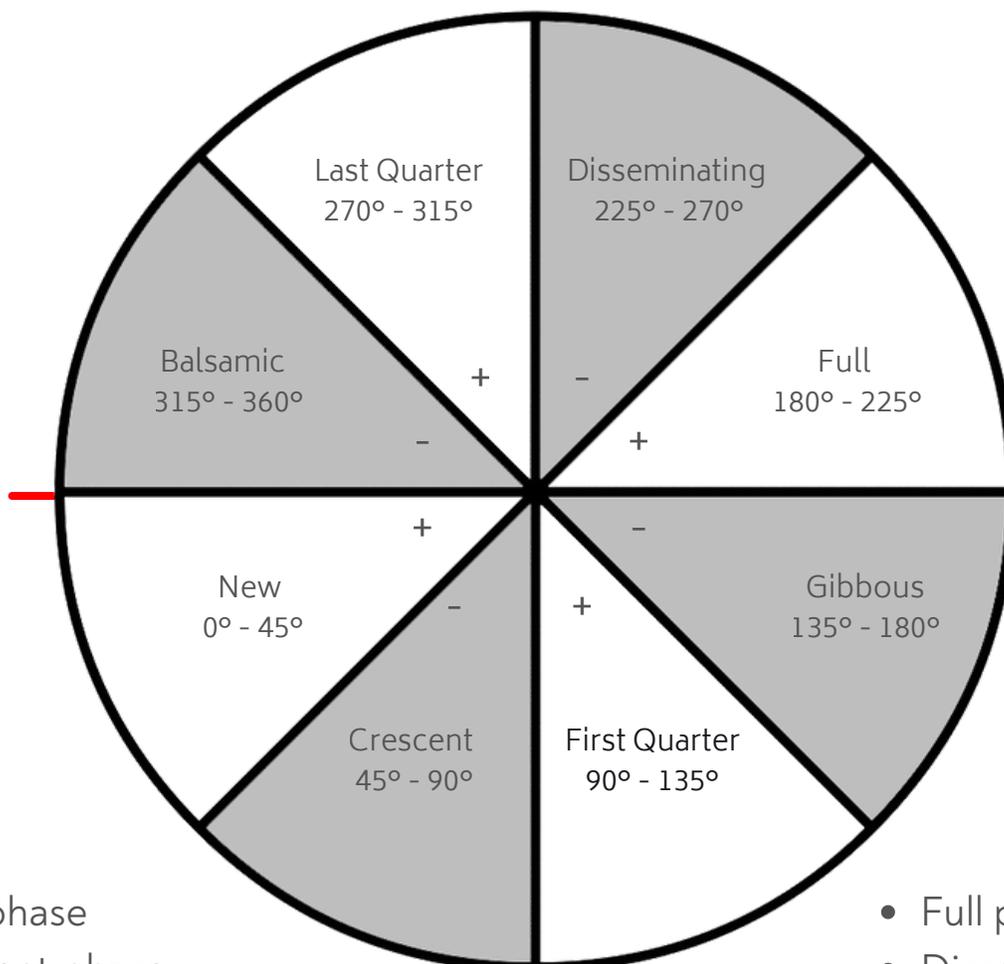
Another example I commonly use is the difference between about to walk into a room, at the threshold of the doorway. Versus about to walk out of the room, at the threshold of the doorway. Two similar situations, but each situation implies moving into a completely new phase of experience.



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From 0 to 360, there are 8 phases. The way to determine the phase is the same way that we determine aspects: to put your finger on the slower moving planet and count counter clockwise (which is the natural direction of the zodiac) until you reach the faster moving planet. This represents the actual degree of separation between these two planets SINCE they were last conjunct. Planets with an elongation of 0 to 44 degrees 59 minutes are in the new phase. Planets that are within an elongation of 45 degrees and 89 degrees 59 minutes are in the crescent phase and so forth.

The 8 Phases



- New phase
- Crescent phase
- First quarter phase
- Gibbous phase

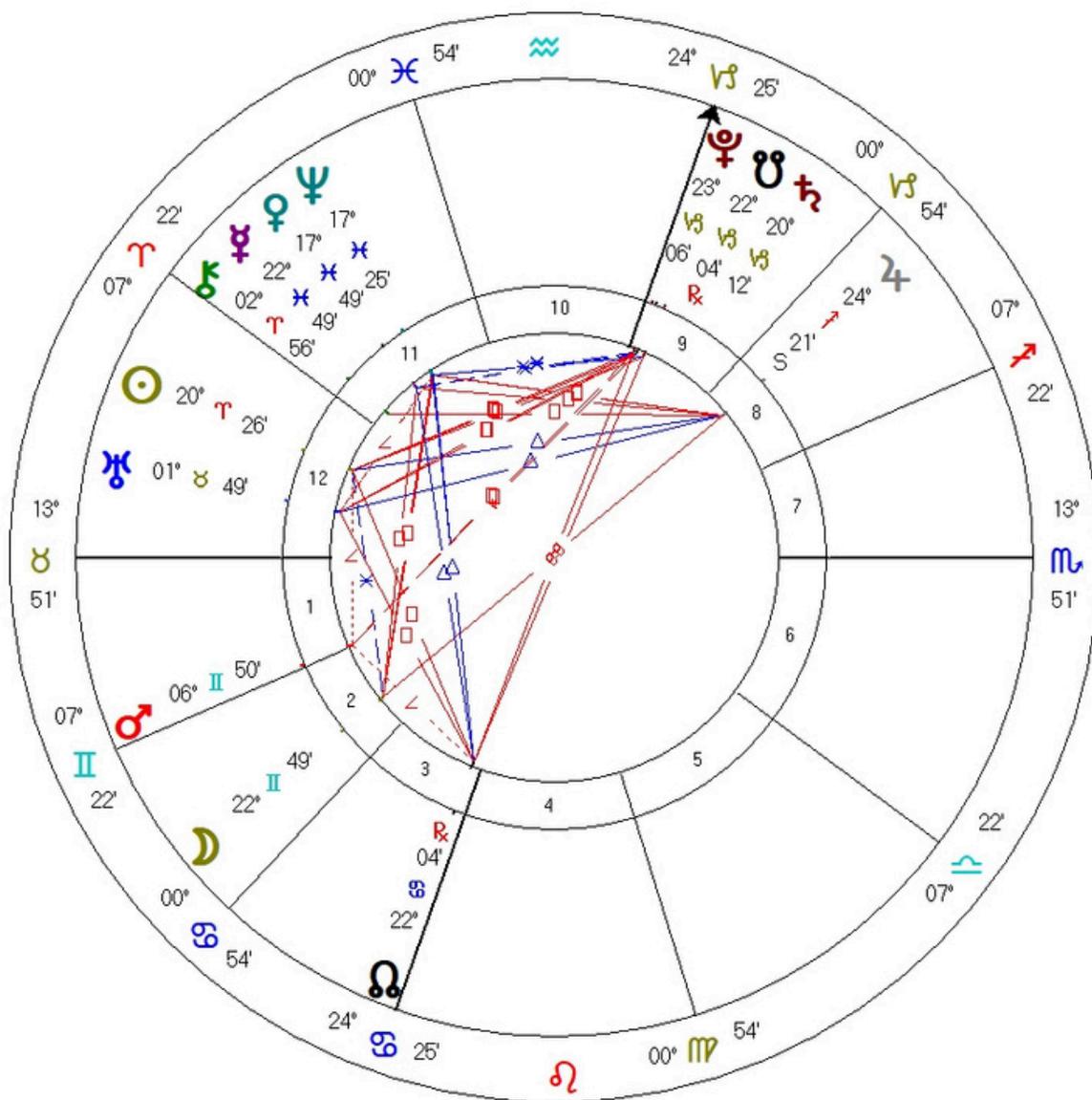
- Full phase
- Dissemination phase,
- Last quarter phase,
- Balsamic phase

Each phase is made of an arc of 45 degrees.

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In the following weeks, we will apply the specific meaning of all the phases through actual practice work, for now, let's get very comfortable and clear with identifying them. It's important to understand that all Planets in a phase relative to one another. However, they are not all necessarily in an aspect with one another.

Let's look at another chart to practice phase identification.



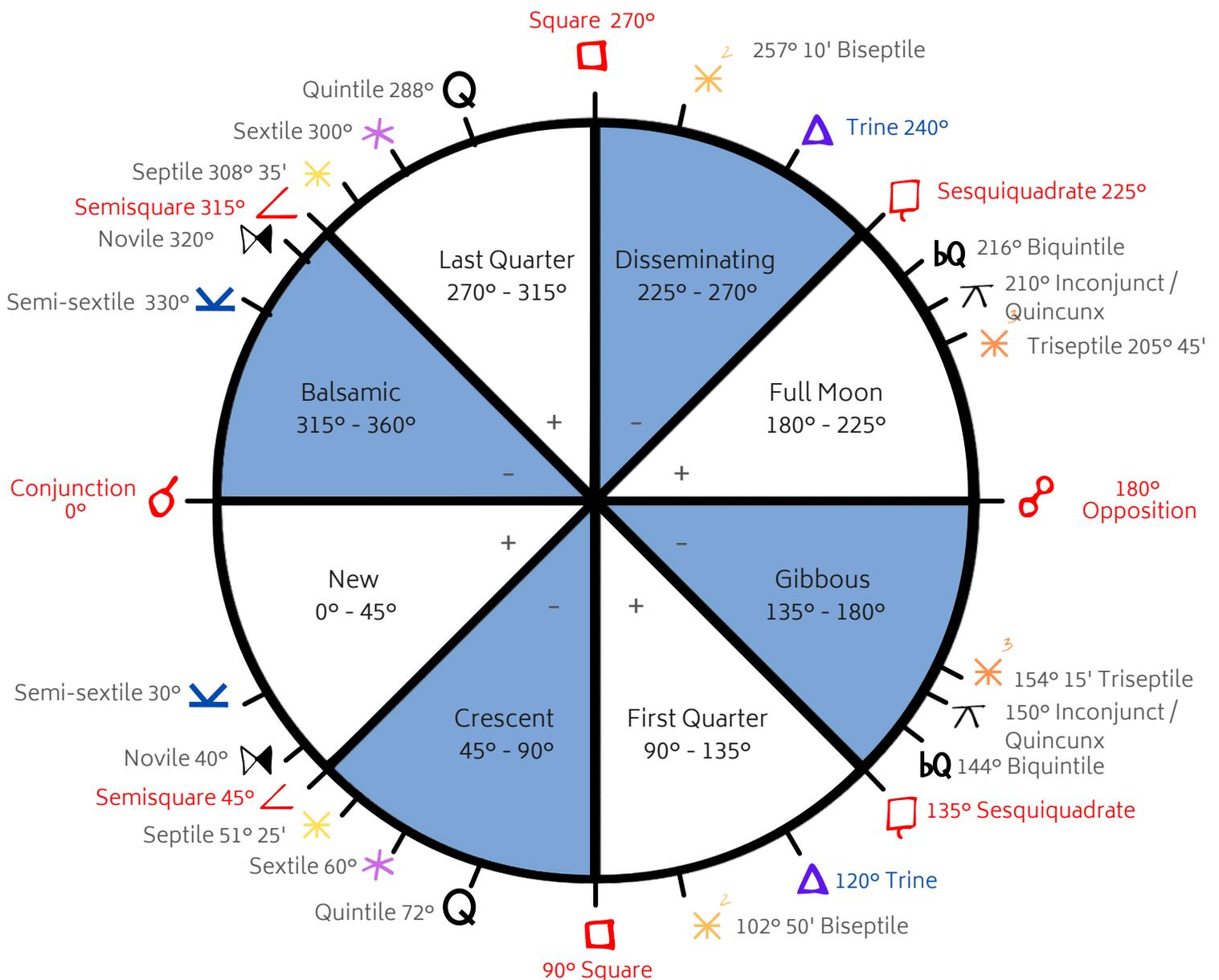
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- What is the phase between **Uranus and Mars**? Place your finger on Uranus, consider that "point zero". Count the elongation till Mars. You get $35^{\circ}1'$. Now, look at the phase chart above. $35^{\circ}1'$ is in the new phase. Note that Mars and Uranus are not forming an aspect. They are beyond the orb of a semi-sextile, and before the orb of a semi-square. However, they are still in a particular phase with one another.
- What is the elongation between **Saturn and Pluto**? Put your finger on the slower-moving planet and move through the zodiac until you reach the faster-moving planet. In this case, Pluto is the slower moving planet, that is our "zero point". The elongation is $357^{\circ}6'$. Referencing the phase chart above, this is what we call the balsamic phase. The orb is $2^{\circ}54'$.
 - Note that this is also a conjunction. We would call this a conjunction manifesting within the balsamic phase, or more simply: a balsamic phase conjunction.
- What is the phase between **Jupiter and the Moon**? Find the slower moving body and move all the way to the faster moving body. In this case, we start with Jupiter and move $178^{\circ}28'$ till we reach the Moon. 178° manifests within the gibbous phase.
 - This is also an opposition. We call this a gibbous phase opposition with an orb of $1^{\circ}32'$.

Part IV: Intro to Aspects & Phases

Here is an image of the phases with all the aspects within them. Note that all planets are in a phase with one another, however not all planets are in an aspect to one another. All aspects manifest within a phase. But to be in a phase does not imply there is an aspect.

A mediocre analogy would be everyone is on the train. The train has 8 carts. Everyone on the train is in one of the 8 carts (phases). Some people are sitting down in seats which are all placed in specific spots within the 8 carts (aspects within the phases). However, not everyone on the train is sitting in an actual seat.



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Before we continue with more practice, let's review some basic teachings:

- Elongation is the number of degrees between any two planets in a chart.
- The elongation is determined by the distance between the slower moving planet TO the faster moving planet.
- All planets are in a phase with one another as determined by their elongation.
- All aspects imply a phase. However not all phases imply an aspect. Aspects are particular stations that manifest within a complete arc of 360 degrees. Not all elongations imply as aspect. But the 8 phases are unavoidable. Any relationship between two points in the chart manifests as a particular phase.
- The orb is the number of degrees from the exact aspect while the energy of the aspect is still alive.
- Aspects can be separating or applying.
- Aspects that manifest at the cusp of a phase will defacto imply if they are separating or applying. I.E. conjunctions, semi squares, squares, sesquiquadrates and opposition aspects all demarcate the transitions from one phase to the next. Thus, any planets that share any of these aspects can be manifesting in one of two consecutive phase.
 - *For example, an opposition (such as the Moon Jupiter above) means we are dealing with two planets within orb of a 180 degree aspect. If it is a full phase opposition, it is implied to be separating. If it is a gibbous phase opposition, it is implied to be applying.*

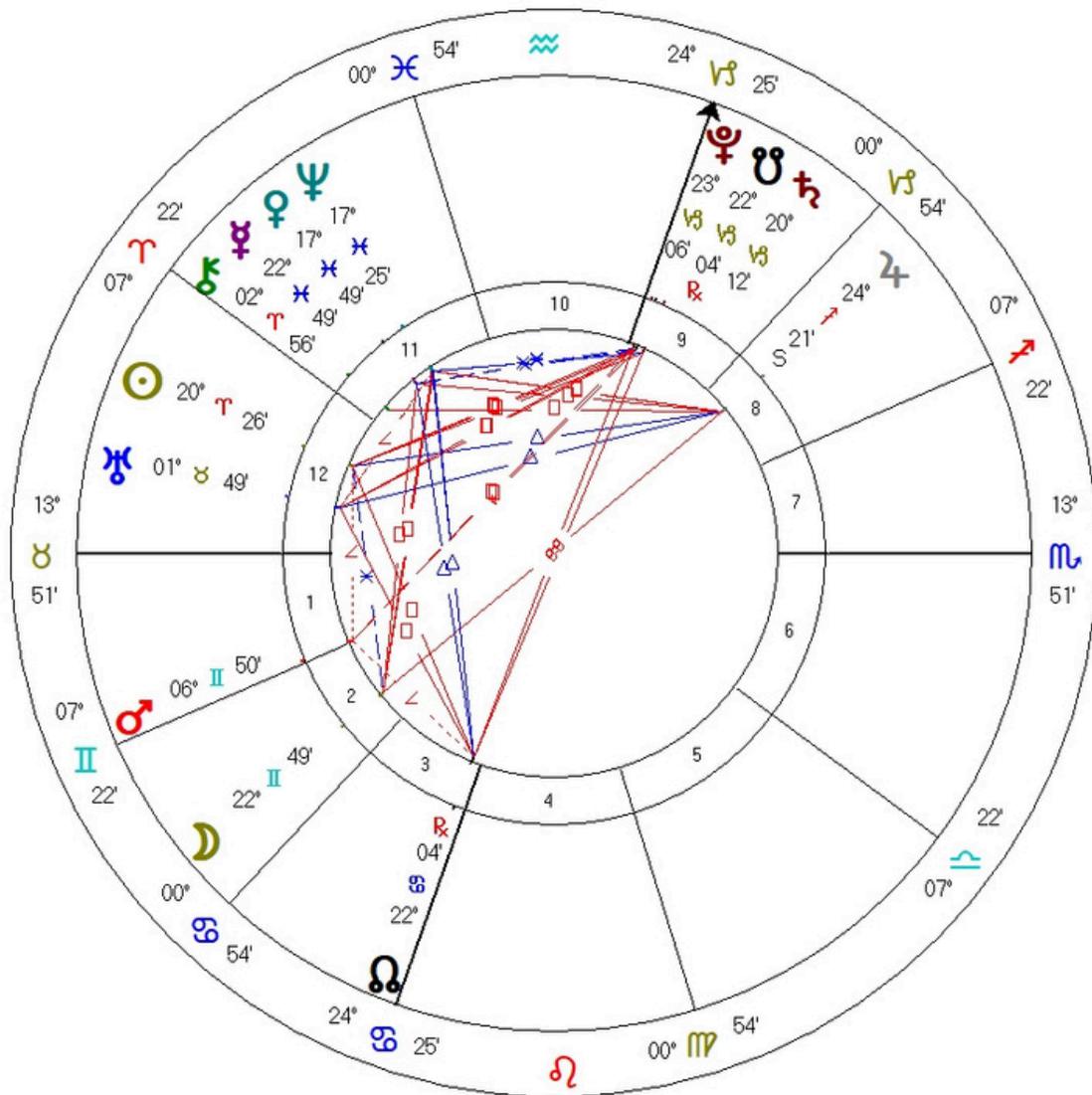
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A couple of notes about the Sun and the planets interior to the Earth:

- For Mercury and Venus to the Sun we do not count phase. This is because from the Earth's point of view, Mercury and Venus (i.e. all planets between Earth and Sun) never separate very far from the Sun. Considering the synodic cycle is far more relevant. These teachings are covered in the retrograde class series. Likewise, we do not consider the phase between Mercury and Venus to one another.
- For all other planets in relationship to the Sun, please consider the Sun as the stationary point. Think of the Sun as the integrative point of the entire chart and that a planet's relationship to the Sun speaks to the actualization of that function within consciousness. The Sun is seen as a central force of integration and actualization. While other astrologers work with Sun aspects differently, this is how we are doing it in this course.

Now let's do some more practice with elongation, phase, aspect and orb identification!

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Identify the elongation, phase, aspect (if any, and if so, indicate if the aspect is applying or separating), and the orb (if there is an aspect) for:

- Venus and Neptune
- Sun and Moon
- Mercury and Chiron
- Jupiter and Uranus

Take your time and when you are ready, reference the answer key on the next page.

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Answers:

- Venus and Neptune share an elongation of 24'. They are in a new phase. They are in a new phase conjunction. The orb is 24'. A conjunction manifesting in the new phase defacto implies that it is a separating aspect.
- Sun and Moon share an elongation of 62°23'. They are in a crescent phase. They are in a crescent phase sextile. The orb is 2°23'. It is a separating aspect.
- Mercury and Chiron share an elongation of 349° 43'. They are in the balsamic phase. They are in a balsamic phase conjunction. The orb is 10° 17'. A conjunction in a balsamic phase defacto implies it is an applying aspect.
- Jupiter and Uranus share an elongation of 232°32'. They are in the disseminating phase. They are in a disseminating phase trine. The orb is 7°28'. It is an applying aspect.

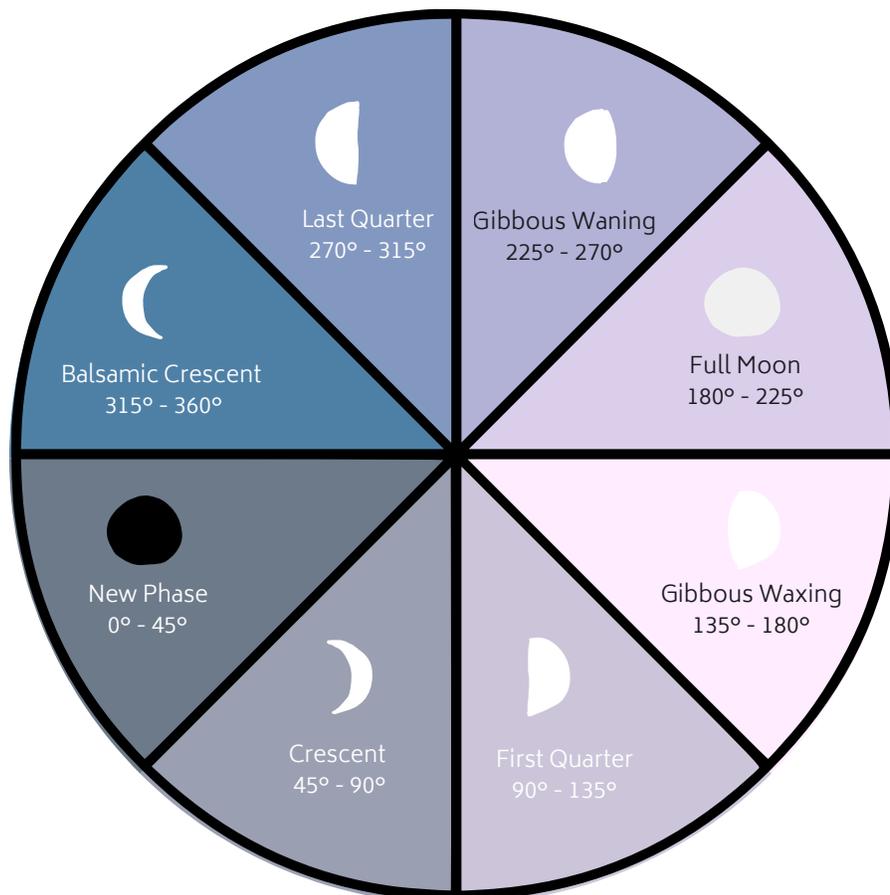
Part V: The Meaning of the 8 Phases

Before we delve into learning the meaning of aspects, it is useful to first learn the meaning of the 8 phases. This is because, once again, all aspects manifest within a particular phase.

What do phases mean?

Phases imply stages of development. Starting with the conjunction at the new phase, we are looking at a cycle of evolutionary growth culminating over 360 degrees of life experience. Here's an example of that relative to the phases of the Moon.

Moon Phases



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All things that are things manifest in phases. It starts off new, subjective, hard to define. It grows and strengthens, reaches maturity, then it begins to return again to prepare for a new phase of growth. This is true on all levels of reality: socially, biologically, psychologically, phases of human development, trees. The most common use and understanding of the 8 phases is in relation to the lunar cycle.

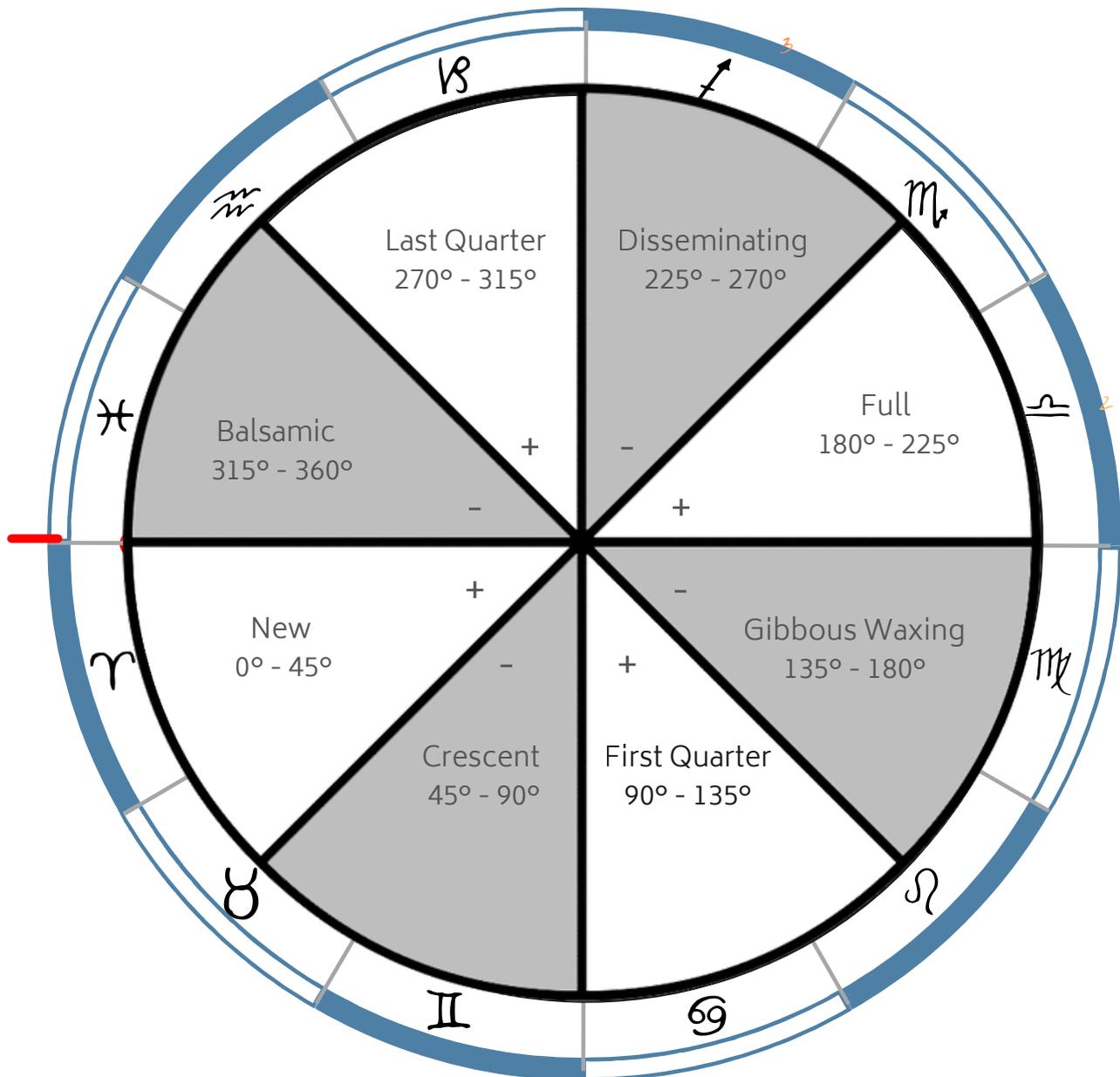
Again, keeping it simple and intuitive. Remembering that less is more. Most of us can access an intuitive understanding of the 8 phases of the Moon. Even if you have never considered the 8 phases, we all have a simple starting point: The energy of a New Moon is tangibly different from the energy of a Full Moon. The New Moon is dark, it's new, it's unformed. It's internal and just beginning to grow. Full Moon is pregnant, full, active, engaging. From an evolutionary perspective, we can understand the manifestation of a particular phase on two basic levels:

1. It implies the phase of life experience the soul is set to play out/experience/learn from in the current life.
2. It de facto implies the context the soul is coming from. For example, if two planets are at the very end of the gibbous phase (before 180 degrees), this doesn't literally mean that they were earlier in the gibbous phase or an earlier phase in a last life. Rather, on an archetypal level, it intuitively implies the karmic stage that has been set leading to the manifestation of the current phase.

One phase isn't more "evolved" than another, just as the full Moon isn't "better" than the New Moon. Phases are cyclic, and as long as the soul is manifesting human birth, it is bound to the ongoing karmic cycle of phases of development. Phases imply that everything in our human life manifests within a cycle of birth, challenge, maturity, breaking down, and surrender. We are each to play out various phases of human experience, it is necessary. Each phase comes with its own evolutionary lessons, it's own challenges and particular ways of being.

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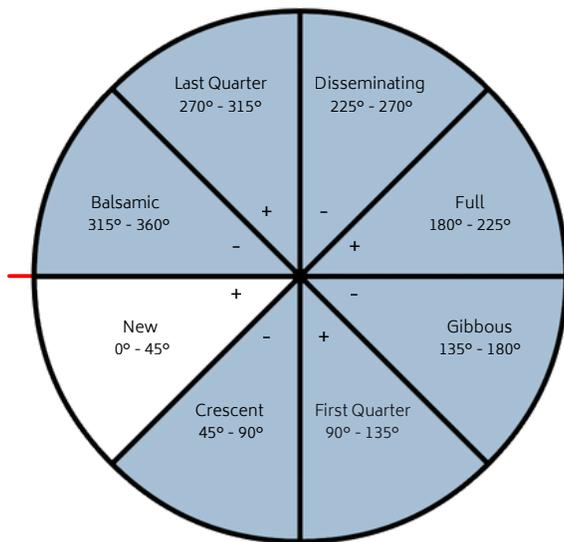
PHASES OVER THE ZODIAC



In the above image I depict the 8 phases on top of the natural zodiac. I do this because, in my view, each phase has a natural archetypal connection with the energy of the zodiac. There is no hard rule that says this to be so, it's just a matter of personal observation and correlation.

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New Phase 0° - 44°59'



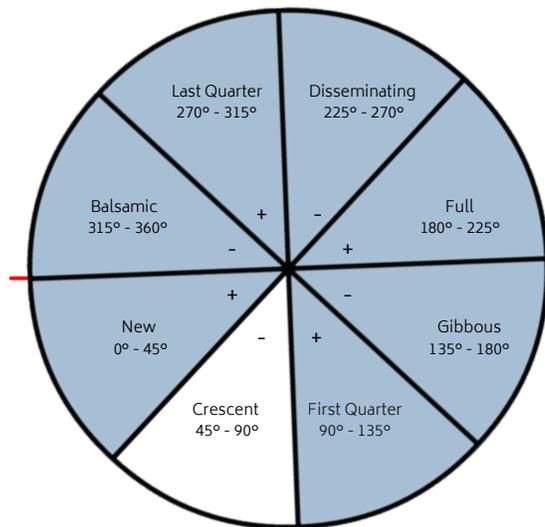
This phase correlates to a highly subjective orientation to the entire cycle. The resonance of the past is ebbing as a soul is ready to initiate a new journey of self-discovery.

This phase is yang and has the resonance of the Aries archetype. Why? Because there is an immense freshness and vast scope of potential that needs to be instinctively acted upon in order for self-discovery to occur.

To have any two planets in a new phase means that the soul is now starting a brand new cycle. Based on the newness of the cycle, it is necessary to engage a multitude of random experiences that will enable a gradual focusing of intention and direction. However, based on the newness of this cycle it is absolutely necessary for a soul to embrace the unknown, to get moving in the world, and simply learn by way of figuring it out along the way. Planets in this phase operate together through action and reaction.

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Crescent Phase 45° - 89°59'



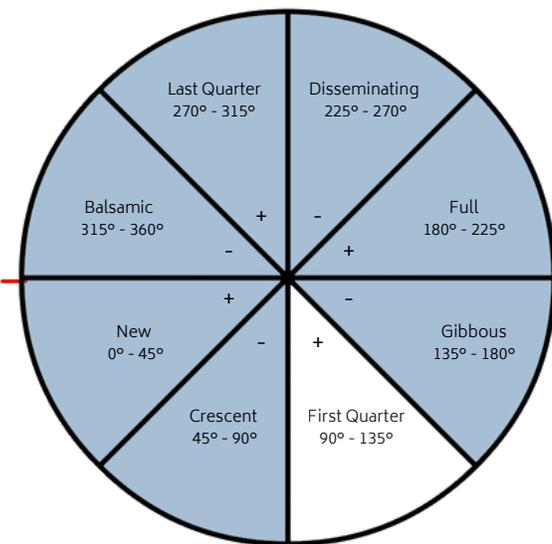
At this point, the discoveries that were made during the new phase are stabilized and internalized in a way that provides personal meaning and value for the soul. Planets in this phase operate through slowing down and developing steady familiarity.

This phase is yin and has the resonance of the Taurus archetype as Taurus symbolizes the very nature of internalization. This phase is relatively private and still very subjective.

A concrete value and personal meaning is being established in the cycle. It's necessary in this phase for the soul to seclude itself from excessive external interaction in order to become deeply connected to its own "flavor" and way of being. The purpose in this phase is in fact to develop an internal orientation and continue the journey in one's own way.

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First Quarter Phase 90° - 134°59'



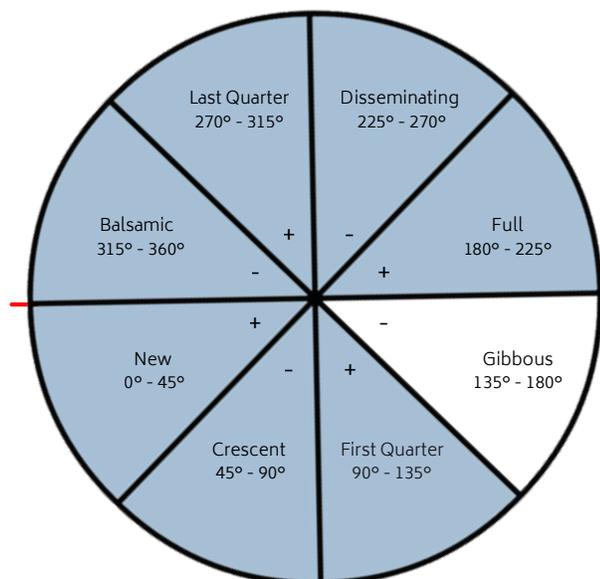
This is a cardinal turning point. Like the first quarter Moon (when the Moon is seen to be half full with the crescent side on the right), a quarter of the journey has been completed. This is an immense step in the cycle. At this point, the soul needs to make constructive choices that will enable it to make manifest and make workable the self-awareness that has been cultivated in the previous phase.

This phase is yang and to me, is associated with Cancer and Leo as it implies the need to know oneself and make one's knowing of self livable in a very tangible concrete way. In this phase, especially in the beginning, there are often conflicting or diverse decisions, opinions, ideas or choices that a soul must navigate through in order to find integration. This phase expresses as highly individualistic and full of new activity.

In this phase there is a characteristic experience of new direction and new potential that is being actualized for the very first time. The key in this phase is to focus the mind and live in a new way that demonstrates greater integrated self-knowledge.

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Gibbous Phase 135° - 179°59'

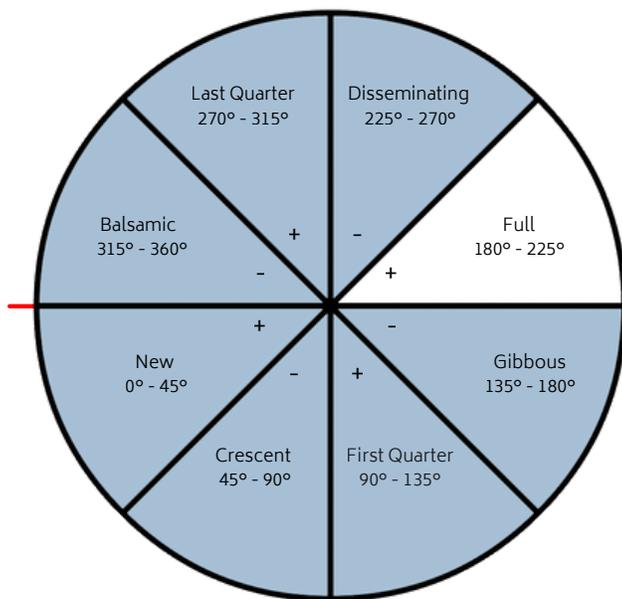


This phase requires the perfecting and refining of the purpose that had been previously actualized in the last phase. It is natural in this phase to develop a deep awareness of one's imperfections. It is necessary to become deeply self-aware and more humble in order to make whatever alterations are necessary.

This phase is yin and is associated with Virgo, as it implies the need to inspect oneself. This phase completes an entire hemisphere. After this phase, the purpose of the two planets will begin to express in a way that involves an immense degree of social interaction and relationships. Therefore it is necessary for a soul to literally deal with, fix up, refine and improve upon any sloppiness or inaccuracies. Movement through this phase is characterized as “one step at a time”. This phase is characterized by attending to the details, lots of work, showing up for whatever needs improvement. In this sense, the soul learns how to serve and be available for whatever work is necessary.

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Full Phase 180° - 224°59'



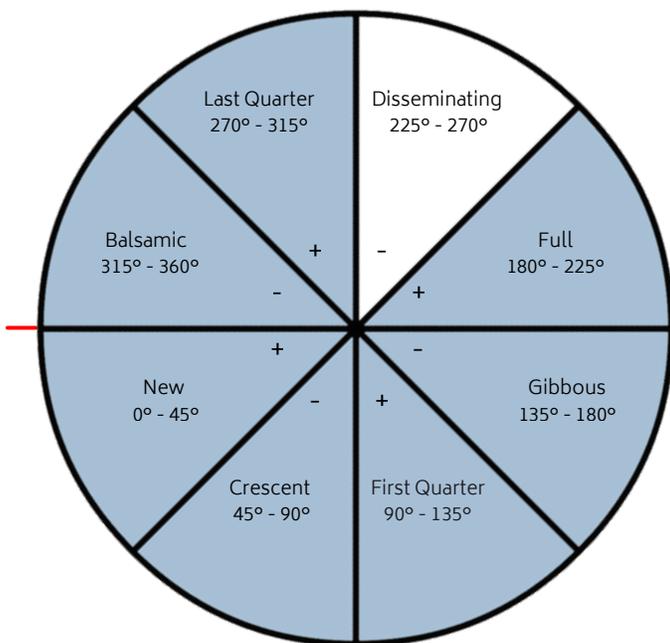
Now the two planets have moved halfway through the entire cycle of 360 degrees. The full phase is the harvest, the apex of the entire process. At this point, the soul has worked on itself and gotten to know itself to the point that it is capable of participating in society as an equal; as a being that has something to contribute in cooperation with others.

This phase is yang and is associated with Libra as this phase correlates to the need to involve oneself in relationships in order to integrate the energies of the planets in a socially relevant way.

This phase presents a unique challenge as it is necessary to find a balance between perceived opposites. This can manifest by way of social challenges that stress the soul to become more integrated. In order to apply one's purpose, there is often a natural rhythmic flow between being going too far out and then needing to go within. This flow must be followed such that balance can be achieved. As per Libra, balance is a dynamic dance, not a static point.

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Disseminating Phase 225° - 269°59'



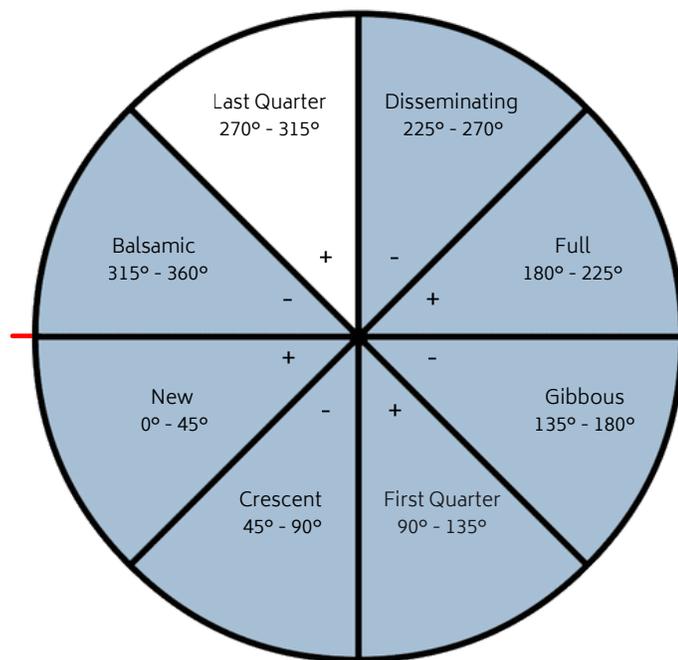
At this point, the purpose of the two planets has come to express itself through very direct and tangible socialization. Now, the soul is stabilizing that expression within society in a way that maximizes the potential of the purpose.

To do this, it is necessary for the soul to osmose within its own consciousness a deep understanding of how society/one's social reality/ whatever one is involved in is structured. Through that osmosis, the planetary energies can express themselves in society, in a way that recognizes and fulfills exactly what is needed.

This phase is yin and is associated with Scorpio based on the need to develop a penetrating consciousness that peers into one's social reality; to completely osmose oneself within one's social environment.

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Last Quarter Phase 270° - 314°59'



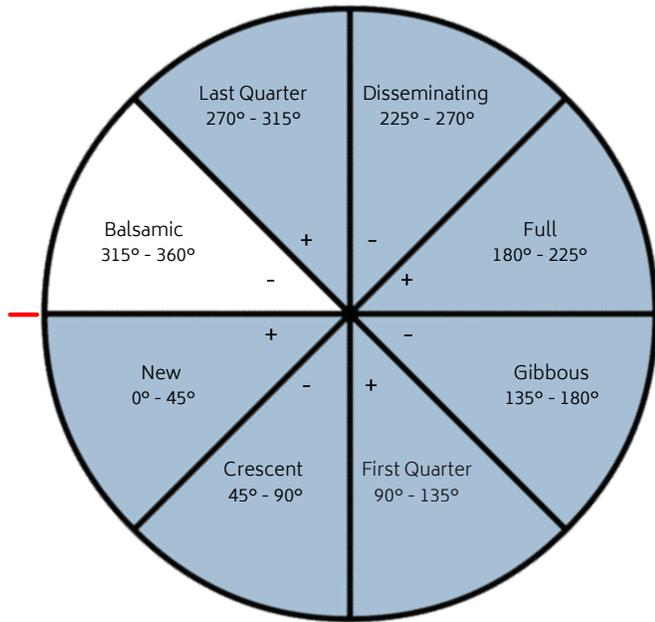
This phase symbolizes the necessity to break away from any social structures, systems, ideas, beliefs, etc that the soul has previously merged with. At this phase, the soul is pressured to actualize its potential in a way that reflects an ongoing deconditioning from all the socialization that has occurred prior to this phase.

This phase is yang and to me, is similar to the energy of Capricorn and Aquarius due to the need to demonstrate greater self-knowledge, the kind that can only come from learned experience (Capricorn), as well as the need to rebel against the prevailing status quo that the soul has become accustomed to (Aquarius).

At this point, it is necessary for the soul to adopt an orientation to life that reflects a more universal value system that is not conditioned by the current social trends and values of society.

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Balsamic Phase 315° - 359°59'



This final phase correlates to the very end of an entire evolutionary cycle. Any two planets manifesting in this phase are completing a cycle that has archetypally taken place over many lifetimes. The essence of this phase is to embrace the transcendental and timeless truths that are absolute, inconsequential of one's immediate reality.

In this phase, the cycle is coming to an end, however is not yet complete. Thus, there is a natural need to surrender and cooperate with whatever processes need to be engaged. In so doing, the energies can express themselves in just the way they are meant to. Furthermore, all unfinished business must be re-lived in order to be resolved. In cooperating with the flow, a soul can become highly inspired to act in accordance to a vision or dream. Letting go of control can express itself as devotion, service, and an underlying faith in a higher power.

This phase is yin and is associated with Pisces as it is necessary in this phase to surrender to the ultimate reality and allow whatever process that needs to unfold to unfold on its own. This phase is characterized by “giving up effort” and learning what actions are appropriate and when. Consciousness is highly internalized at this point, as a soul is humbled through the realization that it is not the one in control. This of course can take various expressions depending on the evolutionary stage of the soul.

Part VI: Meaning of Aspects

What follows is a description of the most commonly used major and minor aspects through the 8 phases. Note, while all aspects are imaged here, I am not covering all the aspects in the same depth as I don't work with all of them to the same degree of depth.

Remember to allow these teachings to gradually imprint themselves in your consciousness. The only way to directly understand these aspects is through lived experience with working with them on charts. This will come to everyone to practices over a long period of time. In this following section, in addition to speaking to the aspects in the various phases, I also organize and visually depict the aspects in order of their mathematical harmonics.

Harmonics

The basis for each aspect is rooted in 360 degrees divided by a whole number. For example, a conjunction is $360/1 = 360$. I.E two points that are 360 degrees from each other. This is the first harmonic. While the opposition is $360/2 = 180$ which is when two points that are 180 degrees from one another. This is the second harmonic. Trines are a 120-degree elongation and are the third harmonic ($360/3 = 120$) and so forth.

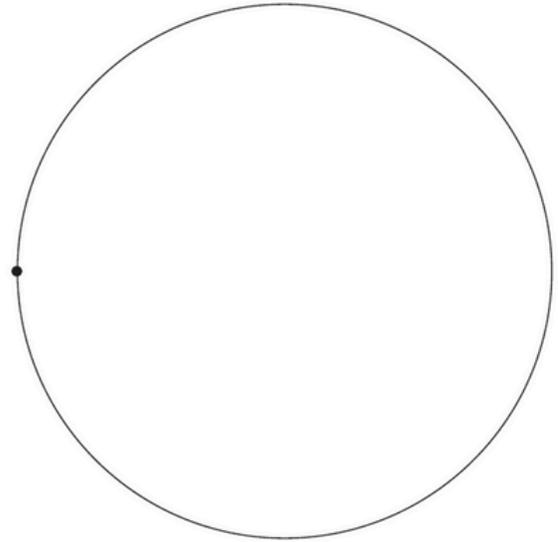
The following teachings are adopted, with slight changes and improvements, from "Evolutionary Astrology: A Beginners Guide" by Ari Moshe Wolfe which itself is based predominately on the teachings of EA as taught by Jeffrey Wolf Green.

Conjunction

There are 2 kinds of conjunctions. There is the new phase conjunction and the balsamic phase conjunction.

The essence of the conjunction, associated with the number 1, is a synthesis, a unification. The two functions are operating in a unified relationship with one another. If the conjunction is occurring within the new phase, then this relationship is just beginning and there is very little familiarity, yet a great deal of energy and intention to discover how to begin the new cycle. The evolutionary intent here is to allow the journey of self-individuation to occur in completely new ways.

If the conjunction is in the balsamic phase, then the union of two has the purpose of bringing to culmination whatever needs to be completed. The intent at this point is to surrender to the process and allow it to unfold on its own. Inner vision and inspiration can occur as the soul surrenders to the flow.



In the above image, a single point in a circle symbolizes the unification of two functions. Whether the phase occurring between the two planets is balsamic or new, the conjunction symbolizes a synthesis of two into one. This image both suggests solidarity as well as the vastness of the entire circle itself.

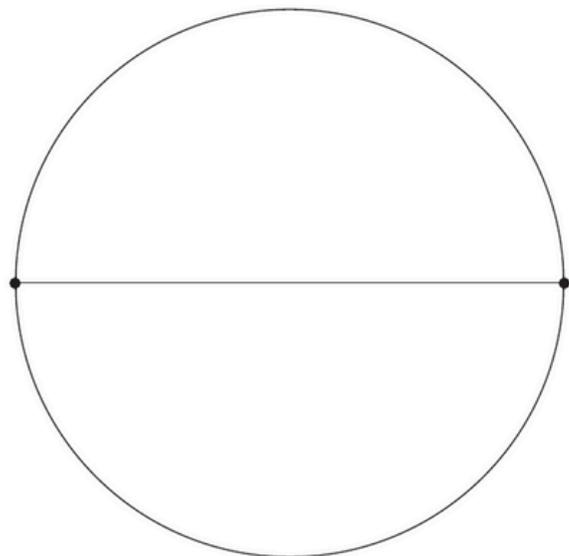
Mathematical basis for the conjunction: $360/1= 360$. The conjunction is the first harmonic.

Opposition



The essence of the opposition, associated with the number 2, is integration of opposites. This is fundamentally different than a conjunction, which is bringing two into one. The intent with an opposition is to develop mastery over duality by learning how to integrate apparent opposites. In this sense it is necessary for the soul to discover, by way of experiencing extremes, how to become more integrated in ones own being.

If the opposition occurs within the gibbous phase, the intent is to give attention to refining and perfecting whatever qualities need to be worked on in order for the soul to offer itself to the world as an equal with others. The challenge that arises during the gibbous phase is the ongoing pressure to interact with a greater diversity of people or experiences that challenge the soul to refine its capacities such that it is can meet the challenges that life offers. This will often imply that the soul will receive critical or constructive feedback/ feel overwhelmed/ like there's a lot to balance. This potentially leads to immense self-awareness.



If the opposition is occurring within the full phase, the intent is to continue to learn about oneself socially by way of exploring a new way to participate as a social being. The challenge in this case is to be actively engaged in a diversity of interaction and relationships, all the while learning how and when to retreat from external stimulation so that the soul can integrate and be centered within.

This image clearly demonstrates the polarizing nature of the opposition. This aspect signifies a remarkable tension as the entire circle is literally divided into two. What was otherwise vast and unexplored is now categorized and divided into polarities of all kinds.

Opposition

Whether the aspect is occurring within the Gibbous phase or the Full phase, the essence of the opposition is to find greater mastery and become a more integrated being. “Flip flopping” or uncertainty/stress generally occurs until/ as that integration is reached. The opposition is one of the most growth oriented aspects in the chart.

Mathematical basis for the opposition: $360/2=180$. The opposition is the second harmonic.

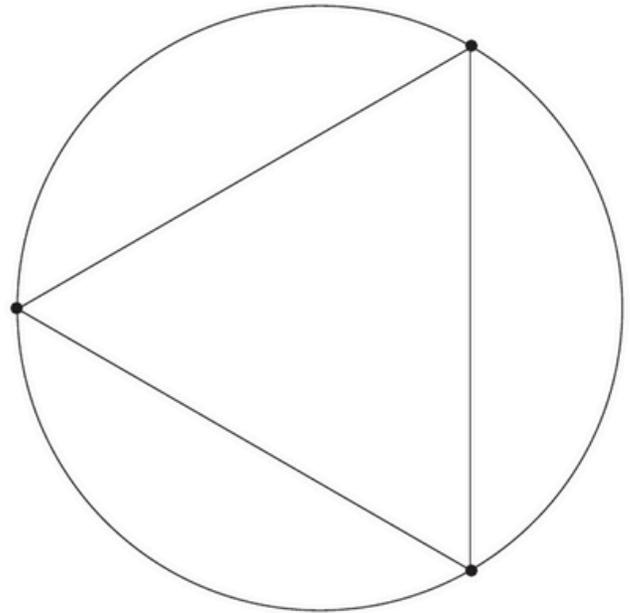
Trine

There are 2 Trines. One trine occurs within the first quarter phase (within an orb of 120 degrees), and the other occurs within the disseminating phase (within an orb of 240 degrees).

The essence of the trine, associated with the number 3, is creative actualization of the awareness that has already been established. There is great potential in this aspect for a soul to become aware of the unique opportunities and skills that are to its avail in order to progress forward. However, based on the “ease” of this aspect, it is also very easy to not do anything at all. Remember, all aspects require actualization.

In the first quarter trine, the intent is to understand what choices and opportunities can be embraced that will enable further development. It is very easy at this point of the cycle for a soul to become aware of various dynamics, challenges, and possibilities, and to know how to work with them in new ways that support the soul’s ongoing development.

The second trine occurs within the disseminating phase and correlates to a soul that has become aware of how society works and how its individual purpose fits in with the larger whole.



There is a strong ability to harmonize with one’s environment based on a grounded understanding on how it works. Therefore, at this point, the soul has the potential to fulfill its purpose in a way that enables further social actualization.

To me, the above image conjures the feeling of some sort of spiritual activation. An equilateral triangle feel stable.

Mathematical basis for the trine:
 $360/3=120$. The trine is the third harmonic.

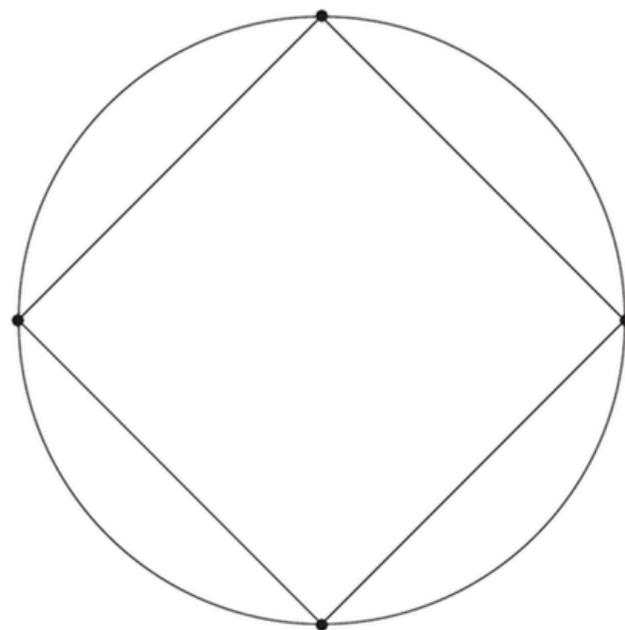
Square

The essence of the square is a crisis that leads to further integration. Squares are catalyzing by their very nature. The intent of a square is to initiate a cardinal turning point in the cycle that will integrate the original purpose in a way that leads to a completely new paradigm. Like the conjunction and the opposition, squares manifest at the cusp of yang phases.

There are two squares that can occur within the orb of 90 degrees. They are the crescent phase square and the first quarter square.

CRESCENT PHASE SQUARE (BEFORE 90 DEGREES)

The crescent phase is about internalizing what has been discovered about oneself. Thus throughout the entire phase, a soul has become accustomed to a lifestyle that reflects the stabilization of the original purpose. Now the intent is to begin to step outside of the well of familiarity and to actualize the purpose in a way that allows for further integration and self-knowledge. There can be a feeling of crisis by which the soul simply does not know what to do or how to do it yet. Thus a feeling of many options and stress. This potentially strengthens the soul as it focuses self-awareness.

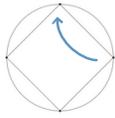


FIRST QUARTER SQUARE (90 DEGREES AND AFTER)

The next square occurs within the first quarter square. The essence of this square is the full onset intent to move forward in a completely new direction that reflects a new awareness of one's purpose. Thus there is also the implication of not knowing what to do, as the soul has simply never been in this position before. Ultimately, the intent is to find constructive new forms that allow for further social integration. There is also a strong sense of there being various choices and directions the soul can take. It is necessary to focus one's mental energies to cultivate more strength.

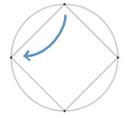
Square

DISSEMINATING SQUARE (BEFORE 270 DEGREES)



Throughout the disseminating phase a soul has become deeply immersed in society. This immersion initially took place by way of the soul learning to peer deeply into society and participating with it in such a way that allows maximum social interaction and participation. By the disseminating square, the soul is now preparing to break free from the trends and customs to which it has adapted. This will produce great insecurity for the soul, as it has become accustomed to the terms and conditions of the status quo. However at this stage, the soul is only aware that the current orientation is personally outdated, and that some sort of change needs to happen. At this phase it is necessary for the mind to break free from the status quo, however based on the fear of the unknown, it is common to move back and forth between the known thought forms, structures, etc of what is familiar, and the new, yet to be experienced, unfolding of one's purpose.

LAST QUARTER SQUARE (270 DEGREES AND AFTER)



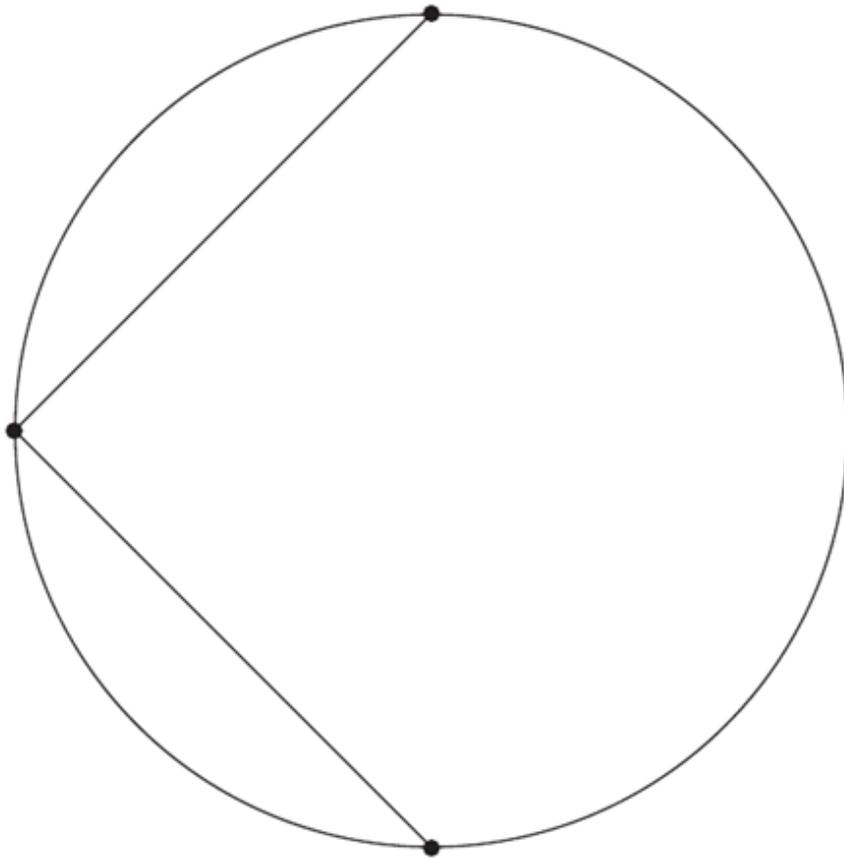
This now begins a new quadrant. The intent at this point is for the soul to liberate from the conditioning that has lead it to this current juncture in the cycle. In order for evolution to proceed, it is necessary for the soul to find new self-definition that allows the original purpose to manifest in a way that reflects an awareness of its innate individuality. This stresses for more creative and constructive self-actualization. Thus a crisis will occur at this point whereby the soul is psychologically drawn to re-invent and re-discover itself, and yet is still very unfamiliar with knowing itself in this new way.

Square

To me, the image of a square depicts hard edges and cardinal changes.

The square is in the same family as the opposition and thus even shares a similar astrological resonance. Mathematically this is symbolized as 4 (square) being divisible by 2 (opposition). Note that each point on the square is the midpoint between the conjunction and opposition, thus it is the ultimate turning point within any cycle on the journey from seeding (conjunction) to harvest (opposition) and back again.

Mathematical basis for the square: $360/4= 90$. The square is the 4th harmonic. This image depicts the 2 ways a square can be formed in a chart



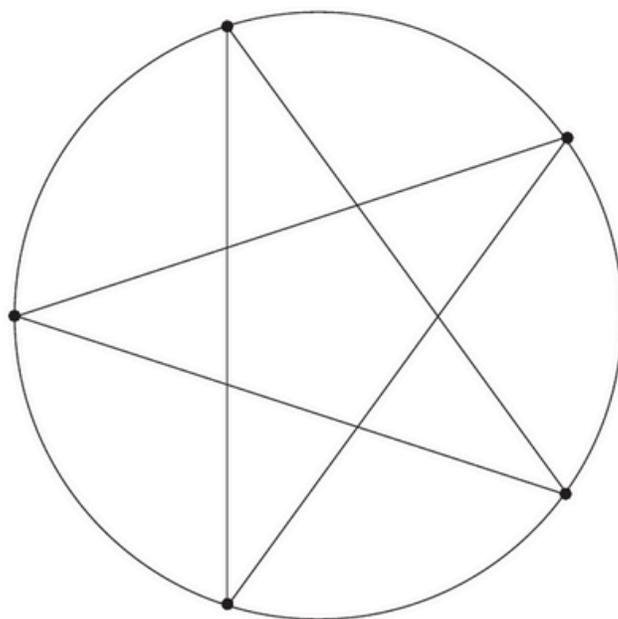
Quintile Q

There are 4 quintiles. One occurs within the crescent phase, another occurs within the gibbous phase (called a biquintile), another in the full phase (also called biquintile), and another within the disseminating phase.

The essence of the quintile, which corresponds to the number 5, is the creative assimilation of what has become known to the soul either by way of its prior accomplishments or by way of knowledge, information or accomplishments made by other people that the soul has been exposed to. In all cases, the quintiles express as a further individuation of the purpose by way of new creative, inspired actualization. We can see that this aspect is not a very challenging aspect. It is in fact an aspect that harmonizes and aligns the soul with its purpose in a completely new and exciting way.

Quintiles are truly one of a kind. It's in its own family, mathematically symbolized as $360/5$, which is not of the same geometry as the angular family (oppositions, squares, semi squares, and sesquiquadrates which are all harmonics of 360 divided by 2, 4 and 8) or the trine family (sextiles, trines which are harmonics of 360 divided by 3 and 6).

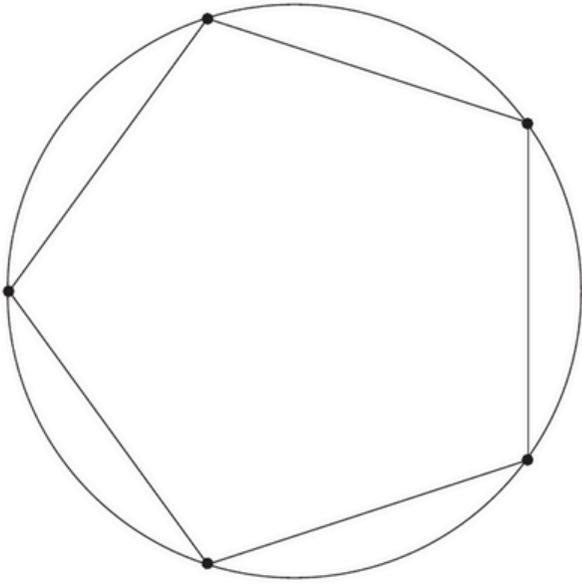
The intent with the quintile is to "jump into the flow" of the creative inspiration. The sparks are there, there is some sort of inspiration, and that inspiration can be actualized as deeply as the soul will allow it.



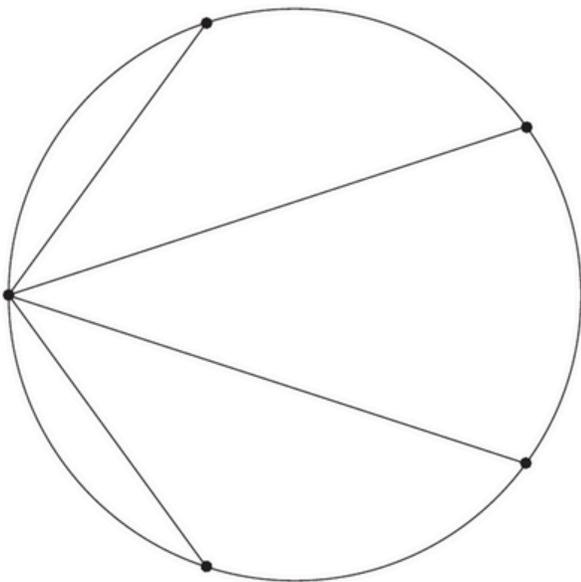
The deep spiritual resonance of this image is quite universal and found all over nature. Oftentimes astrology books refer to this aspect as implying "divine inspiration". This aspect does imply a unique inspiration that the soul has been given in order to serve its ongoing evolution.

Quintile Q

The mathematical basis for the quintile: $360/5=72$. The Quintile is the 5th harmonic.



This image depicts the nature of the quintile through the geometry of the pentagon.



This image depicts the various ways any two planets can create a quintile to one another. Using the point all the way to the left as the stationary planet, 2 quintiles are formed each with an elongation of 72 degrees, and 2 biquintiles are formed each with an elongation of 144 degrees.

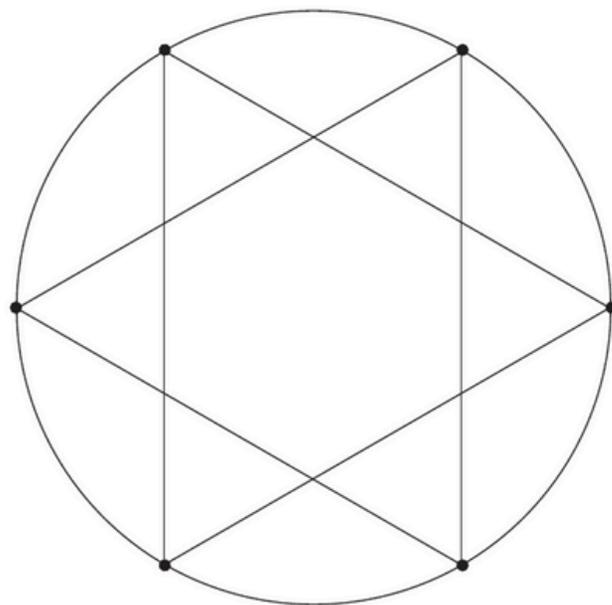
Sextile *

There are two sextiles. One occurs within the crescent phase, the other occurs within the last quarter phase.

The essence of the sextile, which corresponds to the number 6, is a conscious awareness of the evolutionary purpose, and based on that awareness, the opportunity to embrace the appropriate actions that will enable further actualization of that purpose.

The first sextile occurs within the crescent phase, and expresses itself through the crescent psychology of “internalization and withdrawal from outside stimuli”. The soul has established a great deal of awareness of what has led it to be where it currently is and thus what the next steps are. At this point, based on this awareness, the intent is to put forth the effort to consciously actualize and integrate the necessary next steps. In order to do this, the soul retreats from the outside world and focus more intently on its unique purpose. It is very easy to resist effort during this aspect on the basis that effort needs to be made via the soul’s own awareness of what needs to happen next. This effort requires the decision to act upon what is waiting to be acted upon. Otherwise, laziness and wasted potential ensue.

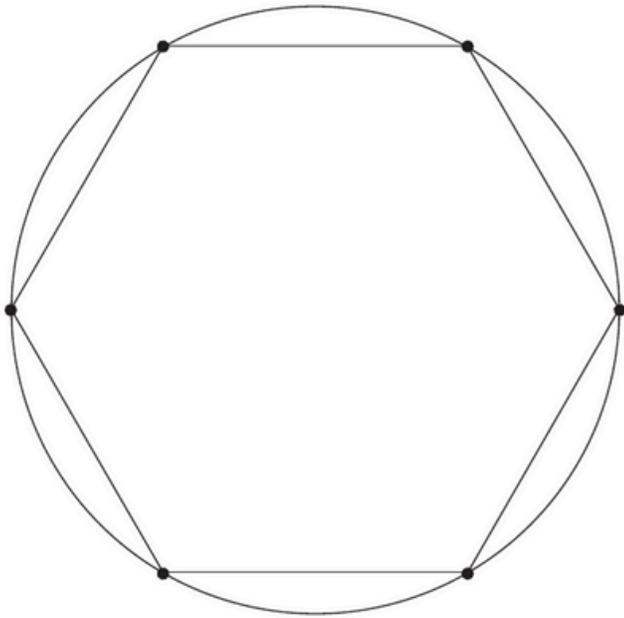
The next sextile occurs within the last quarter phase, and thus has a yang quality to it. At this point it is now possible for the soul, given the appropriate effort is made, to more fully offer its purpose to society in a way that reflects it’s highly developed self-awareness. A soul will have a strong awareness of the past that has led to the current stage, and with effort can create something entirely new. As always, harmonizing with this path in such a way can easily be resisted.



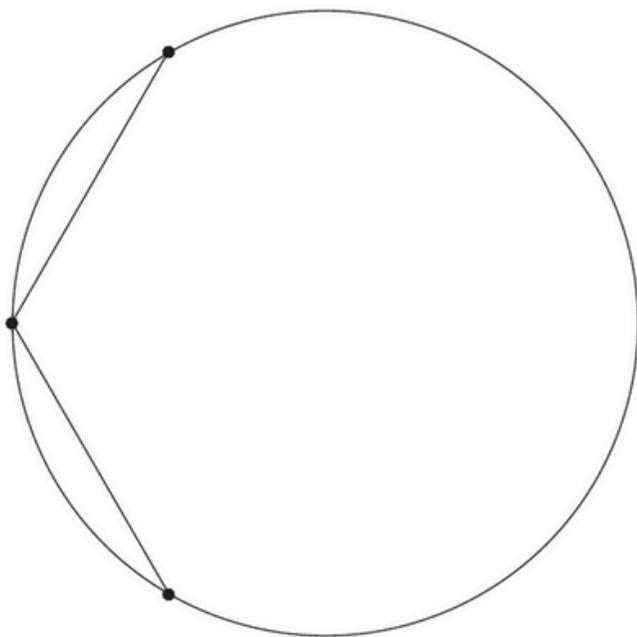
Notice that this hexagram is comprised of two equilateral triangles. The sextile is a division of the trine; they are a part of the same family and thus even share a similar astrological resonance.

Mathematical basis for the sextile: $360/6=60$. The sextile is the 6th harmonic.

Sextile *



This image depicts all the ways a sextile can be formed from one point to the next.



This image depicts the 2 ways a sextile can occur relative to any two points on the chart.

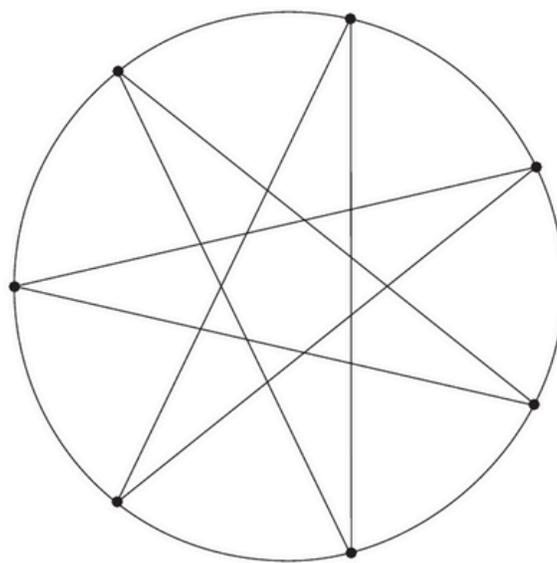
Septile ✖

There are 6 aspects in the septile family. Two septiles, two biseptiles, and two triseptiles. The septiles are correlated to the number 7.

360 divided by 7 is an irrational number, thus in truth there never was and never will be an exact septile between any two points on any chart. This says something about what the septile represents. In a sense it's a completely non-linear, irrational facet of a soul's journey. The way it operates is by way of particular events or people that a soul programs into its life that will, at key points, show up in the soul's life with the sole intent to keep the soul on track with its evolutionary journey. These points will correspond to periods whereby the soul will have the opportunity to choose to either continue in the direction of its purpose or to resist the purpose entirely. This is what Jeff Green calls the famous "fork in the road".

Of course, free will always exists, therefore it is still possible for a soul to ignore the "programs" that pop up that intend to keep the soul focused on its purpose.

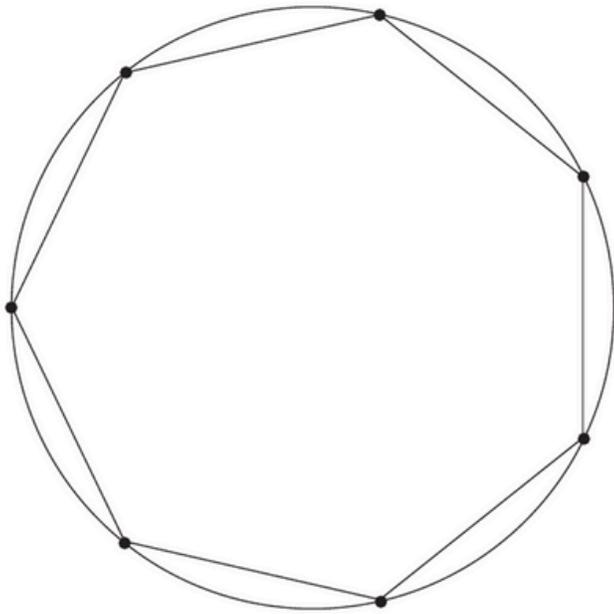
Inherent to the septile aspect is the awareness of a special destiny that the soul feels drawn towards.



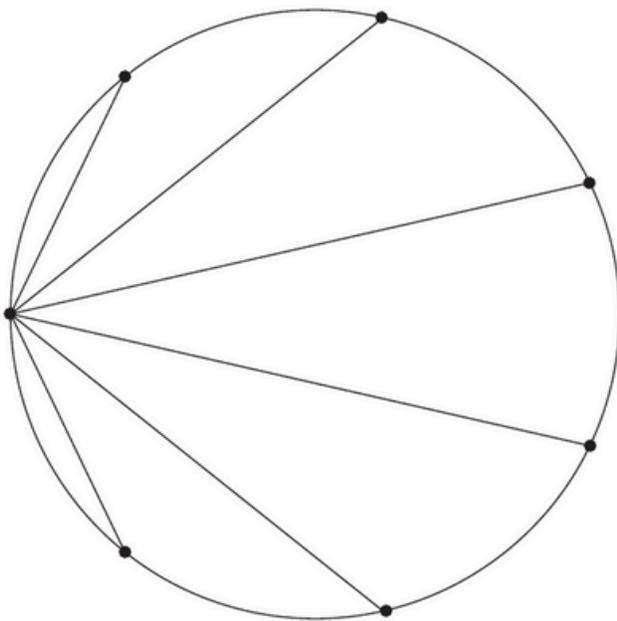
Unlike the Square and opposition family, and the trine and sextile family, the septile is in its own family for the same reason that 7 is not divisible by any other number except for itself and 1. While the above image looks nice, it actually doesn't exist on the basis that no circle can be divided into 7 equal parts.

Mathematical basis for the septile:
 $360/7 = 51.4287...$ The septile is the 7th harmonic.

Septile ✖



This image depicts the nature of the 51.45(...) elongation from one point to the next.

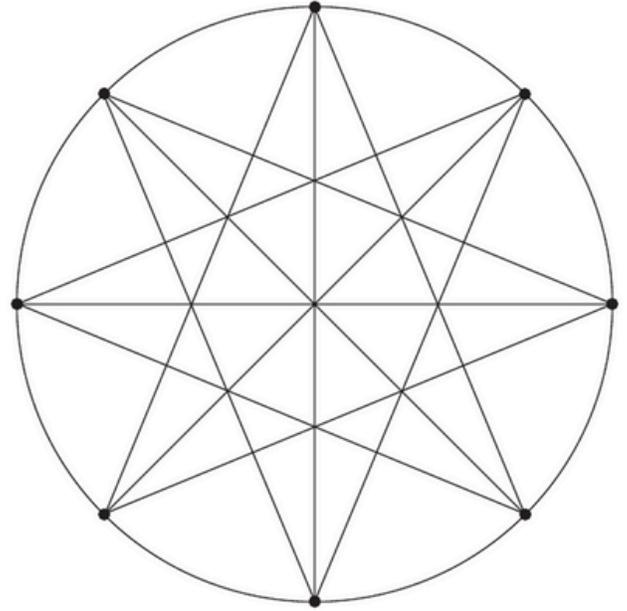


This image depicts all the ways the septile aspects can occur relative to one point. The point on the far left is the stationary point in this image. 2 septiles are formed to that point, 2 bisectiles, and 2 triseptiles.

Semisquare \angle & Sesquiquadrate

The semi squares and sesquiquadrates are associated with the number 8th and are created by divisions of 45 degrees. There are 2 semi squares and 2 sesquiquadrates. However for each of the 2 semi-square and each of the 2 sesquiquadrates, there are 2 aspects that occur at the end of the yang phases, and 2 aspects that occurs in the beginning of the yin phases. Basically, the semi squares and sesquiquadrates correspond to the beginning of all the yin phases and the ending of all the yang phases.

The archetypal nature of the semisquare and sesquiquadrate is micromanaging/focusing/refining the purpose in such a way that it can find an expression that is appropriate for the current reality. These aspects imply that there are constructive, wise choices and actions to take in order to further integrate what has been developed up until the point of that aspect. If this integration does not occur, then sloppiness and lack of meaningful focus tends to be the issue.



Another way to say that: the semisquare and sesquiquadrate implies "curbing what has become excessive" (Adam Gainsburg quote) in order to make progress. The fact that they are all transitions into yin phases implies that these aspects imply the evolutionary necessity to slow down and focus.

Mathematical basis for the semisquare and sesquiquadrate: $360/8 = 45$. The sesquiquadrate and semi square are the 8th harmonic. Can also be understood as half a square (4th harmonic times 2).

Semisquare \angle & Sesquiquadrate

The semi squares and sesquiquadrate are in the square family ($90/2= 45$). I like to think of the semisquare and the sesquiquadrate as more refined, detailed, and inwardly directed manifestations of a square. That's why I use the word "micromanaging". It is necessary to slow down and make necessary adjustments.

"Excuse making" and overcompensation are common expressions of these aspects. This is because it requires will and effort, and most of all, proper understanding in order to make new adjustments to one's life. Thus, until this maturity has been developed, there is often a tendency to make excuses.

Semisquare \angle

The semi-square occurs 4 times. Within an elongation of 45 degrees = new or crescent phase. Within an elongation of 315 degrees = last quarter or balsamic phase.

The semi-square aspect that occurs within the new phase (before 45 degrees) correlates to a gradual internalization of energy that has the purpose of slowing the soul down on it's exciting adventure of self-discovery (new phase) in order to prepare the soul to begin the long process of processing and internalizing what has been discovered (crescent phase). The challenge during this aspect is to actually slow down. There is an immense degree of restlessness that needs to be curbed and channeled into a way of being that allows further integration. It is easy for a soul at this point to resist the necessity to become more internal.

When this aspect occurs within the crescent phase (45 degrees and after), it signifies the very beginning of a new phase. The beginning of the crescent phase implies that the soul is not yet familiar with being internal. The intent during this aspect is to continue to refine and develop the structure that has been created so that the soul can get to know itself on a deeply intimate level, and develop its purpose. This requires active focus and intent on the part of the soul to become more contained within itself.

Semisquare

The next semi-square can either manifest at the end of the last quarter phase or the beginning of the balsamic phase. The semi square aspect that occurs at the end of the last quarter phase (before 315 degrees) correlates to a soul that is closing up an entire chapter of creative self actualization and individuation. Now the intent is to surrender one's genius, one's creative accomplishments to the underlying reality that it is not the one in control. The stress often experienced at this point is based on the deeply ingrained familiarity with having outwardly expressed one's purpose and having already established a deep sense of personal meaning in life. At this point the soul has to tune in and make necessary adjustments in its life in order to complete what needs to be completed and create the space for a new cycle of self contemplation and reflection on the universal meaning and purpose of its life.

When this aspect occurs within the balsamic phase (315 degrees and after), it signifies the very beginning of the very last phase of the cycle. The balsamic phase is about completions; it corresponds to the timeless and universal truths of creation. The entire evolutionary journey that has lead to this point in the cycle must now be fully embraced such that a progressive movement is made by the soul to build a life for itself whereby the purpose can be offered in service. The key is to allow the social purpose to function in the way that it is meant to, as opposed to the way the soul is used to doing it. The crisis that can arise at this point is based on facing the void of having nothing to hold onto. The evolutionary necessity of this aspect is to learn trust and faith in a higher principal and to act in accordance with that faith.

Sesquiquadrate

Within orb of 135 degrees the sesquiquadrate can occur within the first quarter phase or gibbous phase.

Within orb of 225 degrees the sesquiquadrate can occur within the full phase or disseminating phase.

The first quarter phase sesquiquadrate (before 135 degrees) is a transitional state to a new phase. This aspect has the balsamic quality of "completing" (this is true by the way for all aspects that occur at the end of a phase). What's necessary is for the soul to learn how to slow down, to curb whatever behaviors are overly excessive or do not allow further self-mastery. When moving from the first quarter phase to the gibbous phase the archetypal theme is humility via inner withdrawal and reflection on what needs to be improved.

Moving from the first quarter to the gibbous phase, there simply isn't very much awareness yet as to how to become progressively socialized in the world in a sustainable and workable way (i.e. try maintaining a daily yoga practice without proper alignment - you won't last very long!) Thus in the gibbous phase, there is the need to continue to take the steps to adopt and adjust in the ways that are necessary. There can be great resistance in this phase to embracing the requirement to actually slow down and take it "one step at a time". As is common in the gibbous phase, at times it will take a crisis for the soul to learn the necessary patience and self-effort.

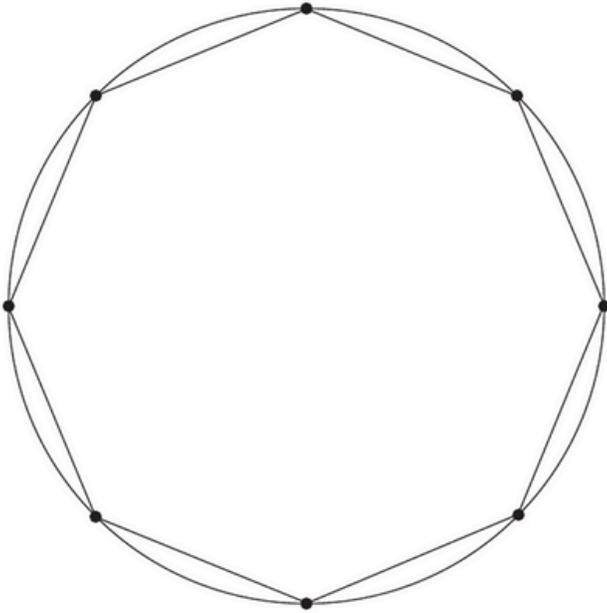
Sesquiquadrate

The sesquiquadrate that occurs within the full phase (before 225 degrees) is again, completing a phase. This phase has represented the initial exposure to society and participation as an equal. Thus this requires the soul to slow down and reformulate its awareness of how society works - its rules, laws customs etc, and to make necessary adjustments accordingly. The need is to understand what structures are to be developed, embraced or integrated in order to further immerse oneself in society. Up until this stage the soul has been hanging out by a pool of water, occasionally dipping its feet in it, interacting with some of the swimmers and the people hanging out by the pool. The stress that occurs at this phase is that the soul needs to take what it has learned about swimming and start getting itself into the water! Thus it's going to have to focus on what it needs to do/learn/wear/prepare etc... in order to successfully swim in the water.

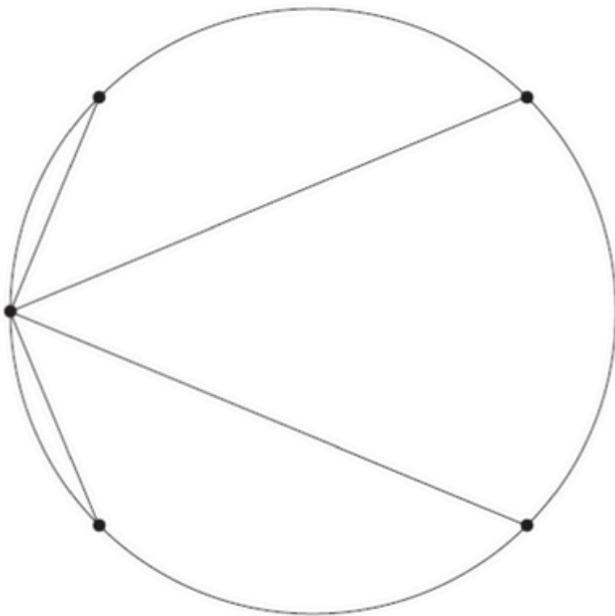
The example Jeff Green offers for this aspect is Mercury Pluto in a full phase sesquiquadrate. If the soul realizes that becoming a psychologist would be an appropriate way to integrate its own unique purpose, then the soul necessarily needs to understand what is required by society in order to do that (school, credentials, pre-requisites etc). Again micro-managing.

The sesquiquadrate in the disseminating phase (225 degrees and after) reflects the beginning of a complete immersion within society. The intent at this point is to continue to make whatever adjustments are necessary in order to fully participate in society in a way that meets the needs and realities of its society. Progressively, through the disseminating phase, a soul osmoses into its own consciousness a deeply penetrating awareness of its social reality, and how to participate within it in a way to fulfill its purpose. And so, in the beginning of this phase, via the sesquiquadrate aspect, there needs to be an strong degree of awareness channeled into understanding one's purpose and making the necessary adjustments based on that awareness.

Sesquiquadrate



This image depicts the nature of a 45 degree elongation from one point to the next. This image presents 8 semisquares.



This image points out that there are in fact two semi squares as symbolizes by the two points closest to the center point on the left. The other two points on the right depict two sesquiquadrates that are formed to that center point on the left.

Semisextile

There are two semi sextiles, one that occurs within the new phase within an orb of 30 degrees, and another that occurs within the balsamic phase within an orb or 330 degrees.

The semi sextile that occurs within the new phase is what Jeff Green calls a “psychological irritant”. The purpose at this stage is to focus the scattered energy of the new phase towards a cohesion that will allow further integration to occur in the future. At this aspect, it’s easy for a soul to feel as if it is losing its freedom on the basis that it can’t just do whatever it wants to do (as is the case in the new phase conjunction which can feel a lot more random and open ended).

The semi sextile that occurs within the balsamic phase symbolizes a gradual dissolving of the original purpose into a universal and overarching meaning that is entirely outside the realm of anything concrete or tangible. Thus the necessity at this aspect is for a soul to surrender itself to a meaning or higher ideal that will serve as a focusing agent for the soul’s purpose which is now becoming more and more spiritualized. This aspect too can feel irritating on the need to let go of control and start to slow down, go within even more.

A similar vibration to the semisextile is the inconjunct. Both the semisextile and inconjunct can be characterized as a conjunction or opposition +/- 30 degrees.

Inconjunct (Quincunx)

There are two inconjuncts. One occurs within the gibbous phase at 150 degrees. The other occurs within the full phase at 210 degrees.

The inconjunct ultimately points to the necessity to surrender to what works and to align with the appropriate actions, even if it doesn't "make sense" or the soul doesn't quite know how it'll work out.

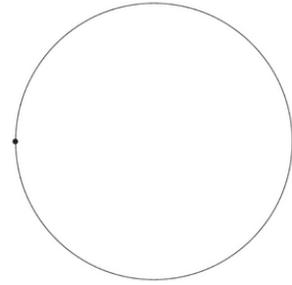
The inconjunct within the gibbous phase correlates to the need to become aware of a special purpose that the soul is meant to fulfill, and the crisis in aligning with the appropriate actions that are necessary in order to fulfill that purpose. Thus it has a lot to do with "getting out of one's own way", "letting go and letting god" and "taking it one step at a time". Until the inconjunct is integrated, it can manifest as an angst that there's something to do but, "I just don't know how or what to do". It is necessary in this aspect for a soul to just show up. This aspect can produce a deep humility and self-knowledge.

A good analogy for this aspect would be a person who is faced with various tasks to fulfill; the fulfillment of which requires hard work and a significant degree of "know how". Thus instead of feeling overwhelmed by how much there is to do and comparing oneself to others who are already doing a better job, the soul just does what it can without creating unnecessary stress. In so doing, the path literally unfolds on its own.

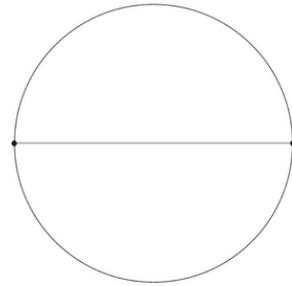
The inconjunct that occurs within the full phase necessitates the soul to pay attention to its environment and showing up in the ways that are needed of the soul. The challenge in this phase is overcoming the resistance to actually offering oneself in the way that is needed, as opposed to the way the soul wants to be needed. The essence of the full phase is balance within the context of socialization. Thus, this soul must become aware of what it can and cannot do within its society. If the soul does not listen to what is needed of itself then the soul will be faced with a perpetual feeling of "annoyance" that it just doesn't feel like it is doing the work it is meant to do. Ultimately a soul can develop social humility through the confrontations and thus adjustments the soul learns along the way.

Summary of Aspects & Harmonics

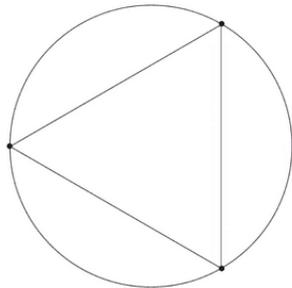
What is 360 divided by 1? The answer is 360. This is the mathematics that explains the basis for a conjunction. Consider this image. Here we have one point with a zero degree elongation (or said differently, a 360 degree elongation).



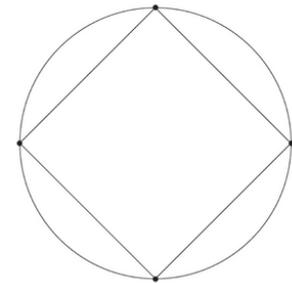
What is 360 divided by 2? The answer is 180. Consider this image. Here we have two points separated by a 180 degree elongation. This is the mathematical basis for the opposition.



What is 360 divided by 3? 120. This is the mathematical basis for the trine which is represented by points that are 120 degrees from one another.

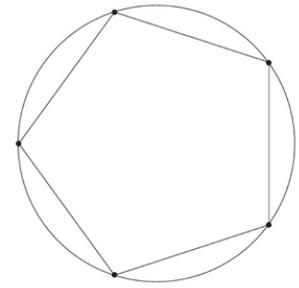


360 divided by 4 is 90. This is the mathematical basis for the square, each point separated by a 90 degree elongation.

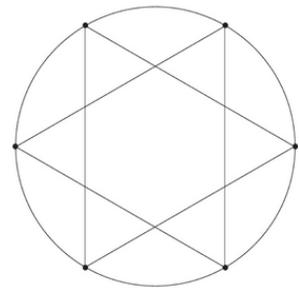


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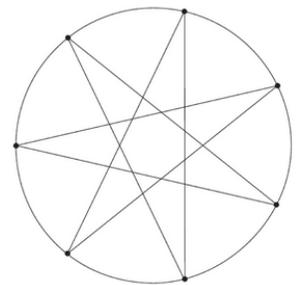
360 degrees divided by 5 is 72. This is the mathematical basis for the quintile. Each point separated by 72 degrees.



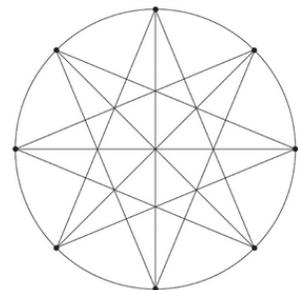
360 divided by 6 is 60. This is the mathematical basis for the sextile, each point separated by a 60 degree elongation.



360 degrees divided by 7 is 51.4285714 (a repeating irrational number). This is the mathematical basis for the septile, each point separated by a 51.42857... elongation.



360 divided by 8 is 45. This is the mathematical basis for the semi square and the sesquiquadrate, each point separated by 45 degrees. Note the difference between a semi square and a sesquiquadrate is that the semi square is 45 degrees before or after the conjunction (45 and 315 degree elongation) whereas the sesquiquadrate is 45 degrees before or after the opposition (135 and 225 degree elongation).



*Special note on the semi sextile and the inconjunct (or quincunx). These aspects are 30 degrees before or after the conjunction (zero degrees) and opposition. Officially they are the 12th harmonic (360 divided by 12).

Aspects Through the Zodiac

All Around the Zodiac

If we place the conjunction at zero degrees Aries, we form a basis for understanding the flow of aspects from 0 to 360 degrees through the parallel of the natural zodiac. This is one natural and intuitive way to develop a grasp of all the aspects. I am going to exemplify this, addressing only some of the aspects from 0-180 just to make the point.

At 0 Aries, we have the beginning of a new relationship. It's entirely subjective and open to experience. There's a need for a lot of new experience in order to enact learning and realization. This is the nature of the conjunction.

30 degrees later we reach Taurus. This is the first motion towards consolidation and internalization of all the random and new experiences enacted at the conjunction. The need is to begin to slow down and this can feel irritating and hard due to the immense momentum and yang energy from the conjunction. This is the semi-sextile.

At 60 degrees we have the sextile at the very beginning of Gemini. This represents a spur of new energy to go out and explore new options, experiences, new connections. There's a lot of creative energy and flow available in the sextile.

Aspects Through the Zodiac

At 90 degrees we have the first quarter square. This square represents a tension in growth. Consider the need for freedom in Aries in contrast to the need for security and safety in Cancer. Now, the soul needs to establish a sense of identity and begin to create for itself an emotional life that meets who it knows itself to be on a deep internal level.

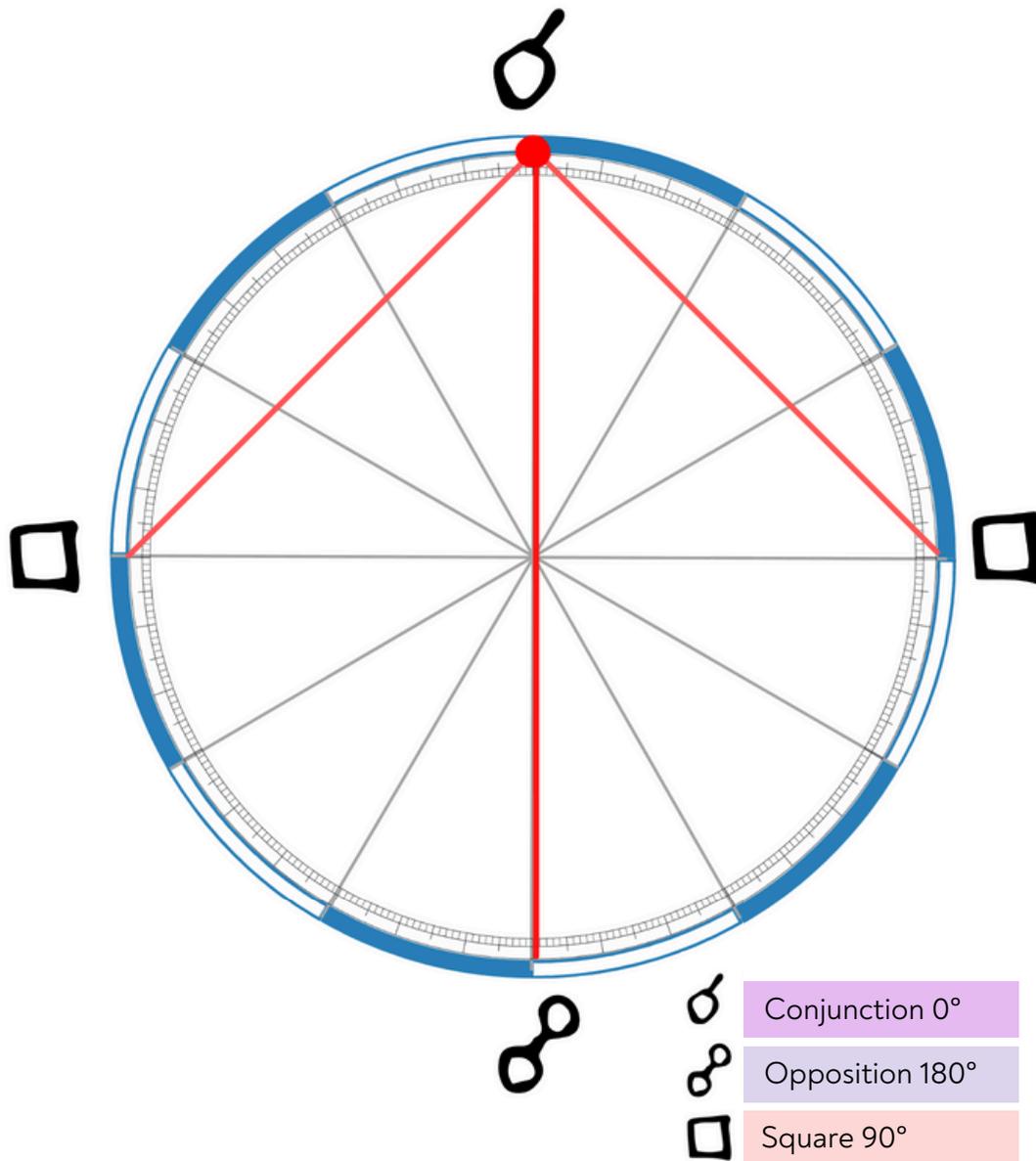
At 120 degrees to Leo we have the trine. This is an influx of greater creative potential, skill, and capacity. This is intuitive if you just consider the natural relationship between Aries and Leo.

Next, at 180 degrees we have the opposition. This naturally reflects the polarity between a very subjective personal sense of self-discovery (conjunction) and the reality of "other", that which exposes oneself to a large world of other people's values, social experiences, and that which comes from one's social reality. The need here is to balance and find harmony between apparent opposites. Again this is intuitive if you consider the relationship between Aries and Libra.

And so forth. This can be practiced with any rising sign. For example, another way to connect with the meaning of the first quarter square is to look at the relationship between an archetypal Scorpio Rising and Aquarius on the IC, and so forth.

Aspect Families

ANGULAR ASPECTS

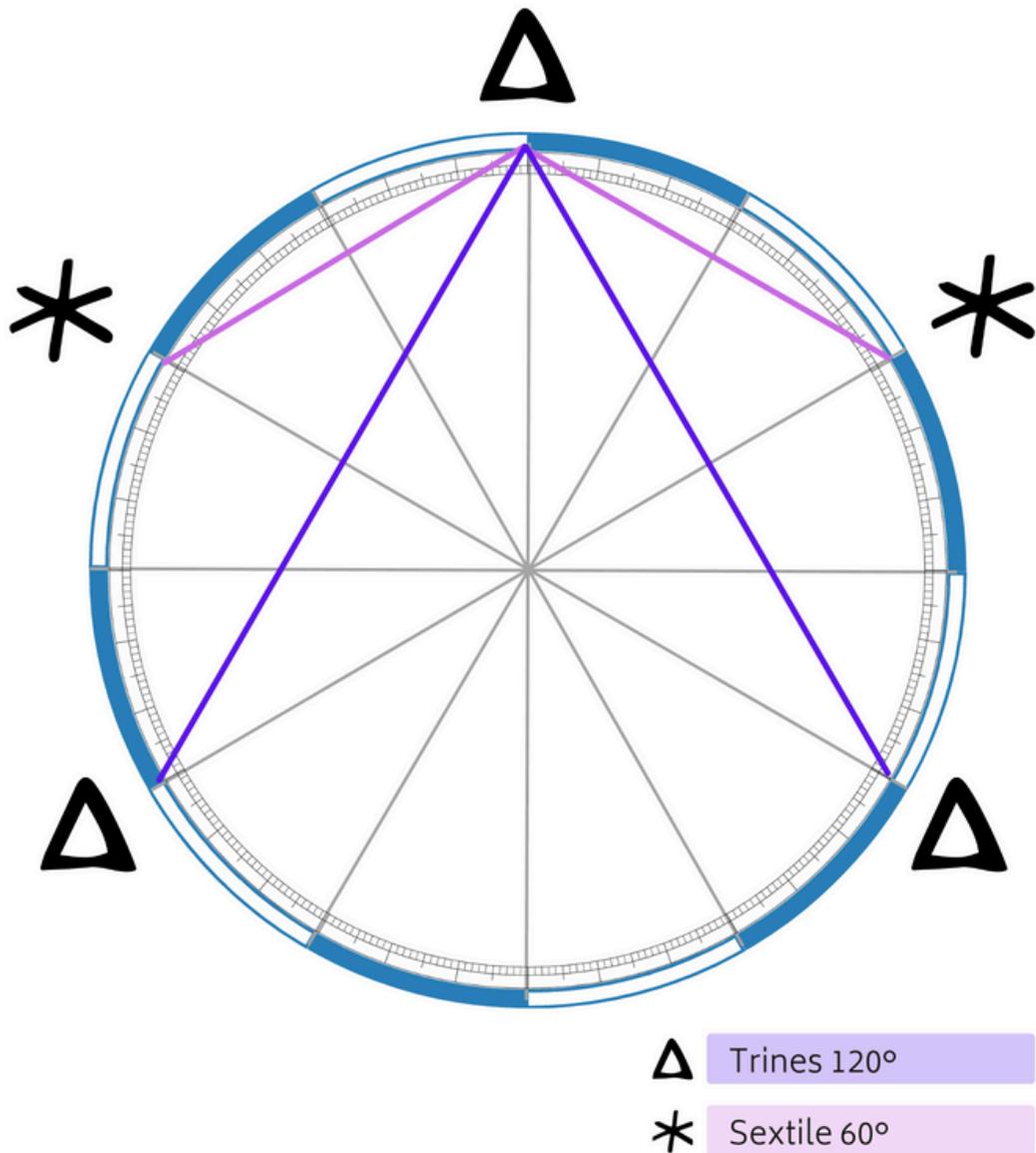


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The Angular aspects familiar are the conjunction, square and opposition. These are the 1st, 2nd and 4th harmonics. They each begin the yang phases. These aspects are catalyzing, dynamic, instigating turning points, strong choices, direction and life challenges that refine and strengthen.

Aspect Families

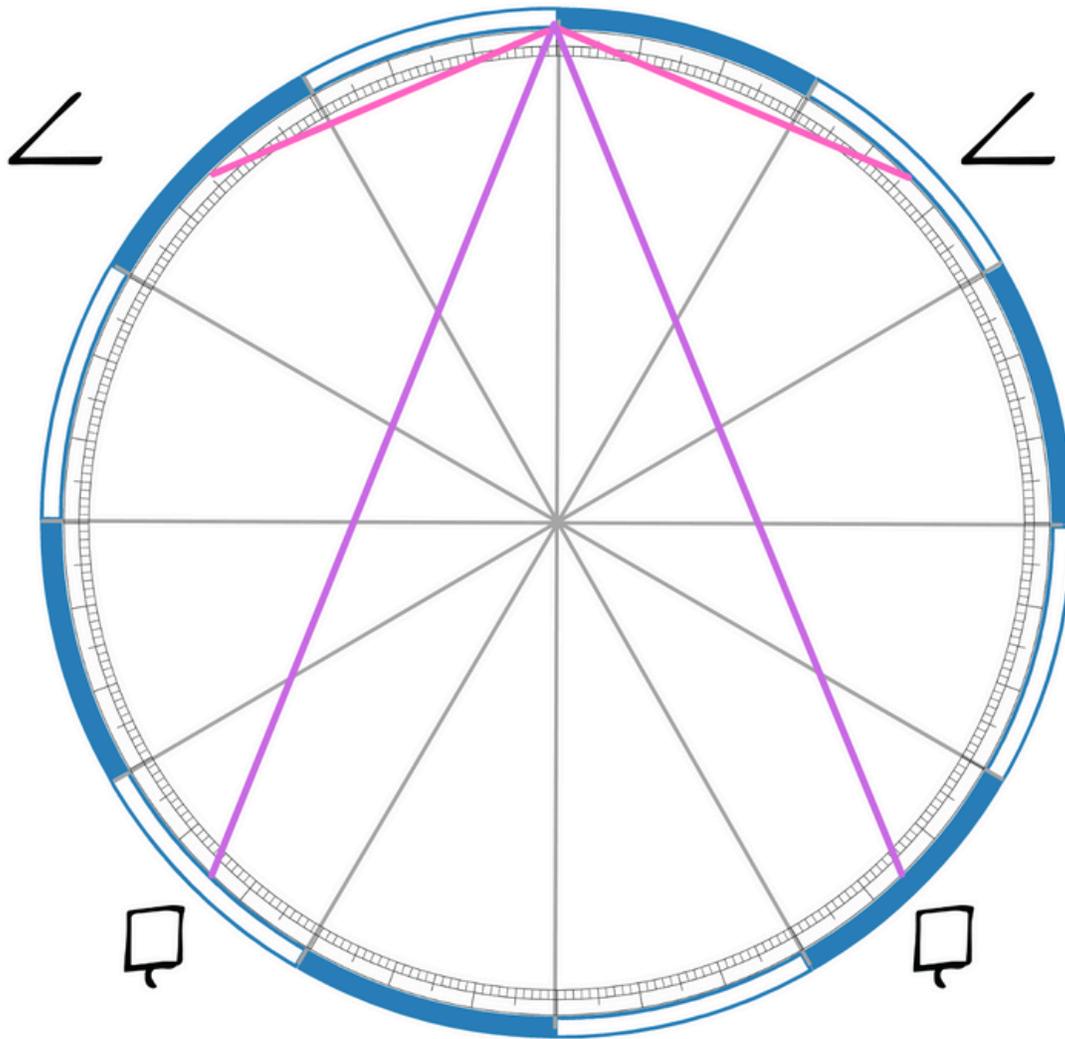
TRINES AND SEXTILES



The Trine and Sextile aspect family are of the 3rd and 6th harmonic. They resonate with easy integration, harmony, greater capacity to understand and integrate experience. If you connect the entire chart with trines and sextiles you end up with a perfect six pointed star, often understood as the "heart center" mid point between upper and lower.

Aspect Families

SEMISQUARES AND SESQUIQUADRATES



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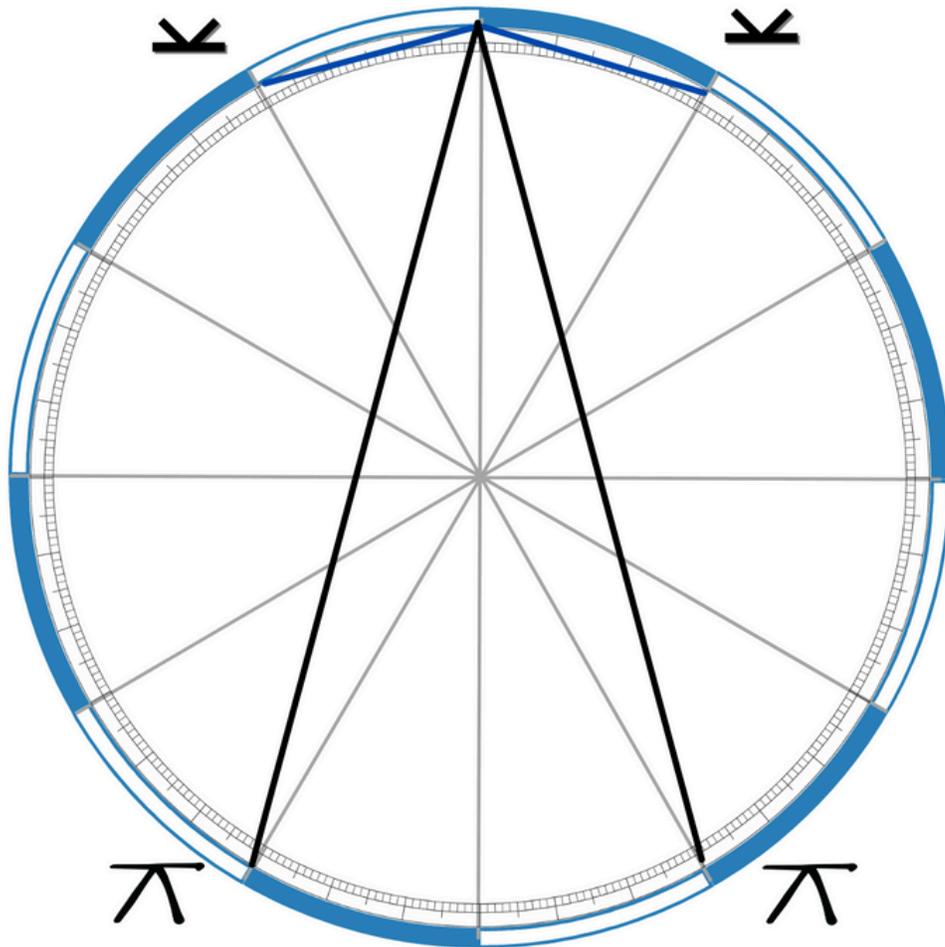


Sesquiquadrate 135, 225°

The semisquare and sesquiquadrate family are of the 8th harmonic. They begin the yin phases. These aspects are focusing, narrowing, refining, slowing down and internalizing.

Aspect Families

INCONJUNCTS AND SEMISEXTILES



Semi-sextile 30°

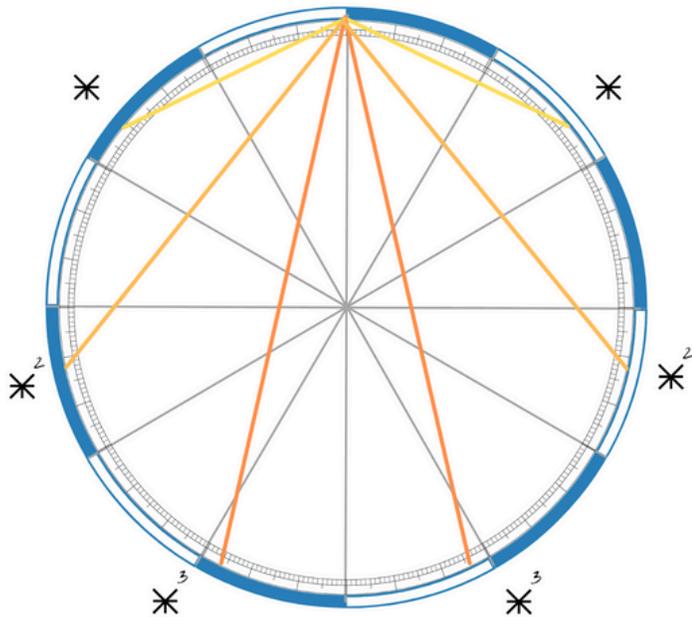


Inconjunct/Quincunx 150, 210°

The semi sextile and the inconjunct can be understood as a conjunction or opposition plus or minus 30 degrees. The semi sextile is officially the 12th harmonic. These aspects both point to the need to integrate and adjust, when such adjustments might feel unclear/confusing/irritating.

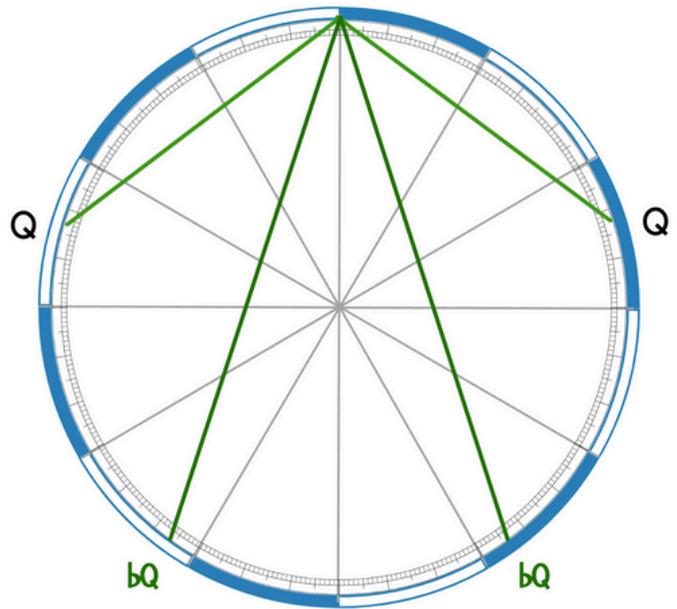
Meaning of Aspects (cont'd)

SEPTILES



- ✱ Septile $51^{\circ} 26'$
- ✱² Bi-Septile $102^{\circ} 52'$
- ✱³ Tri-Septile $154^{\circ} 17'$

QUINTILE



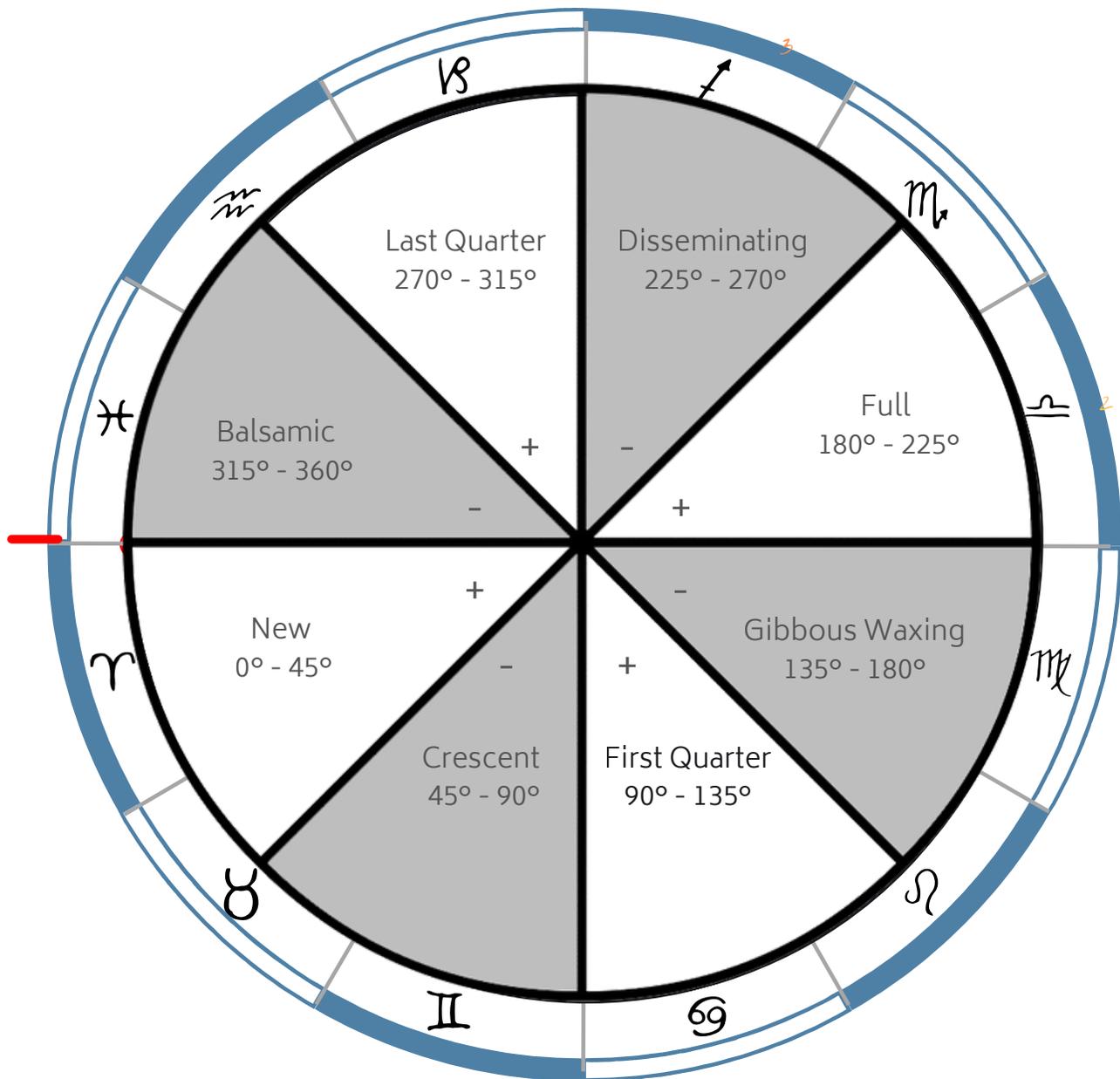
- Q Quintile $72^{\circ}, 288^{\circ}$
- bQ Biquintile $144^{\circ}, 216^{\circ}$

Both the Quintile and the Septile are each in their own individual family. Harmonically this is reflected in both being their own prime number. Respectively the 5th harmonic and the 7th.

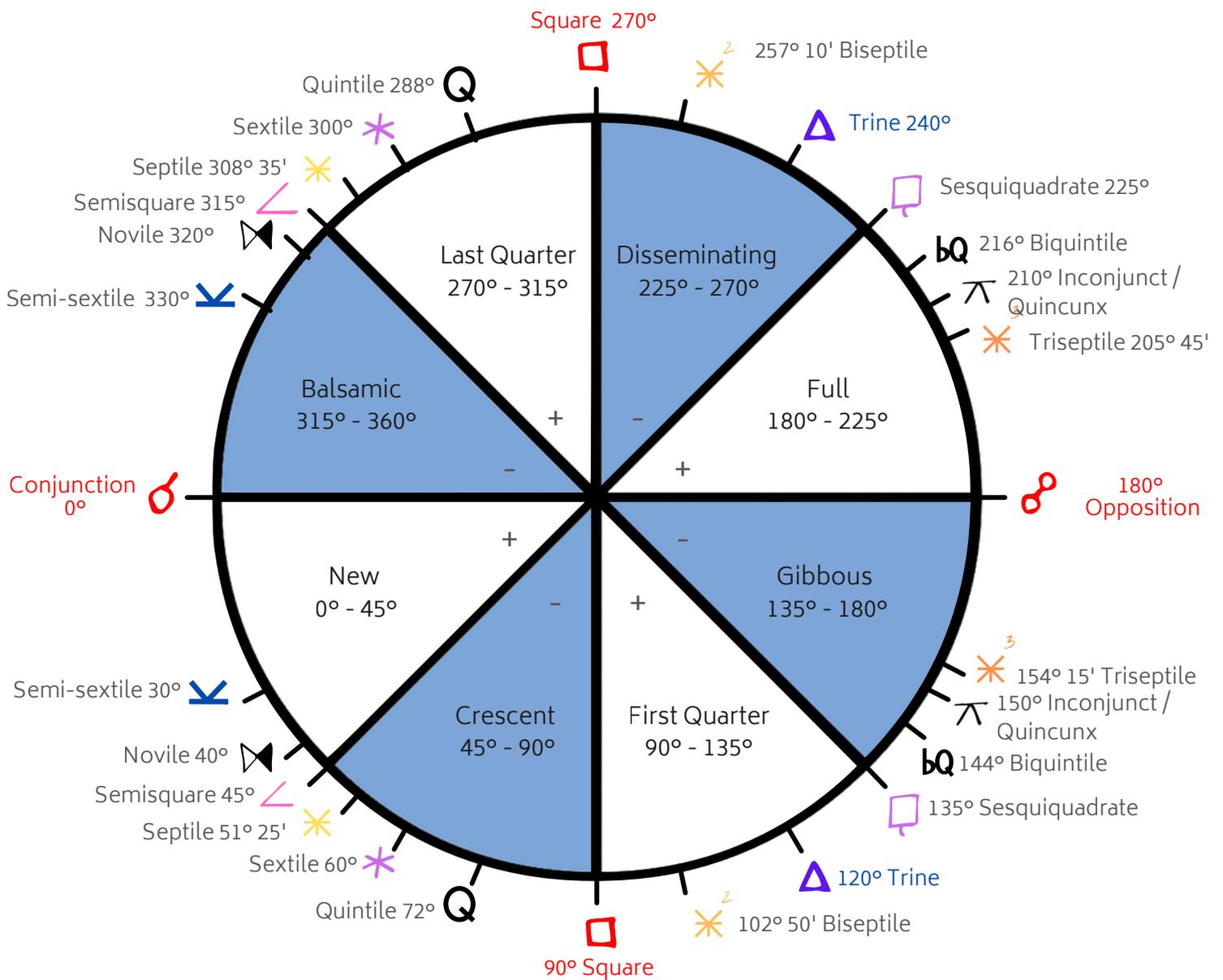
The septiles are known to correspond to fated moments where there is a key choice "fork in the road" as Jeff Green puts it. Also fated meetings.

The quintiles speaks to a particularly well refined artistic/creative attunement that is to be actualized.

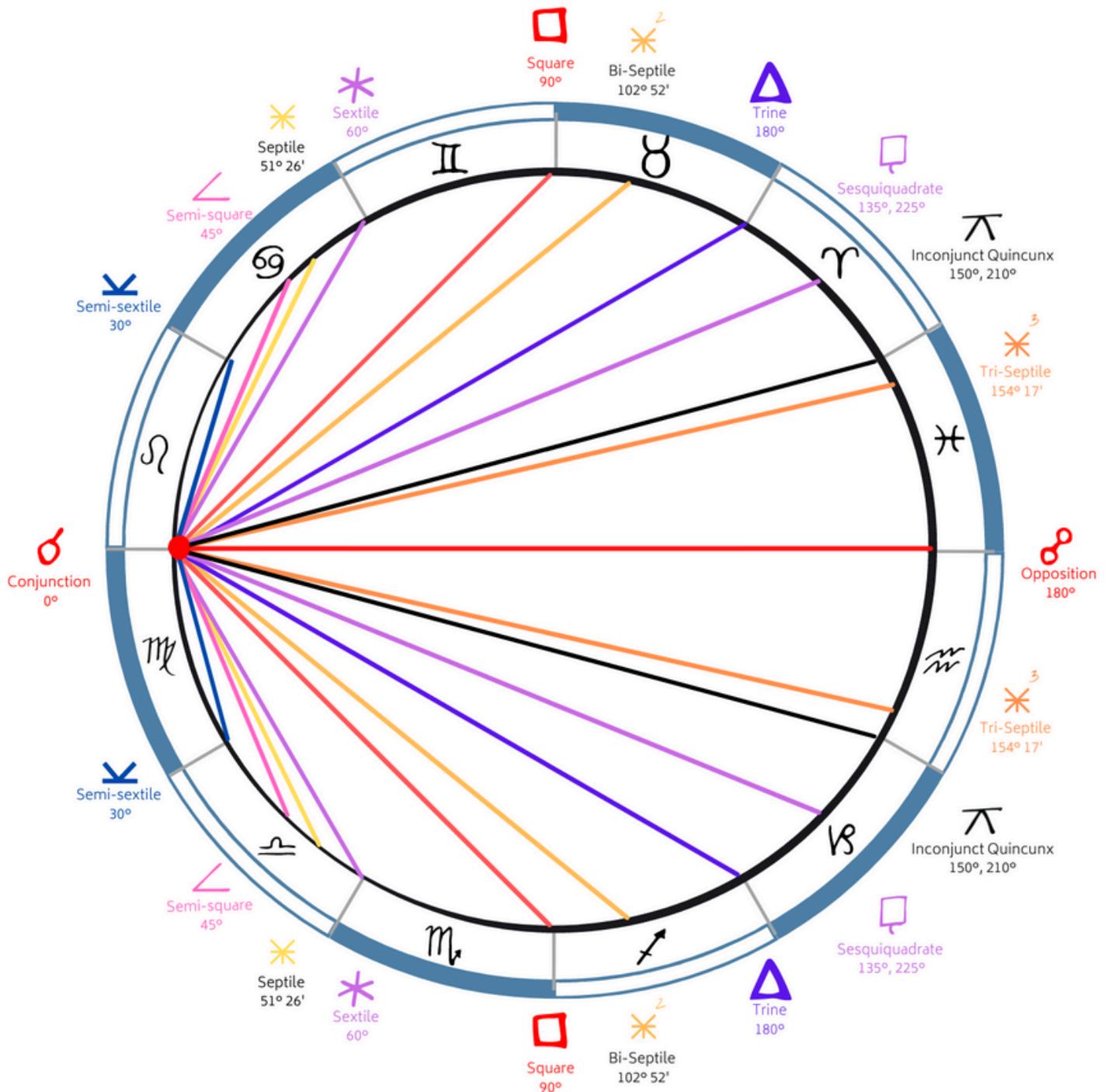
Phases on the Zodiac



8 Phases with Aspects



Virgo Rising



Part VII: Review and Practice

PRACTICE

Using the above chart, apply the archetypal meaning of aspects and phases with zero degrees Virgo as the stationary point. (I.E. the first quarter square would be symbolized by the square between zero Virgo and zero Sagittarius and so forth).

For those in the live program, we will work on this during our live class.

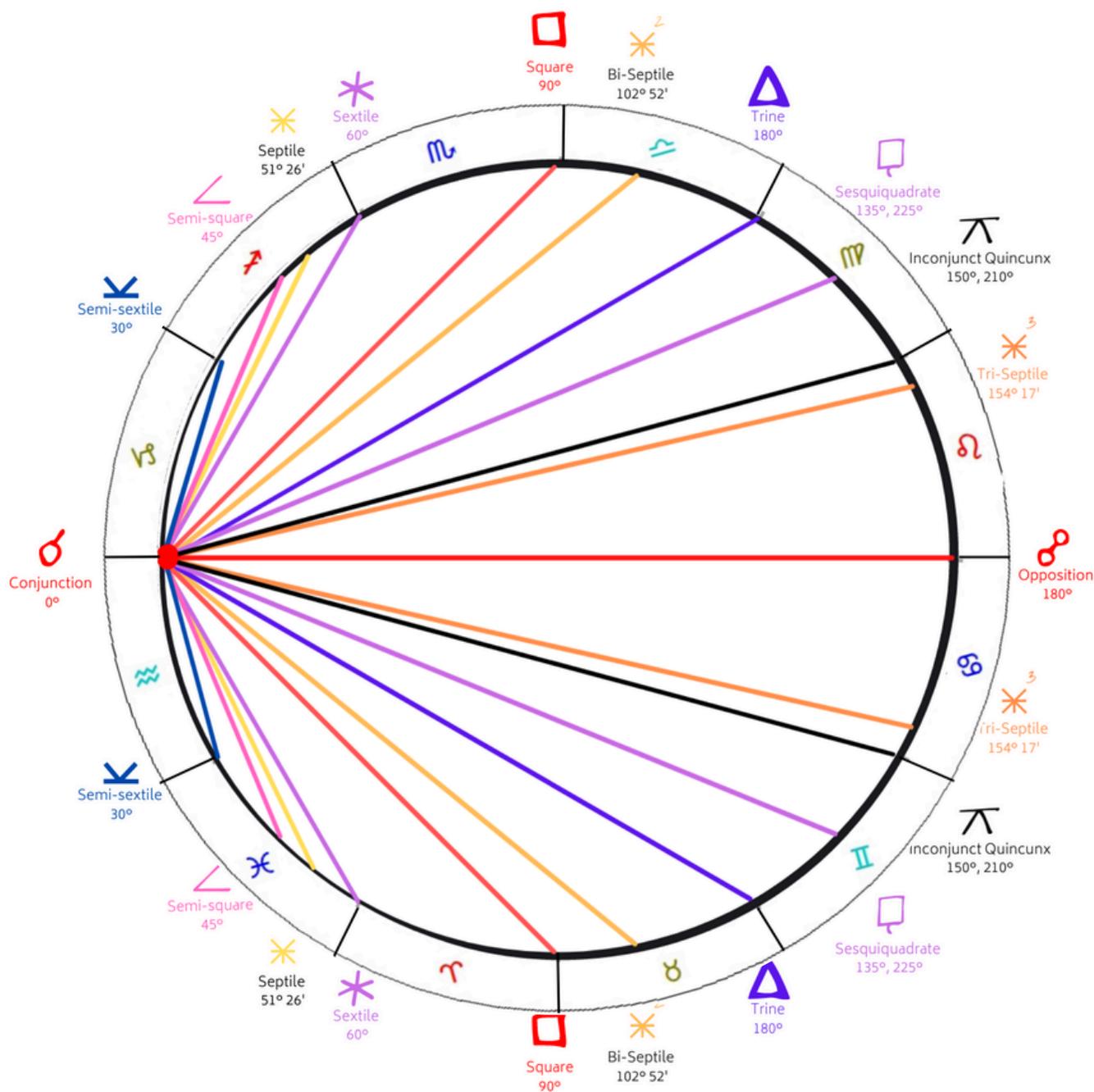
Additional practice and contemplation

1. Looking at your own chart, determine the phase between your Sun and Moon. Then, consider how they interplay. Sun being our creative sense of purpose, the need to develop confidence and actualize. While the Moon being our sense of internality identity, security and how we create continuity. Together they make a fundamental statement about the human experience the soul has created for itself. Adding an understanding of the phase between them provides essential insight into how the soul is orienting to their life journey on a fundamental level. It points to how the soul is emotionally integrating experience and translating their sense of self into a purpose that they can creatively actualize.
2. Look at your own chart or one of your choosing and track all the planets to your Natal Pluto. Note the phase, and if there is an aspect. If there is an aspect, note the orb and if it is applying or separating. Right down how many aspects you have to Pluto in your chart.
3. According to the specific aspect with Pluto, meditate on it's meaning/ what evolutionary purpose it might be pointing to.

Part VIII: Mentorship Assignment

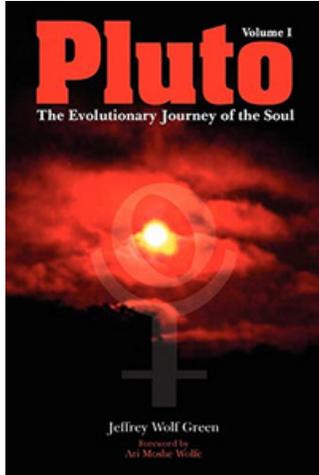
Mentorship Assignment

Apply the archetypal meaning of aspects and phases with zero degrees Aquarius as the stationary point. (I.E the first quarter square would be symbolized by the square from zero Aquarius to zero Taurus and so forth). Reference the above chart and the course curriculum teachings as needed.



Segment III: Aspects and Phases

Recommended Learning Resources



Pluto the Evolutionary Journey of the Soul

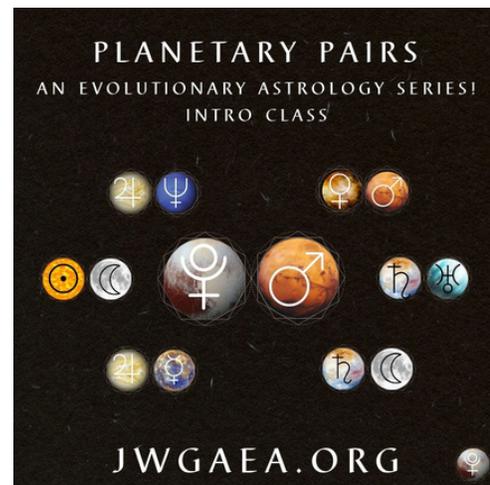
by Jeffrey Wolf Green

It is strongly suggested you own a copy of this book and continue to reference it for each Pluto signature we practice. There is a section in the back that addresses aspects between all the planets to Pluto.

Introduction to Phases and Aspects Video

Free in depth introduction class to aspects and phases, lead by Kristin Fontana, Ari Moshe Wolfe and joined by Rose Marcus, Jason Holley, Bradley Naragon and Rav Chahal. Highly recommended as a solid and helpful education in aspects and phases.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2r-Rsfzbsk>



Heart & Soul Centered Astrology



Chart Interpretation Course
Segment 4

Planetary Rulership
+ Aspects to Pluto & the Nodes

Introduction to Segment N

Introduction

The Pluto and the nodes paradigm offers a framework from which chart interpretation has a ground of stability and reliability. There is no need to go searching for all the aspects in the chart before first getting grounded in the core EA signatures.

The core EA signatures are that which relate to Pluto and the nodes. They are:

1. Pluto in context with the south node and north node
2. Aspects to Pluto and the nodes
3. The rulers of the nodes
4. Aspects to the rulers of the nodes

Starting with this is more than enough. It provides core information and soul perspective on any chart. From this point on in this course, we will be applying our learning on aspects and phases by looking at actual charts and applying what we have learned to the Pluto and the nodes paradigm.

To give ourselves practice with all the planets, we'll practice with all nodal polarities. With nodal rulership involved, we can give attention to all of the planets while staying close to the nodes.

Introduction to Segment N (cont'd)

Organization of Segment 4

Segment 4 is divided into 4 learning segments that will be taught over the next 5 weeks. The first week is devoted to:

- Planetary rulership
- Aspects to Pluto
- Aspects to Pluto + nodes and nodal rulers in the chart
 - + very basic aspects to nodes and nodal rulers

The rest of the weeks are devoted to:

- Continuing with Pluto and the nodes paradigm as above and adding:
 - Conjunctions to the South Node, squares to nodes, and then adding more planets to the chart.

After segment 4 is complete, we will devote the rest of this course to working with live volunteers.

Introduction to Segment N (cont'd)

Obstacles to Learning

At this stage, since we are about to enter an entirely new paradigm of study and practice, this is about the time where resistance tends to come up the most. It's natural because this segment invites us to a level of understanding and integration we have only touched upon. In light of this, I'd like to simply name some of the well-known obstacles to learning.

1. This is too complicated for me. I don't get it.
 - a. Solution: find out what your actual questions are. It can feel overwhelming until we allow ourselves simply the permission to ask a question. Then we find that maybe there's just a small need for clarification.
2. I don't even know [topic] well. How can I interpret charts yet?
 - a. Just do the best you can. Ask questions when needed. This is why you are taking the course.
3. I'm not interested in this; I seem to have lost my steam.
 - a. Reconnect with your original intention. All things of value are worth our time and effort. This is your opportunity to learn and grow.
4. [Insert any other self-defeatist attitudes]
 - a. Trust and do your best. You might find yourself suddenly shining when we begin working with live charts. We are nourishing our roots. Integration and understanding will come to everyone in time.

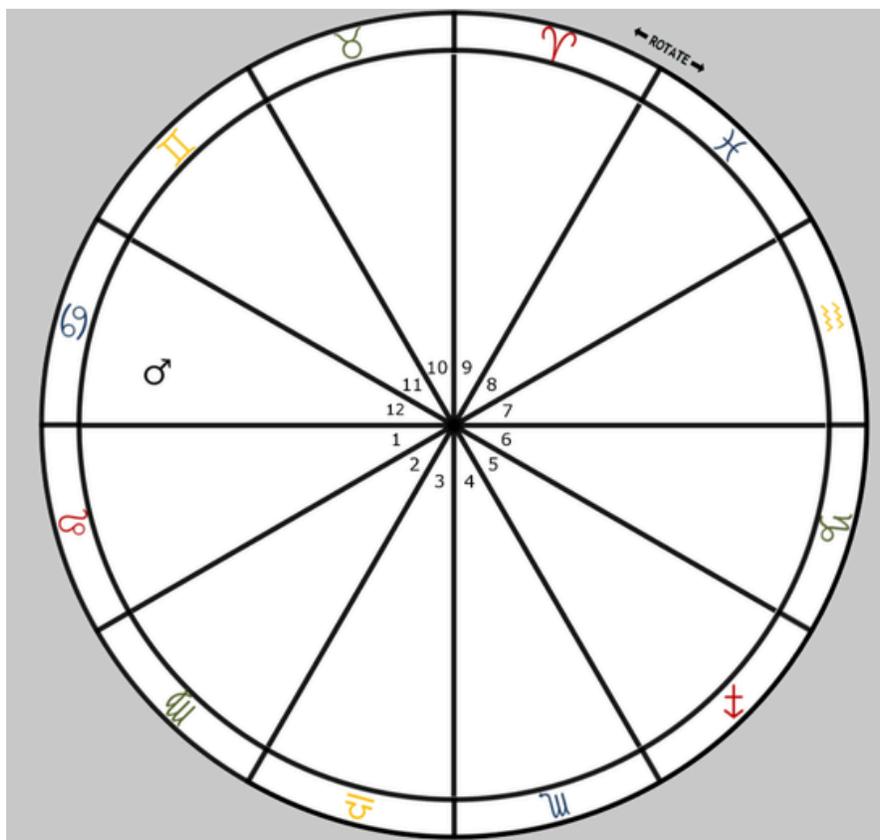
Part 1: Planetary Rulership

PLANETARY RULERSHIP

Nodal rulership is our next step in unraveling the Pluto nodes paradigm. The rulers of the nodes are the planets that are associated with the sign the nodes are in. Let's learn the basic meaning of planetary rulership first, then apply it to the nodes.

We can think of planetary rulership as how each planet naturally energizes and activates its associated sign. Sort of how a fertilizer might make a tree grow. We can't look at a sign without also taking into account the position of its planetary ruler.

For example. Let's place Aries in the 9th house. Aries in the 9th is generally oriented to solo adventure and wants to set out on its own to find more in life. Very intuitive, instinct-driven kind of soul. However, let's say Mars is in Cancer in the 12th house. Now we will say that Mars in Cancer in the 12th fuels that Aries 9th house. What might that imply?



Part 1: Planetary Rulership

PLANETARY RULERSHIP (CONT'D)

First, Mars in Cancer in the 12th is energy directed towards surrendering to one's universal home. There can be a lot of unresolved hurt/anger/abandonment/aloneness in this signature as well as a drive to spiritualize one's life according to a universal understanding of home. This can be an activist who is oriented to be an instrument of love and safety for all beings.

Mars in Cancer in the 12th as ruler of Aries in the 9th: This can reflect a soul who is traveling, solo perhaps, to help those in foreign lands that are in need of love and care. Perhaps this is a nurse who goes into disturbing places all around the globe to provide care. Or, in a completely different way, these signatures can reflect the energy of a young child who is aimlessly wandering all over the place, not sure of where home is, forever seeking something but not quite know where or how to find it.

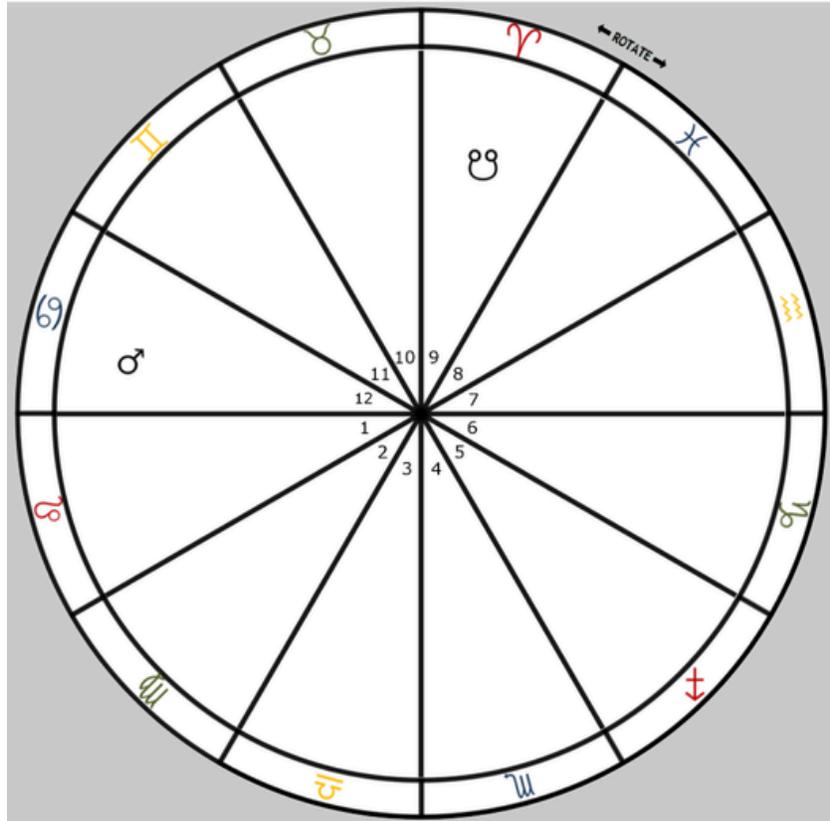
NODAL RULERSHIP

When we apply this idea to the south node we are simply expanding upon our understanding of the soul's familiarity of identity. In the context of Pluto, this helps us understand more of the "how" in terms of how the soul has enacted and played out its evolutionary intentions.

The ruler of the south node simply provides more information and context for who the soul has been: where they are coming from, the kinds of dynamics that have been at play, and most importantly, whom the soul knows itself to be from within.

Let's expand our above example and place the south node in Aries in the 9th house.

Part 1: Planetary Rulership



South Node Aries 9, Mars Cancer 12

In the past, this soul has known itself as a solo adventurer. Needing to rely on their own instincts to navigate life experience moment to moment. Perhaps a seeker of truth, a love for adventure. Likely lots of travels and extreme experiences in unknown places (both inner and outer). All Aries 9th.

With Mars in Cancer in the 12th, we can say the very same things we said above, however now we are tuning into the identity construct of the soul. There are all kinds of possibilities here. Here are some that arise for me:

A soul that was orphaned (12th Cancer) and traveled very far, spending a lot of time alone, away from any familial familiarity (relative to 9th house Aries). A soul that from early on joined a spiritual monastery that involved a lot of time alone in silent contemplation (12th house relative to 9th house Aries south node). In this sense home was a universal concept, but there may be deeply unresolved/undeveloped emotional needs (like that of a child) for care and nurturing due to early interruption in core care (Mars = early interruption).

Part 1: Planetary Rulership

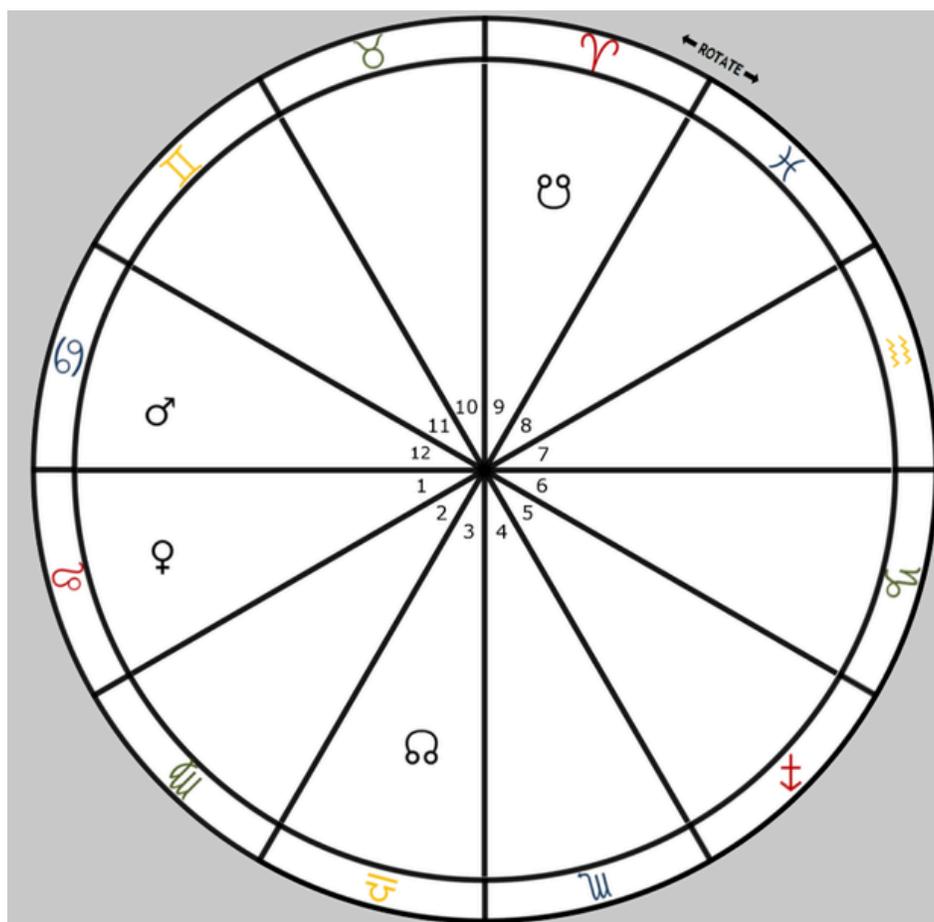
South Node Aries 9, Mars Cancer 12

As always, the story isn't important. I'm only sharing this to exemplify how the south node and its ruler points to where the soul is coming from. All of this is to point to the underlying pattern of identity-making as indicated by the south node, and it's ruler.

Planetary Ruler of North Node

The ruler of the north node is what the soul needs to focus on in service to their ongoing evolutionary needs. To be clear, this doesn't mean there isn't any karmic familiarity with that planet, it does mean that this planet, and thus resolving/ integrating any issues related to that planet, is necessary for the soul's ongoing evolutionary needs.

In our chart example that would be Venus, since the north node is obviously in Libra in the 3rd house. Let's place Venus in Leo in the 1st house.



Part 1: Planetary Rulership

North Node Libra 3, Venus Leo 1

Just taken alone, that Venus generally reflects a charismatic, creative, courageous, and independent artist type person. Someone who loves adventure, creative play, and tasting what life has to offer. In a way, this is a repetition of the south node energy, which also has a lot of fire/Aries type energy in it. As the ruler of the north node, this says how the soul will be developing the north node.

North node in Libra in the 3rd corresponds to appreciating different views, opening to conversation, learning from other people. Relative to the south node, it says don't be so harsh in going solo all the time. This encourages more flexibility and adaptability. More openness to communication, sharing, and learning. So how can the soul develop the north node? Through their Venus, which means drawing upon their leadership skills and enthusiasm for life as a way to connect with others, learn. This conjures the image of someone that is open, warm, available, and willing to share and connect with a multitude of different people and experiences.

Let's leave that example for now...

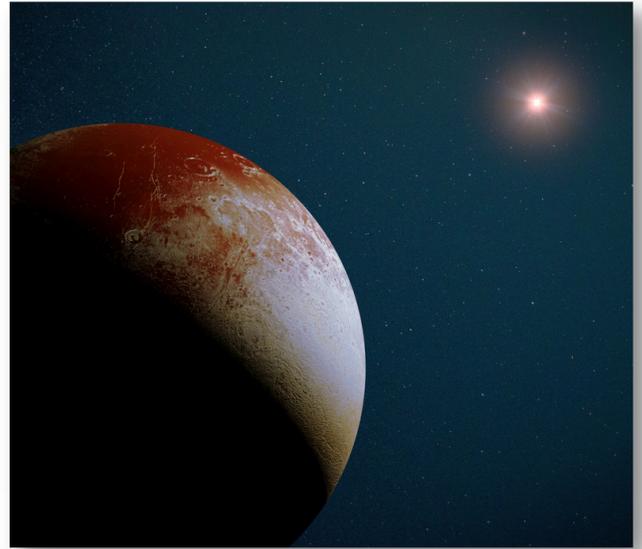
We will return to work with the nodal rulers as we build upon our work with aspects. Step by step, starting with Pluto, then the nodes and nodal rulers we will apply our learning on aspects. Eventually, we will be able to hold all of these points on the chart at once.

For now, let us begin our application of aspects and phases by working with aspects to Pluto.

ASPECTS TO PLUTO - INTRODUCTION

Part II: Aspects to Pluto

Aspects to Pluto fuse the planetary function that is aspecting Pluto with the soul's evolutionary intent. It is an extension of the natal house and sign position of Pluto as it further clarifies the nature of the soul's evolutionary journey. Simply, the planet in aspect to Pluto implies the archetypal dynamics that have been and continue to be essential in the soul's evolutionary program.



For example, to have Venus in aspect to Pluto means that the soul is evolving via their own self-value and by extension the journey of intimacy/ relationship with others. All things Venus will be the way the soul will undergo the greatest change in its life and face the Plutonian experiences of evolution via cataclysmic and/or non-cataclysmic forms of growth. It is where the soul may resist or cooperate with evolutionary necessity. Karmically, it makes a statement about the underlying dynamics within the soul that are unresolved that lead to the current life: the kinds of unresolved desires that are brought forward into and are the basis for the creation of the current life.

This kind of aspect will simply indicate the way these evolutionary dynamics must be played out, and it also indicates the phase of the cycle. For example, the first-quarter trine in part will indicate the soul has awareness of the need to establish a ground in their own self-security and eliminate dependencies on addictions to self-value/pleasure through outside sources that only serve to distract the soul from its own being (Venus and Pluto). This evolutionary need can still be resisted (first quarter trine) on the basis that it's so easy to be full of oneself and enjoy life at this stage. On the other hand, any square between Venus and Pluto will imply overt challenges that will manifest in the soul's experience that requires the need to apply effort and self-awareness in order to overcome the obstacles.

Part II: Aspects to Pluto

PLUTO IN LEO IN THE 9TH HOUSE (CONT'D)

What are some basic challenges that can come with Pluto in the 9th?

Narcissistic need to be right. Manipulation, control based on addiction/psychological compulsion to be seen and known as right, to be understood. Lying in order to inflate one's sense of self-importance, exaggeration to make oneself more than one is. Needing to be the one with the answers. Manipulation dynamics with students in order to make one spiritually/philosophically superior.

Or on the other hand, challenging karmic dynamics that constellate around not being seen/ understood thus impacting upon a deep sense of disempowerment and feeling that one isn't able to really know the truth from within. Dependence on Leo-type teacher/father figure type people to give all the answers. A student who is dependent on such teachers who will manipulate or use the soul for their own power purposes.

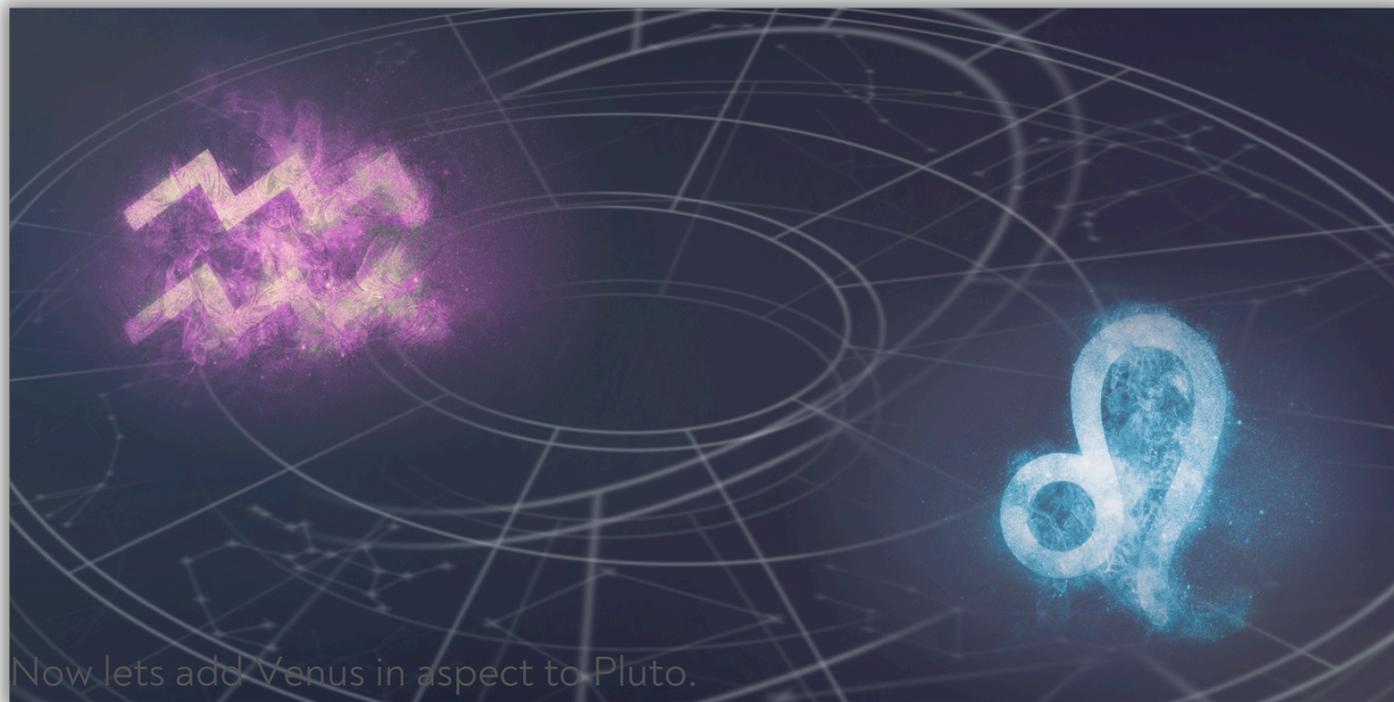
A core evolutionary lesson is to become unpossessive about the truth and the need to be seen/important. Not looking outside for recognition, to trust one's intuition, even when that means no one recognizes or others aren't impressed or others do not believe the soul. To be centered in one's truth no matter what, without craving, without aversion, without control. The concentration of the life force energy moves deeper into direct knowledge of oneself and the soul will follow whatever path is relevant for the deepening of this self-knowledge - as a seeker, a teacher, shaman, etc. The moment power is abused and concentration is directed towards self-righteousness, being impressive, or gaining power from outside sources, the soul entangles itself in karmic dynamics that they will have to unravel by way of redirecting their energy back within.

Part II: Aspects to Pluto

PLUTO IN LEO IN THE 9TH HOUSE (CONT'D)

The Pluto Polarity Point in Aquarius in the 3rd house corresponds to objective thinking. Freeing the mind from conditions. This means, relative to the fixations on how one appears, is seen, is understood with Pluto in Leo in the 9th, the polarity point concentrates energy entirely on seeing things as they are. Thus, no glamor, no show, nothing to prove. It also means that one's teachings/way of living must not be a source of alienation or a way of making oneself special. Aquarius in the 3rd emphasizes objective, factual information. Scientific facts, data, objective information - not lofty, self-inflated personal realizations.

The polarity point also teaches that it's not about the intensity of your personal experience or being in a more exalted place than everyone else. It means the realizations need to be grounded in day-to-day experience, in relation to your neighbor, to simple communication with other human beings. This to me speaks to an underlying lesson in humility and the ability to share personal truth in ways that are accessible, not alienating to some people.

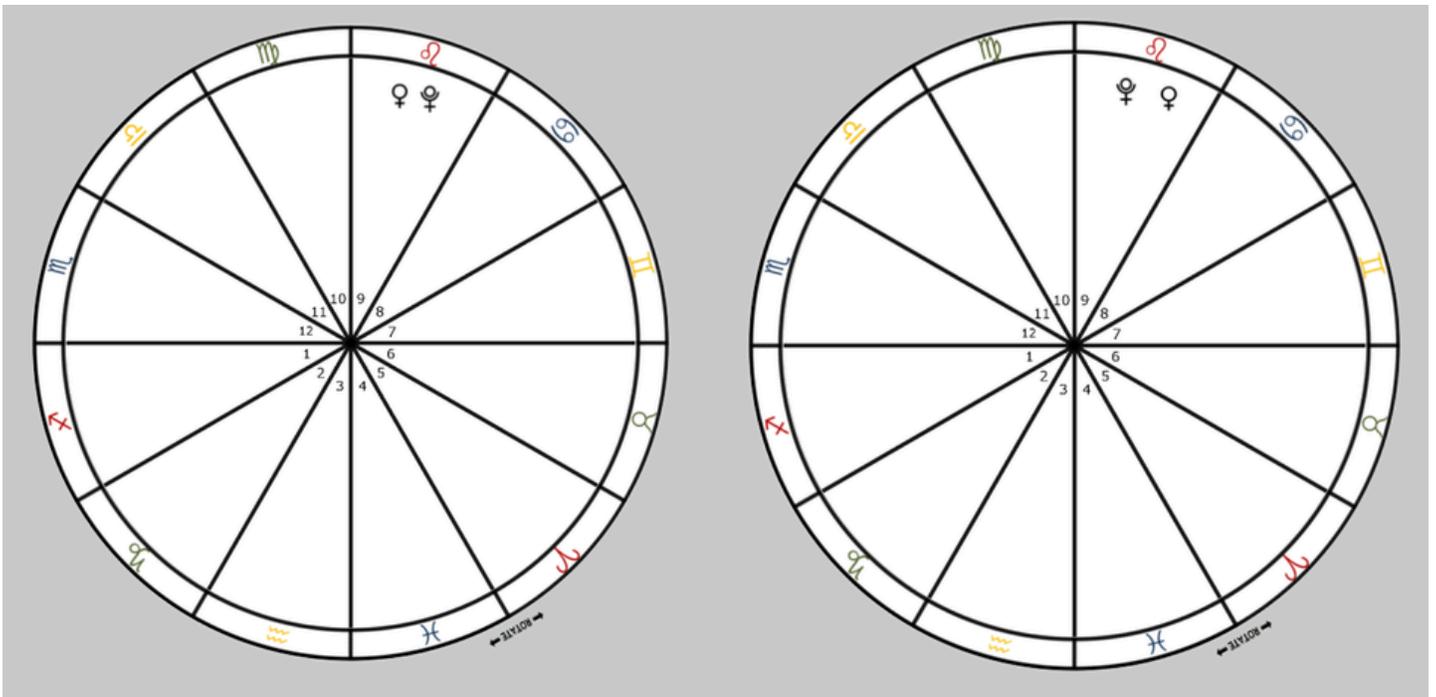


Part II: Aspects to Pluto

PLUTO IN ASPECT TO VENUS

First, the evolutionary intention of Pluto with Venus of course speaks to evolution linked with one's inner values. Ultimately, self-value, self-esteem linked to the soul itself. This will also reflect in one's relationships: the journey of intimacy will be deeply important and reflect core evolutionary confrontations/lessons/growth experiences that will serve the soul's ongoing evolution. Generally, Pluto Venus souls will learn big lessons around commitment: seeing through the necessary evolutionary lessons that each relationship provides. To back out of a relationship prematurely would result in these lessons not being integrated, only to be recreated in some form later on.

In the same way, Venus-Pluto aspects also need to learn the lesson of how to let go and return to one's self, i.e. not to lose one's soul (Pluto) to the attachments/pleasure/ security that comes with others (Venus). This can include addictions to pleasure, sexuality, approval, all things Libra and Taurus.



Pluto Venus Conjunction: New phase and Balsamic

Part II: Aspects to Pluto

PLUTO VENUS CONJUNCTION: NEW PHASE AND BALSAMIC

First, what is Venus in Leo in the 9th all about? This corresponds to a soul whose self-value, self-security, self-esteem is linked to the capacity to know the truth and actualize their own understanding of reality in a way that is natural and authentic to their own original being. This is a soul that needs to live honestly, sincerely. Their sensuality is linked to creative expression, being real, being loud perhaps, being expressive and authentic. As per Venus, we can see all things artistic here expressing through the dramatic, creative, and insightful energies of Leo in the 9th. Sexually speaking, this soul values adventure and new experiences. They will be attracted to souls who can meet them philosophically/spiritually, perhaps open to travel and seeing the beauty of life. They will be big and expressive in their sensuality and need a lot of honest communication, honest connection with others.

An issue with Venus in Leo in the 9th, in general, can be exaggeration and dishonesty in order to boost one's self-esteem or to make others feel loved/seen. In order to feel loved/approved of, there can be a shallowness (Venus) of just giving and saying whatever will make others feel loved, and thus Leo in the 9th expresses more as putting on a show, but not actually being authentic. Conversely, there can be an overt arrogance wherein the soul considers themselves to be the most important thing, not interested in hearing other people's truths, open to other people's realities. Likewise, extravagant spending for all kinds of romantic, adventurous, perhaps unrealistic visions that sound great but are really more than the soul can bite off.

Conjunct Pluto, we are now looking at an evolutionary journey linked with that Venus. This changes the game entirely. This means death and rebirth, this means cycles of permeating profound change, committing, letting go, resistance, and cooperation. This means digging deep into one's shadow.

Part II: Aspects to Pluto

PLUTO VENUS CONJUNCTION: NEW PHASE AND BALSAMIC (CONT'D)

If the conjunct is balsamic, this means the soul is completing an entire evolutionary cycle. It means they need to surrender (balsamic) to the completions that need to take place. Relationships will manifest that are necessary to play out in order for this cycle to come to a close. If it is a new phase conjunction, it means the soul is initiating a new journey that will bring the soul into all kinds of new or relatively new experiences with other people, money, self-value, sexuality, etc that will be necessary for the soul's ongoing evolutionary growth. This doesn't mean these are new relationships, but that these relationships are initiating a new evolutionary cycle.

Practically, these two kinds of conjunctions can look/appear the same in the sense that they are both implying an evolutionary journey linked with the Venus function. Both imply that there is existent Venus-Pluto Karma and both imply evolutionary necessity.

Let's examine some of the challenges that can come with a Venus-Pluto conjunction in Leo in the 9th.

Part II: Aspects to Pluto

PLUTO VENUS CONJUNCTION CHALLENGES

- Addiction to self-value through being liked, approved of. This can speak to relationships the soul is in where they are actually lying (9th house) about themselves so that they can win the approval of their partner. The issue with Pluto in the 9th in general is the need to put the truth, one's natural way, first no matter what. With Venus involved there can be attachments and entanglements due to fear of rejection. This can thus lead the soul to manifest 3 kinds of behaviors:
 - Always living as if they are "on the way out", not sticking around. Needing to keep one foot out of the door so to speak. This points to an underlying alienation and belief that no one can truly understand them. This would point to a permeating loneliness linked to a deep sense of being misunderstood. Perhaps there have been strong issues of rejection and projection via being misunderstood leading the soul to believe that being in their authentic power (Pluto Leo in the 9th) means others won't like them as they are (conjunct Venus in Leo in the 9th).
 - Restlessness, seeking, always looking for the next sexual/romantic experience. This can manifest by way of the soul being in an existing relationship and feeling that they are not being seen/understood. Instead of facing one's own shadow, they would then compulsively seek another person who will see them, understand them. This can lead to affairs and lying, not being honest about their true nature. Their true desires.
 - In the same way, this can manifest as being in a relationship - be it romantic or with a teacher, and being fundamentally disempowered via not feeling oneself capable/able to be truthful to and about oneself. This means becoming whatever is agreeable/ will gain the approval/acceptance of the other. This can mean looking towards others to provide all the answers.

Part II: Aspects to Pluto

PLUTO VENUS CONJUNCTION CHALLENGES (CONT'D)

- Another example is being in a relationship and having all the power. Being the one who provides to their partners (or students) self-value by way of providing all the answers. This creates dependencies wherein others are dependent upon this soul to provide a sense of self-value. This can even appear as very benevolent: i.e. a lover or a teacher who will use their life force energy in making other people feel seen/heard/understood/validated. But there is an underlying dependency that is keeping both parties dependent upon one another.

In all cases, the challenge of a Venus-Pluto conjunction in Leo in the 9th is to be centered in one's soul nature regardless of the comings and goings of approval/being understood. To exhaust all restlessness/exaggeration/opportunism linked to dependencies on others. To exhaust any arrogance/self-importance in orienting to relationship entirely according to how it serves oneself.

GROWTH / EMPOWERMENTS OF PLUTO VENUS IN LEO IN THE 9TH

- Ability to share a deeply honest and vulnerable relationships with others based entirely on truth-telling. This means the capacity to face rejection, not being liked, understood, and still being truthful. Putting all the cards on the table and letting what comes to come, what goes to go.
- Touch, questions, curiosity that enables the soul to meet others in deeply permeating ways. To see the truth and glory of another and thus the ability to be deeply present and supportive for other souls. Hard core truth-telling rooted in a respect for each soul's inherent sovereignty. No bull shit and thus true giving based on zero compulsion to "get" anything out of the giving.
- Through honesty and commitment to self-respect and respect of other's sovereignty and freedom of choice, needs can be communicated and explored which can open the soul to consciously engage life experience as a way to play out/exhaust their need for freedom of expression, to follow their strong attraction impulses.

Part II: Aspects to Pluto

GROWTH / EMPOWERMENTS OF PLUTO VENUS IN LEO IN THE 9TH (CONT'D)

- In terms of teacher/student relationships, this can speak to powerful bonds and the capacity to form deep soulful intimacy that enables each soul to evolve. As long as no entanglements/power dynamics are created, this allows for core soul needs to be addressed and met furthering each soul's growth.

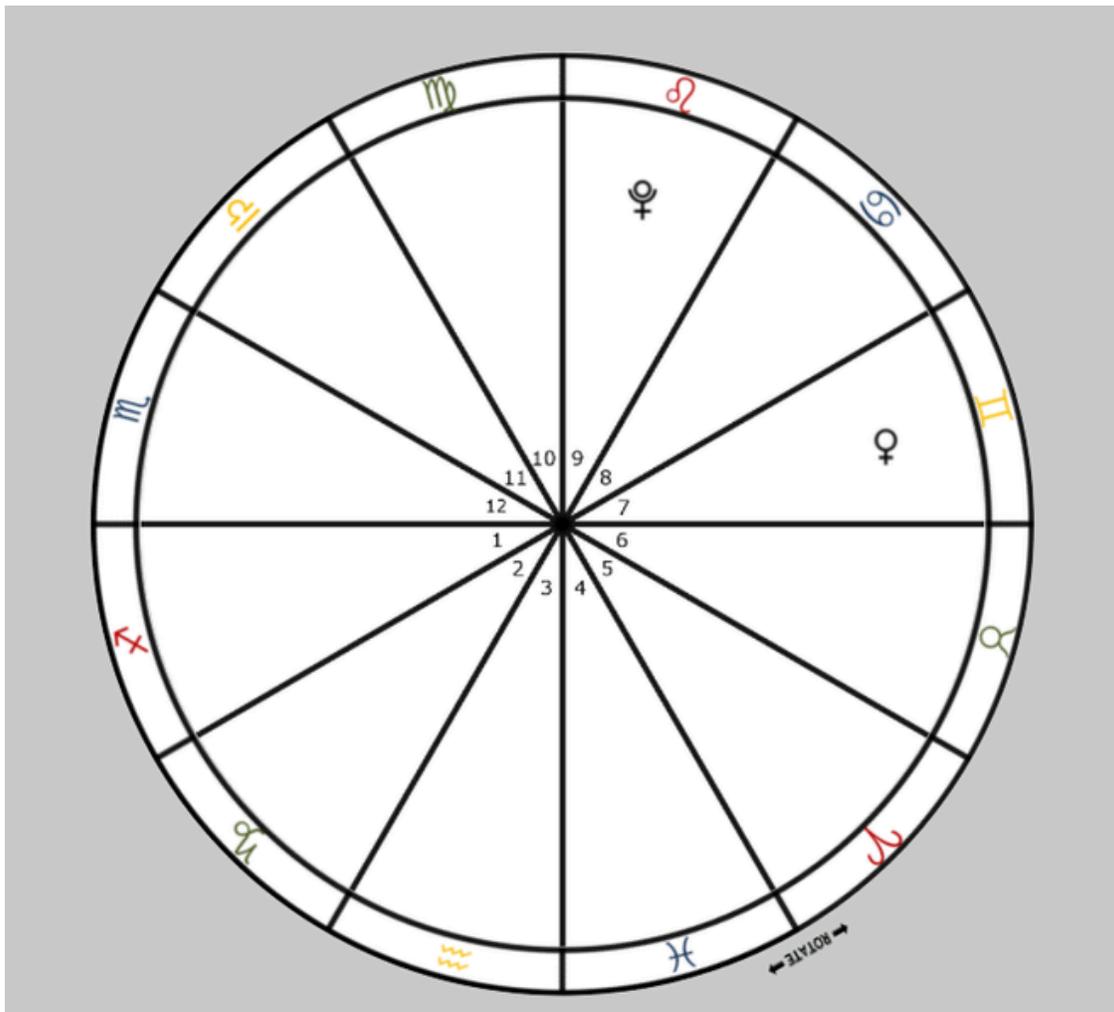
PLUTO VENUS CONJUNCTION IN LEO IN THE 9TH SUMMARY

You can see this is a powerful signature! Relationships for this soul will be at the CENTER of their evolutionary journey. As per all aspects to Pluto, the key is awakening, soul sovereignty, and taking full responsibility for EVERYTHING that arises. Becoming aware of why one is giving, the kinds of attachments or avoidance patterns that are established in relationship, where security might be caught up in other people.

Let's look at another two examples of Pluto aspects. One from the sextile/trine family and one angular (conjunction, square, opposition).

Part II: Aspects to Pluto

PLUTO VENUS SEXTILE



Now we have Venus in Gemini in the 7th. Assuming these two planets are within orb of a 300-degree elongation, this would be a last quarter phase sextile (300 degrees). The last quarter phase correlates to the soul mastering a greater level of self-knowledge by way of individuating itself from past known patterns and applying its skills/capacities in society in a way it has not known before. The last quarter implies the soul is aware of their evolutionary needs and has the self-knowledge and skill set to go about manifesting them which includes making whatever changes are necessary.

Due to how easy things go and the generally non-confrontational nature of the sextile, here the soul can rest on one's laurels and become overly secure in feeling on top of everything and not apply effort towards its evolutionary needs.

PLUTO VENUS SEXTILE CONT...

Venus in Gemini in the 7th house

Venus in Gemini in the 7th speaks to relationship needs for diversity, lots of social/intellectual stimulation. The soul learns about themselves through contrast with other people of all kinds of values. There is a strong curiosity and open-mindedness to give/share/connect with all kinds of people from all walks of life. Self-value is highly linked to one's ability to socialize/interact/ participate in a diversity of social interactions and cultivate good communication/listening skills.

In general, self-esteem can become overly dependent on being liked, fitting in, adopting. So, while adaptability is a gift here, there can be strong patterns of duplicity with Venus in Gemini in the 7th.

Pluto Leo 9th Last Quarter Sextile Venus Gemini 7

The soul is able to enact their evolutionary purpose by way of their capacity to skillfully integrate/relate to a diversity of other souls. Thus, there can be a strong feeling of knowing how to express oneself, to be authentic, to shine, to really hear people, and be genuinely interested. The evolutionary needs of Pluto in Leo in the 9th to self-actualize in a personal knowing of the truth, to be centered in one's intuition, is furthered by their relationship to others.

Challenges

- Based on the need to be socially relatable (Venus Gemini 7) linked to the shadow of Pluto in Leo 9th to be seen/understood, this soul can easily lie, pretend to be something they are not. This might mean the capacity to integrate well with other souls but to not necessarily be deep in self-honesty.
- Duplicity as a way to pretend to be what one is not in order to impress others and gain adoration is a possibility here.
- Likewise, if the soul needs to lie in order to be accepted, it means they are giving their power away to the relationship. This will set in motion the psychological pressure of feeling overwhelmed by their social entanglements. If there is too much of a fixation (Pluto) on being approved of and likable (Venus Gemini 7th), then the soul will "resolve" this psychological pressure by learning to say whatever sounds convincing so that no one is ever disappointed. Basically a fear of being truly honest.

Part II: Aspects to Pluto

PLUTO VENUS SEXTILE (CONT'D)

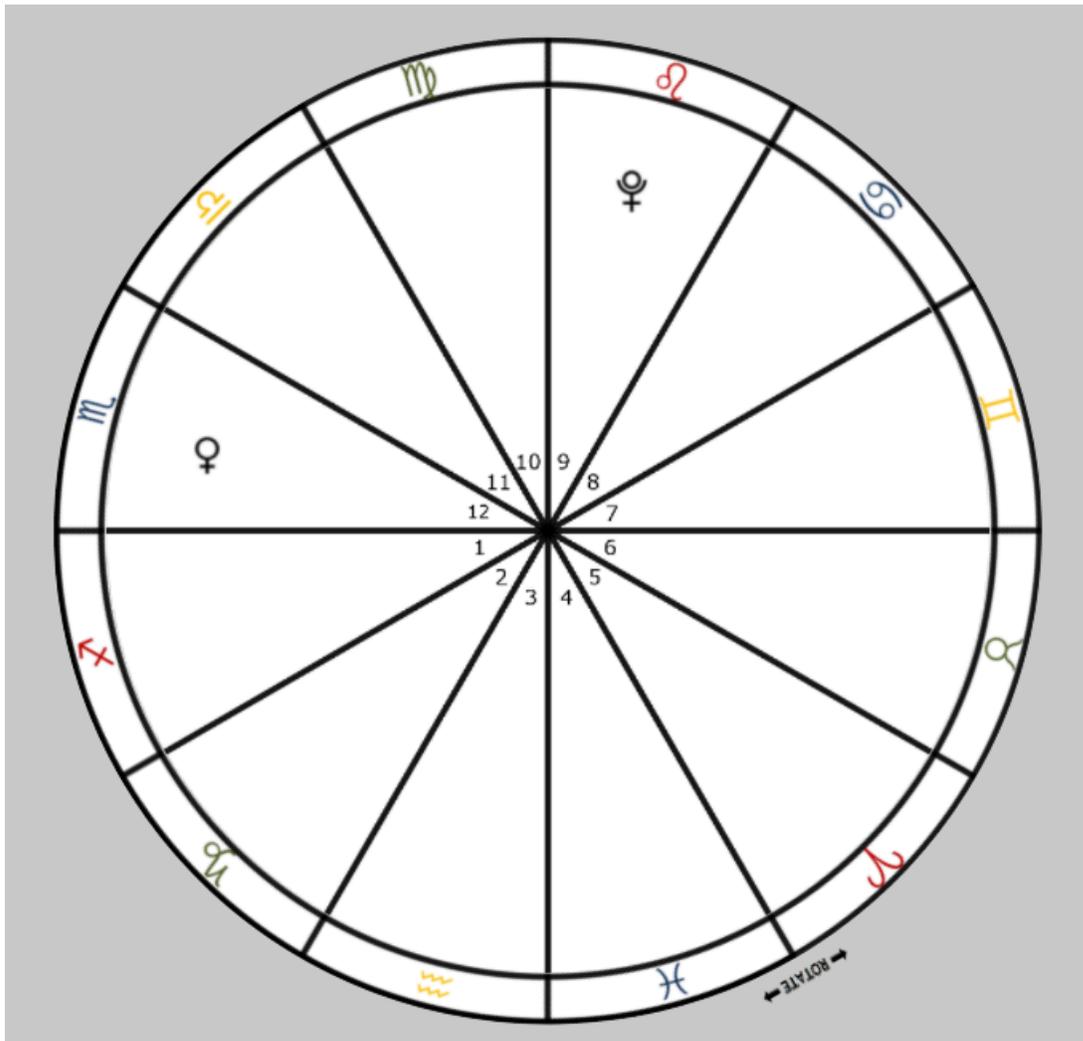
Growth / Empowerment of Pluto Leo 9 Sextile Venus Gemini 7

- There's the potential to have a strong understanding of the relativity of each soul's individual path of realization. In this understanding, the soul can apply greater wisdom to all relationships and remember that through honesty and open communication there is always the possibility for each soul to learn something and grow.
- Staying free of entanglements while keeping a very open mind, the soul can communicate what's needed, even if it's uncomfortable because they are aware of the evolutionary need to engage relationships as a way to learn and access more understanding about themselves and life. They also understand that relationship is for learning, forgiving and sharing and that honesty is necessary in order for that to happen.
- If this soul is a teacher, they will be skillful at understanding different kinds of minds and helping others to understand their own truth. They will exemplify a great capacity for respect of self and others and be great at listening, all the while remaining true to themselves. As a student, this implies an open mind, capacity to listen, ask questions, engage in learning but to keep their own direct experience as the bottom line.

This sextile implies the capacity to consciously engage with other people's reality (teachings, needs, perspectives), to osmose it (Pluto), take in what is useful, and let the rest go.

Part II: Aspects to Pluto

PLUTO VENUS SQUARE



Assuming these two planets are within orb of 90 degrees, we are looking at a crescent phase or first quarter phase square. The archetype of these squares between Pluto and Venus means confrontation, a challenge that will push the soul to face its shadow, its addictions, and unconscious patterns to seek security outside of itself (Venus-Pluto). The stressful nature of the square can lead to greater self-mastery but can and often does imply lots of challenging evolutionary experiences along the journey. Generally, there is a great amount of resistance that needs to be overcome at this stage. Profound self-knowledge and inner strength can be the result of the work the soul does.

Part II: Aspects to Pluto

PLUTO VENUS SQUARE

Venus in Scorpio in the 12th

This signature by itself speaks to a soul whose inner relationship to themselves is oriented to connect with a higher meaning beyond the body, something that is transcendent and essential to one's nature. Sexually and emotionally this can speak to a deep desire for penetrating union, to meet with another on a deep level. Perpetual dissatisfaction is common in this signature because the deeper need here is actually for one's eternal self: the inner, eternal lover. Positively, sexual experiences can be profoundly impactful and lead to evolutionary growth, and these souls can have a great capacity to be present for others in their deepest needs, deeply compassionate and willing to give all of themselves. And there can also be a lot of challenges with losing one's power, getting stuck in sexual/relationship situations where they are taken advantage of because of their innocence, becoming deeply consumed with others or symbols of sexual power to the point that they are lost in obsession. The core need is to link the Venus function with spiritual evolution. The extent to which the soul is lost in and attached to the illusion of gain and loss reflects the extent of the soul's suffering.

Venus in Scorpio in the 12th Square Pluto in Leo in the 9th.

This is a particularly potent signature. First let's recognize that Pluto rules this Venus, so there's an emphasis on the Pluto/Scorpio archetype here. The evolutionary need is to merge with relationships/ intense exchanges with other souls on the basis of uncovering one's eternal nature. The need is for deep truth telling, no lack of honest communication, maintaining one's soul sovereignty so that the soul may realize the true nature of oneself and of others. In any spiritual stage there would be lessons of trust, discernment while also learning attachments always lead to suffering. The likelihood of entanglements with this signature is strong. Let's explore what this might look like.

Part II: Aspects to Pluto

PLUTO VENUS SQUARE

Challenges

- Being deeply attracted to inspiring and magnetic teacher-type people who will then use/ take advantage of the innocence of the soul. Likewise, as a teacher, unconsciously projecting unprocessed shadow content to "fill" oneself with deeper connections and unconsciously take advantage of others who are drawn to this soul.
- The need to experience something deeper leading to compulsive addictions to sex or drugs as a way to escape beyond the suffering of the world. The Pluto in Leo in the 9th can point to dishonesty with oneself and a constant need for a higher experience, wanting something more. This, linked with the transcendent needs for deep intimacy/merging experiences with Venus in Scorpio in the 12th can easily result in the soul going way overboard with sex and drugs.
- A sort of philosophical nihilism leading to avoidance of reality/escapism/dissociation/checking out. This points to a deep distrust in life, a feeling that others aren't reliable, life isn't reliable and thus a permeating pessimism that determines one to not believe in their own capacities to expand their horizons and realize greater potential in life. Here, the Venus in Scorpio in the 12th can reflect a deep hole of darkness that then points to the philosophical limitations of Pluto in Leo in the 9th: a core disempowerment wherein the soul does not know itself capable of accessing a direct intuitive understanding of its place in reality.

Growth/ Empowerment of Pluto Leo 9 Square Venus Scorpio 12

- Capacity to give, share deep honest intimacy. Exchange of energy leading to mutual growth and transcendent, direct realizations of the truth of reality. Wisdom and insight into the nature of life and death: impermanence, and thus the ability to give and share fully, knowing that all things come and go. Such wisdom will likely be learned via the intensity of life experiences.

Part II: Aspects to Pluto

PLUTO VENUS SQUARE

Growth/ Empowerment of Pluto Leo 9 Square Venus Scorpio 12 (cont'd)

- Psychic, intuitive gifts that enable the soul to perceive the soul reality of another, beyond the veil of the body. Being in service to others on behalf of soul evolution provides for a depth of intimacy and connection that will meet some of the deeper needs of the soul for deep soul connection. Sharing the truth honestly with others, even in the context of challenging experiences will bring great healing. As a teacher, this means deep soul perception. As a student, this means forming deeply impactful relationships with teachers that will support the soul to wake up beyond the illusion of separation.
- Being in a relationship and putting self-honesty and self-honest reflection before just giving in to desire. This means the strength to meet one's own longing but to stay in one's central power by way of never sacrificing the dignity of the soul's own direct connection to truth, and thus their inherent wholeness. Die-hard self-esteem will need to be developed here, even if it feels at times that the soul is letting the world go by.
 - Spiritual discernment to discern between illusion and truth. Moving with respect to what is inherently true vs seeking/giving oneself over to something outside of oneself.

If this square is in the crescent, then the soul needs to begin turning the corner to more self-empowerment and soul-reliance. The struggle will be to face the challenges and begin to do the work. It's the initial calling to work on oneself in a deeper way and become more soul-identified. If it's within the first quarter it means the new cycle has begun and the soul needs to embrace the evolutionary need to exhaust illusions and deepen in self-honesty. The failure to do so simply creates a strong psychological pressure that won't go away until the soul turns inward and does the necessary inner work. As always, both the crescent phase and first quarter phase square can look and feel similarly as they are both a square with the same general evolutionary need.

Part III: Aspects to Pluto + Nodes

ADDING THE NODES

The Lunar nodes, and their rulers, provide the "how" for the soul's evolutionary program. It describes the nature of the human self that will play out the evolutionary needs of the soul. Let's work with this same Pluto in Leo in the 9th and add the nodes and their rulers. Before we do, however, we must cover a couple of important points. Inevitably, if we are going to add the nodes to the chart with Pluto and aspects to Pluto, there will be aspects to the nodes. So it is appropriate to address this now. This is just to start us off. We will devote more time to studying and applying aspects to the nodes as we progress.

Aspects to the South Node

Any aspect to the south node simply means this function is an extension of the south node identity structure. What this means is that planetary function, by house and sign and the aspect it forms to the south node, has been key in the development of the self-construct. If we are looking at a trine or sextile, this generally refers to a soul that has developed self-awareness relative to that planetary function. If we are looking at a square or semi-square there will be blocks.

Any aspect to the nodes implies something that has been worked on in the past and will manifest in the current life via the nature of that particular aspect.

Part III: Aspects to Pluto + Nodes

ADDING THE NODES

Aspects to the North Node

Aspects to the north node imply karmic familiarity with that north node. That planet also serves as a way for the soul to continue to integrate the evolutionary growth as implied by the nature of that planet and the aspect it forms to the north node. As per the south node, sextiles and trines mean there is an ease of awareness and self-knowledge. Squares and semi-squares imply tension that needs to be worked out.

Of course, an aspect to one node will generally imply an aspect to the other node. So we cannot separate our interpretation of nodal aspects from either node. The exceptions to this are the quintile, septile, and novile aspects where a planet can aspect one node but not aspect the other.

At this point in our learning what is most important is that we identify the aspects to the nodes and do our best to consider its meaning. I am intentionally saving conjunctions to the south node and squares to the nodes for another lesson as those aspects carry a lot of karmic significance.

Part III: Aspects to Pluto + Nodes

ADDING THE NODES

Let's create a theoretical soul context for this soul and say this is a male born in the USA at the very end of the consensus stage of evolution/transitioning into an early individuated state.

What are the core evolutionary dynamics of the soul and how has this played out?

- Pluto by house, sign, and aspect through the filter of the south node by house sign and aspect. Mars-Pluto's new phase conjunction means desires are oriented around self-actualizing in a religious understanding of reality that the soul can use as a leader/source of inspiration. The need to dive headfirst into cosmology and give it all their zealousness, faith, enthusiasm. There can be a lot of defensiveness and thus self-righteousness when it comes to their beliefs. Strong possibility of a preacher/religious leader in this signature. Also, someone who is preaching the word and traveling (9th house) on a mission (Mars) to share their religious teachings.
- With the south node in Aries in the 6th, ruled by and trining that Mars in Leo in the 9th we have implied a very strong, independent and enthusiastic worker. Working hard to make things work, operating solo, attending to details. The 6th house Aries implies striving for personal perfection. Very likely their own physical fitness as well as their capacity to work with and apply spiritual teachings with accuracy would be very important to them. All in all, the combination of Pluto, Mars in context with the south node is a soul that is working on self-development, perhaps very controlling, has likely rigid ideas of truth/perfection, might be controlling and narcissistic. In fact, there's a very strong fire orientation here. Mars, Leo, Aries, 9th house. It can be easy for the soul to take for granted the limitations of their own way of thinking of things.

Part III: Aspects to Pluto + Nodes

ADDING THE NODES

What are some gifts and challenges?

- The gifts are enthusiasm, attention to detail, inspiring qualities, someone that is always active, always working on something, enthusiastic, generous, and full of energy/stamina.
- The challenges here are the insistence on their narrow ideas of truth via a strong perfectionism (6th house). Ultimately, perfectionism reflects a desire to connect with a deeper understanding (relative to 9th house Pluto). So this actually implies some level of guilt (6th house) that impels the soul to constantly stay in motion (Aries) because of an underlying sense of spiritual inadequacy (relative to Pluto Leo 9). This makes sense then why the soul might feel the need to teach everyone the right way.

Other thoughts on the Pluto south node connection

- Useful to appreciate that if this soul is at the very end of consensus and beginning to transition into the individuated state, then the soul will be attracting experiences that will likely serve to shake them out of the narrowness of "this is the only way," and thus the controlling tendencies. This is where the north node serves to help us understand how evolution can be affected.

Part III: Aspects to Pluto + Nodes

ADDING THE NODES

North node as a vehicle for evolution. How can the soul affect evolution?

- North node in Libra in the 12th implies learning forgiveness and acceptance of others as they are. There will be a need for this soul to let go of control and listen to other realities, other needs that are not compatible with the soul's own strong sense of righteousness. Relative to the Pluto Mars core evolutionary paradigm, this can feel difficult because of the strong momentum this soul has to prove its own rightness. Thus, the north node affects evolution by redirecting this Mars-Pluto energy to direct experience, sincere self-reflection, and openness to continue to realize the truth as opposed to the insistence upon already having found it.
- Venus rules this north node and thus provides more context. Venus in Gemini in the 8th house is curious about psychology, human behavior, what's at the core of our own motivations. There's a natural interest here for the soul to explore conversations, ideas, thoughts, etc that will deepen their awareness of human motivation. Likewise, this soul would likely enjoy coming together in relationship with other people to have deep conversations about life, the bible, god, etc. Perhaps politics or whatever feels important to the soul. Probing deeper, there is an attraction to deeper thinking, deeper listening.
- The soul would resist deeper listening however only on the basis that new thoughts could potentially threaten the strong belief constructs and thus identification with rightness (all the south node/Mars-Pluto signatures). Thus relationships that poke at this soul's intellectual weakness will be a source of discomfort but also a possible launching pad for the soul to open their mind to new perspectives and to accept others as they are in light of a more open and accepting heart. Venus in Gemini in the 8th ruling Libra in the 12th.

Part III: Aspects to Pluto + Nodes

ADDING THE NODES

- Venus in a semi-square to Mars implies the need to open the mind and learn, go deeper, become self-aware of personal motivations, and be open to facing one's own psychological weakness in the face of a strong desire nature to be right and know oneself as a leader. This creates strong philosophical confrontations through relationships, perhaps the deeper the relationship (8th house = marriage, sexuality) the more confrontation in that it pushes the soul to open its mind and face its need to be right, to be the leader. The semi-square in this context can imply the need to really look at their behaviors in a relationship, how others feel around them, the kinds of reflections/feedback they are receiving from others.

Final thoughts

- Imagine this soul comes to you for an astrology reading. Since they are transitioning into the individuated state, this is a possibility. There would be an open mind and curiosity (Venus in Gemini in the 8th, reflecting a subconscious need to learn a deeper psychological perspective), but immense resistance and defensiveness about already knowing the answers (Mars-Pluto Leo in the 9th relative to 6th house Aries ego construct). The draw of soul evolution however will constantly be pushing this soul to let go of control and expand their understanding of God and reality. Meeting people that they just don't understand might be a part of this. There is a need to learn forgiveness and acceptance of others. Perhaps they will locate within themselves needs that they have rejected on the basis of their strong belief constructs. Perhaps close partners (8th house) will reflect for this soul the need to let go of control and be open to listening.
- Falling in love with someone of a different religion, or who is in a different evolutionary stage and will confront the limitations in this soul's worldview.
- The need to learn to listen and accept others as they are can be affected by the way the soul feeling deeply rejected by a partner/marriage partner who left them and the Venus in Gemini in the 8th desperately probing, trying to figure out how to "win them back". There would be a need to learn to let go of the grasp, become curious as to the underlying motivations of their partner, learn about the needs of their partner and why they are dissatisfied, to be willing to become more psychologically self-aware and understand the impact their fiery nature might have on others. To truly listen and go within.

Segment N/1

PRACTICE

1. **list** the key signatures of the charts on the next page. This should include:
 - a. Pluto by house and sign
 - b. Aspects and phases to Pluto
 - c. South node by house and sign
 - d. Ruler of south node
 - e. North node by house and sign
 - f. Ruler of north node.
2. Following the steps below, interpret the core evolutionary dynamics of this soul in the chart below.

*Once again, do not add additional complexity beyond the specific instructions of this assignment. Once we learn and begin practicing aspects involving the nodes and the nodal rulers, you may begin to apply that as well.

Guiding Questions

1. What are the core evolutionary dynamics of the soul, and how has that played out? (Pluto and the south node and south node ruler).
2. What are some gifts and challenges of that Pluto SN connection? Any other thoughts and observations on this?
3. How can the soul embrace evolution? Consider the North Node and its ruler as a vehicle for evolution relative to Pluto.
4. Final intuitive thoughts/ insights?

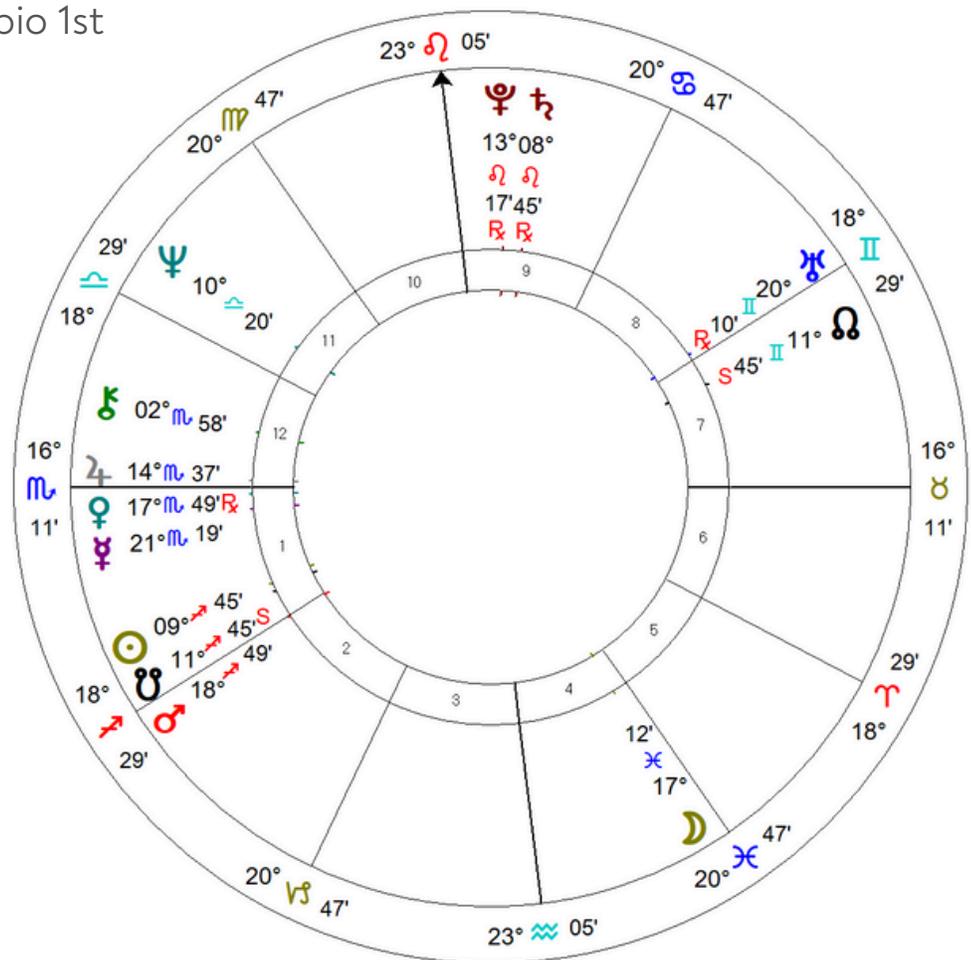
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PRACTICE

Following the guiding questions above, interpret the core evolutionary dynamics of this soul in the chart below. For those in the live program, we practice this in our live class.

- Relevant signatures:
 - Pluto Leo 6, conjunct Saturn
 - SN Sag 1st
 - NN Gemini 7th
 - Jupiter Scorpio 12th
 - Mercury Rx Scorpio 1st

Chart 4.1B - Jeff Green



Additional practice:

Strip your chart to the bare bones and follow the same steps as above (Pluto, aspects to Pluto, nodes, nodal rulers, any aspects to the above). If there are conjunctions or squares to the nodes, note it for now and we will give our attention to that soon.

Segment N.1

Mentorship Assignments

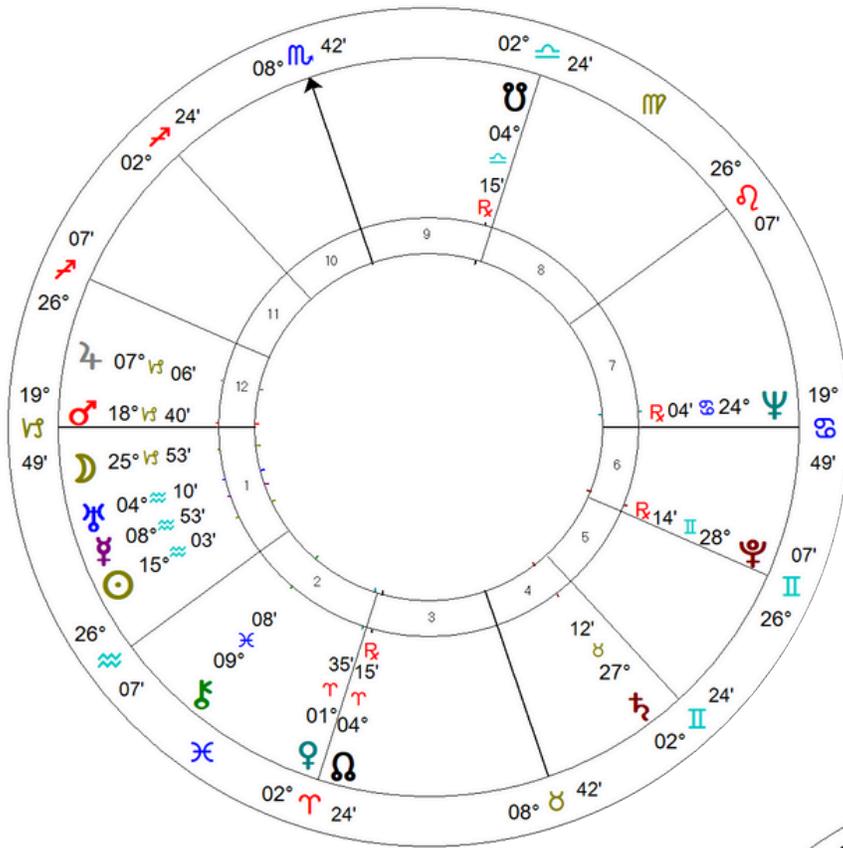
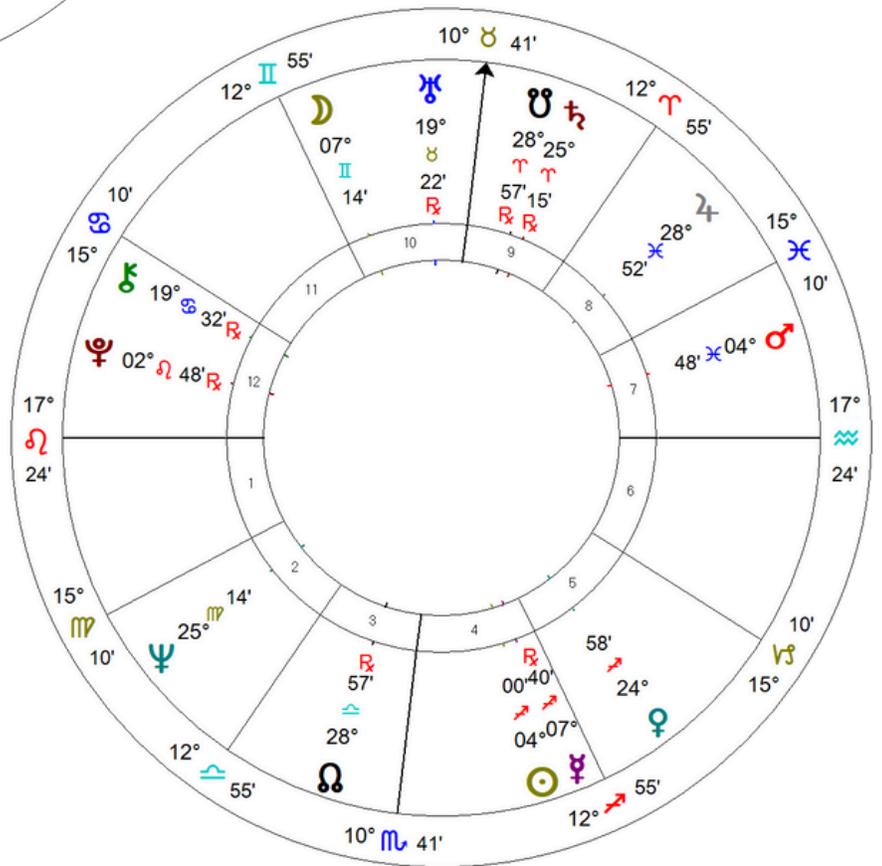


Chart 4.1C - Rosa Parks

Chart 4.1D - Tina Turner



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Segment 4.2

Planets on the Nodes

Part 1: Identifying Aspects to the Nodes

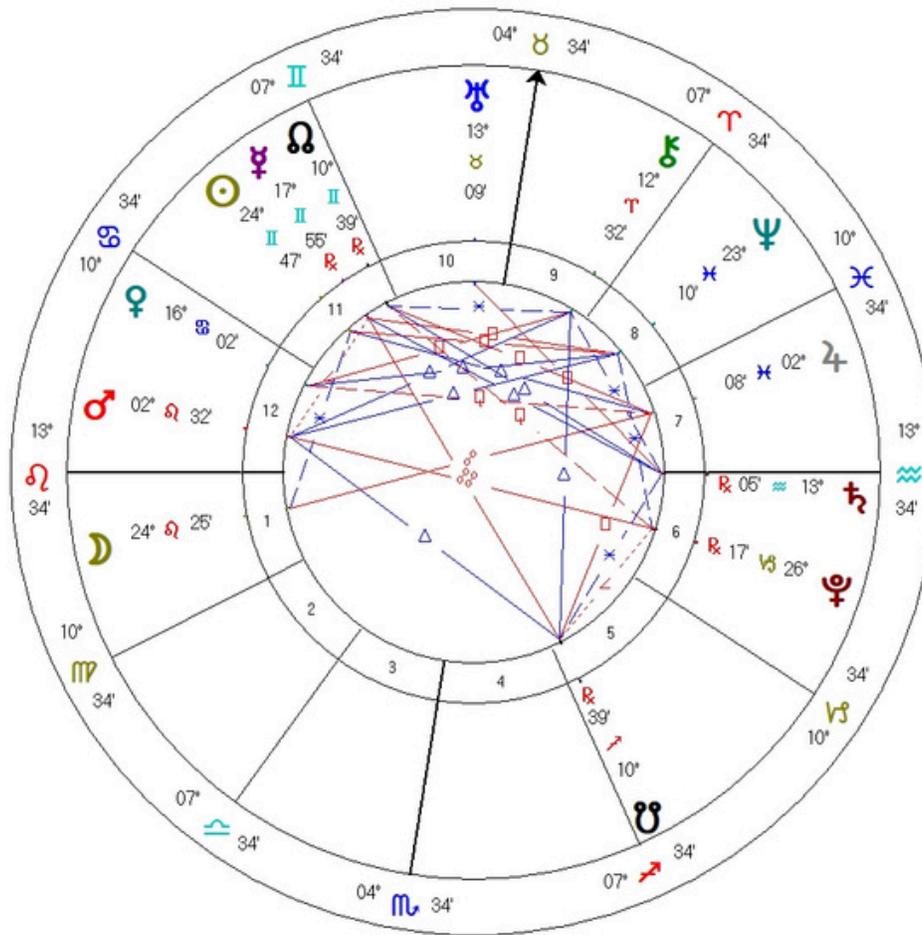
Before we continue any further, it is necessary to learn how to properly identify aspects to the nodes. The method is simple. There are two ways to do this:

1. In regards to any planet, regardless of its speed, put your finger on the planet and move backwards through the zodiac (clockwise) until you reach the first node that you reach. The elongation between that planet and that node will indicate the phase, and aspect, if there is one. Keep on going past that node till the next node and that will indicate the phase and aspect to that node as well.
2. Put your finger on chosen node and move forward through the zodiac until you reach chosen planet. That is the elongation and will indicate the phase and aspect, if there is one. This works again regardless of the speed of the planet.

This works because the mean motion of the nodes is retrograde. Thus, all planets, regardless of their speed, as they move direct, will always be separating from the node that is at an early degree in the zodiac.

Let's look at a chart to practice identifying aspects to the nodes:

Part 1: Identifying Aspects to the Nodes



- Saturn is crescent phase sextile to the south node, disseminating phase trine to the north node.
- Jupiter is crescent phase square to the south node, disseminating phase square to the north node.
- Pluto is the crescent phase semi-square to the south node, disseminating phase sesquiquadrate to the north node.
- Chiron is first quarter trine the south node, last quarter sextile the north node.
- Mercury is in a new phase conjunction with the north node. It is retrograde in context of the new phase.

If any of this feels confusing, visualize where these planets are *coming from*. I.e. Lets look at Mercury conjunct the north node. The north node, since its mean motion is retrograde, is coming from a higher degree in Gemini. Whereas Mercury is coming from a lower degree. Thus they are clearly separating and currently both moving in opposite directions.

Part 2: Planets Conjunct the South Node

PLANETS CONJUNCT THE SOUTH NODE

Our next step in practicing aspects to Pluto and the nodes is to address in-depth the meaning of planets that are on the south node of the Moon. On the most basic level, a planet conjunct the south node of the Moon is similar in essential meaning to any planet in aspect to the south node. They all imply that that planetary function is an extension of the south node identity structure. What this means is that planetary function, by house and sign and the aspect it forms to the south node, has been key in the development of the self-construct.

The conjunction however is in a category that truly deserves attention. To be conjunct the south node is to directly bring forward that planetary function from the past. It fuses with the south node identity, as the conjunction represents a fusion. Understanding that planet will be one with understanding the sign and house position of the south node.

Just as the south node is inherently neutral and doesn't implicitly say what kinds of gifts or karmic issues may come with the south node, planets on the south node mean the same thing. Thus, for planets on the south node, there are several conditions that might be implied. Here is a description of these conditions. This is a natural extension of what I wrote on page 9 of segment 1.

Part 2: Planets Conjunct the South Node

MEANING OF PLANETS ON THE SOUTH NODE

- Within the archetype of the south node is contained a holographic picture of many different kinds of lives, experiences, and ways of being that are essential to the soul's sense of identity. Planets on the south node imply the same thing. For example, to have Jupiter on the south node holographically implies lifetimes oriented around Jupiter type experiences/lessons/growth, etc all through the particular archetype of the house and sign of Jupiter and the south node.
- The identity patterning of the past, as indicated by the south node and any planets on the south node are the identity constructs relevant to the evolutionary needs of the current life. In other words, the south node doesn't necessarily indicate "all" past lives.
- Can represent dynamics of the past that are unresolved and that must be re-created in order to be resolved in the current life. For example, Jupiter can reflect unresolved issues with particular teachers. Or karmic issues around lying and exaggeration that need to be healed. Or positively, the soul may come into this life with teaching work to do that is a continuation from what they were teaching in the past.
- Planets on the south node, just like the south node itself, can reflect attachments to particular ways of being.
- Can represent particular gifts, similar to the fruits from seeds that were planted long ago, that will come into fruition in the current life. For example Jupiter gifts of intuition, expansion, the "Midas touch", opportunities for growth.
- Gifts and capacities/ways of knowing life that are well developed, balanced, and integrated.
- All of these expressions can co-exist.

Part 2: Planets Conjunct the South Node

Evolution is the point

Even if there are well-developed qualities, the point ultimately is not to stay put in one particular identity. So, a key with working with planets on the south node is to understand what it indicates about the soul's evolutionary needs; i.e. what kind of dynamics may need to be played out now relative to where the soul left off. There is an important point to consider:

Jeff Green taught that there are many cases, relative to planets on the south node, where the soul needs to play out their south node dynamics for a large portion of their life. This can be till their first Saturn return, and for some till their second Saturn return. This is not bad and should not be judged. It just represents the fact that the soul programs the structure of each life as a template for its intended evolutionary growth.

PLANETS ON THE SOUTH NODE

Let's briefly address the meaning of all the planets on the south node. We will simplify our analysis by categorizing south node conjunctions in two basic camps:

1. Relive and resolve (which will imply unresolved dynamics/lessons from the past that need to be completed in this life).
2. Fruitful gifts being brought forward in this life (and thus also where the soul can utilize these gifts in service).

Remember, MOST, souls exhibit a combination of both. Very rarely will we find a soul that is solely in either extreme condition.

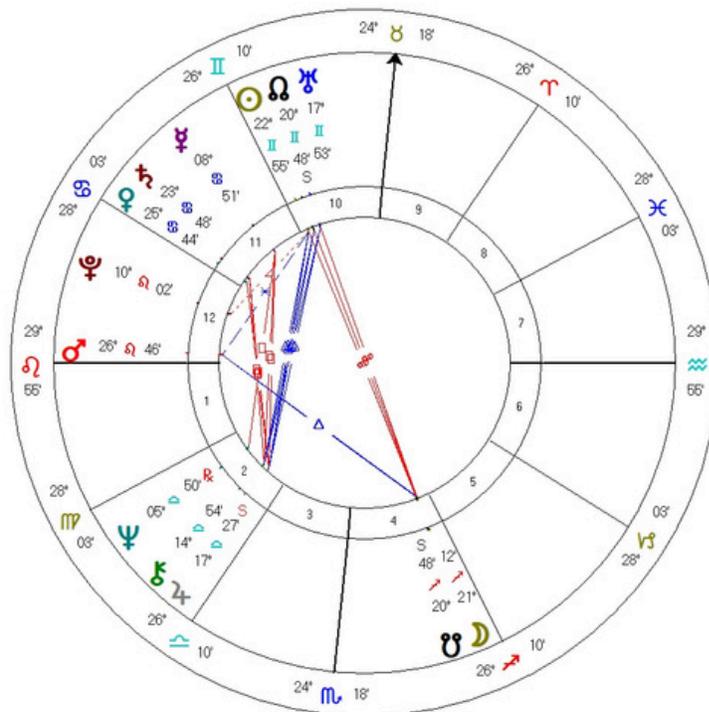
Part 2: Planets Conjunct the South Node

MOON CONJUNCT THE SOUTH NODE

This is an interesting condition. Since the Moon corresponds to the current life ego structure, this implies the soul is re-creating the past in the current life. Early life emotional imprinting dynamics will mirror/be karmically resonant with past identity structures. This doesn't necessarily or literally mean same mother, same exact family etc. It means the emotional dynamics will be manifest that are relevant to the soul's continuing on with/tending to the necessary karmic dynamics implied by the house and sign of that Moon/south node conjunction. This is not usually the case when it comes to the Moon since it can be anywhere in the chart.

- **Relive and resolve:** attachments of identity, security issues, re-learning relationship to emotional needs, self-care, taking care of family and healthy attachments, healing unresolved abandonment issues/ lack of being cared for, or where the soul needs to develop a healthy ego structure in order to integrate experiences and evolve. Stuck in the past, unresolved adolescent emotions. Refusal to grow up.
- **Fruitful gifts:** caring, loving, nurturing, safety in the early emotional environment, healthy ego development. Capacity to share well-developed nurturing function as a part of this lifetime. Coming into a family that provides for core needs. Ability to create healthy family dynamics for oneself and one's family as an adult.

Donald Trump
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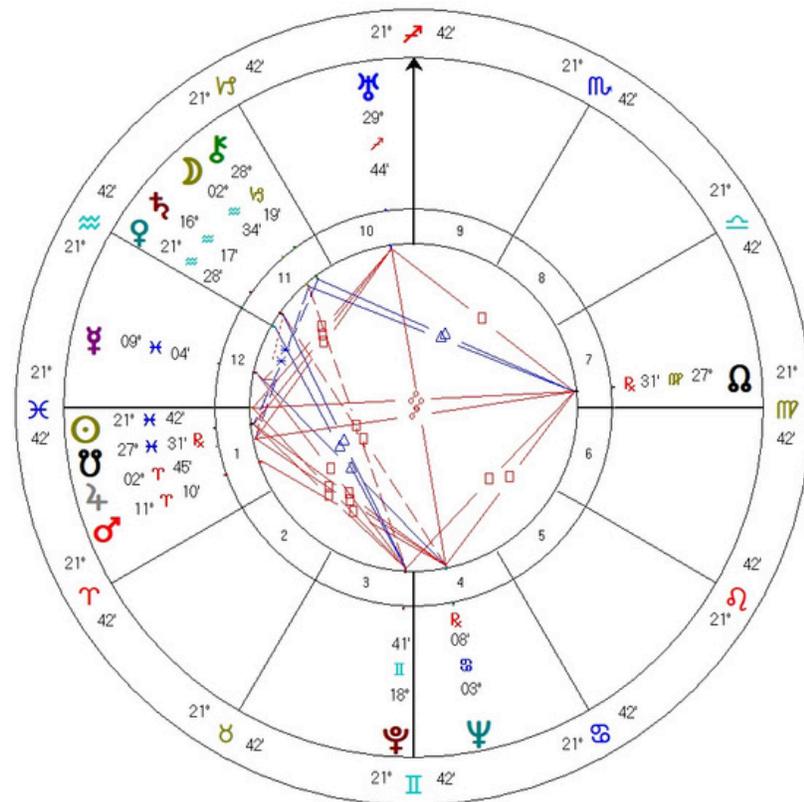
Part 2: Planets Conjunct the South Node

SUN CONJUNCT THE SOUTH NODE

This too has a special significance. As the Sun is how the soul will self-actualize and give personal, creative meaning to its entire life, the Sun on the south node means a past life centralizing purpose is being carried over in the current life. This means that the soul needs to self-actualize relative to the Sun/South node conjunction. It's something the soul has been focused on in the past and is bringing it forward in this life. This brings a lot of attention/energy/sense of importance to that south node.

- **Relive and resolve:** self-importance, narcissism, centering only on oneself and being overly identified with the sense of special importance. On the other hand, need to develop confidence and trust in one's inherent capacities. Unfinished business that needs to be actualized via developing healthy self-centeredness.
- **Fruitful gifts:** Confidence, creative gifts that are to be further actualized and shared. Courage and a well-developed capacity to express, share, inspire.

Dr Seuss
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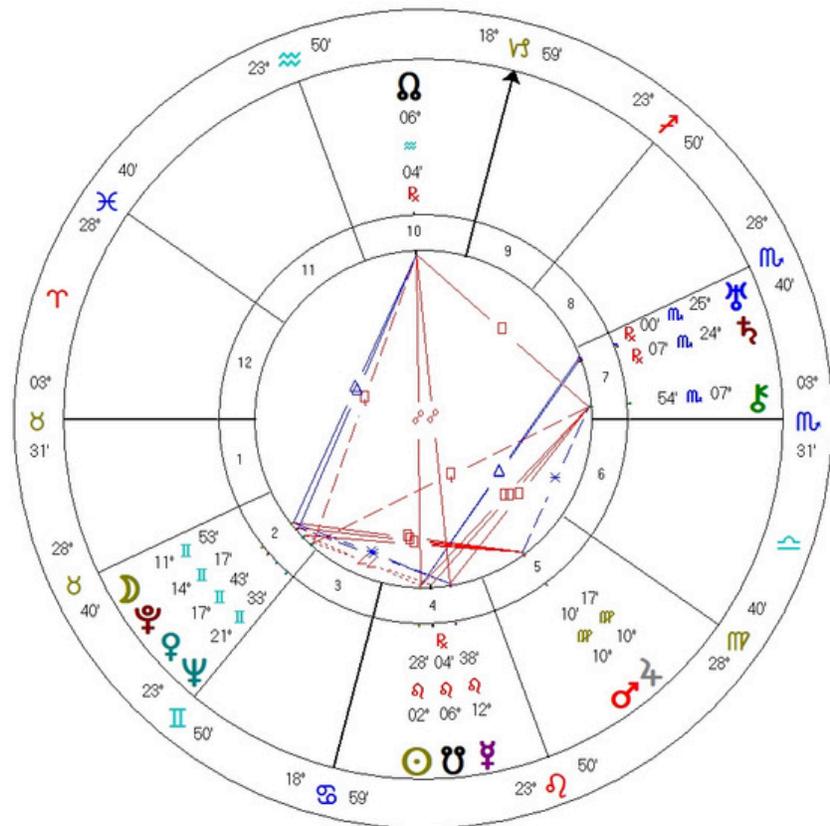
Part 2: Planets Conjunct the South Node

MERCURY CONJUNCT THE SOUTH NODE

Mercury corresponds to how the soul learns, gathers information, communicates. The way the soul is relating to the thinking function, the information and data they pursue helps the soul connect the dots of reality. On the south node, the soul is bringing forward the mental function of Mercury, learning, researching streams of knowledge, communication dynamics etc to continue on with in this life.

- **Relive and resolve:** mental scatteredness, incomplete learning, identification with the thought function leading to flightiness, shallow thinking, inability to focus. Thus, the need to heal and develop clarity in the Mercury function. Issues with communication/learning/interacting and participating in an exchange of information. Duplicity, issues around trickery, dishonesty.
- **Fruitful gifts:** intelligence, ability to learn, listen, be thoughtful, access information and data. Capacity to synthesize various data points to understand more of reality. Possibility of bringing forward mechanical, scientific or technical research that will be of benefit to the soul's evolutionary growth.

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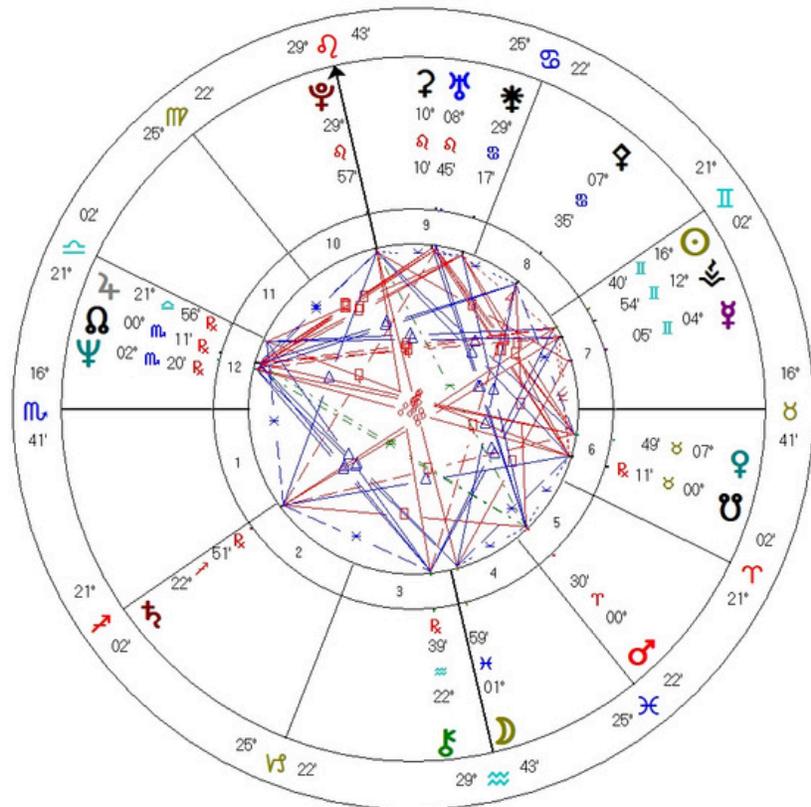
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VENUS CONJUNCT THE SOUTH NODE

Venus corresponds to core inner and outer relationship needs. How the soul inwardly listens to their own needs, establishes self-value and the kinds of relationships the soul is drawn to on their journey. Venus on the south node will imply a replay of those inner and outer Venusian dynamics.

- **Relive and resolve:** an overdependence on others for security. Key relationships that need to be re-experienced in order for healing/karmic lessons to be resolved. The tendency towards avoidance/oversimplification of complex life issues based on patterns of comfort. Putting forth minimal effort to make changes in oneself, slowness in making changes due to the security function of Venus wanting to maintain security and continuity. Issues around materialism, possessiveness, overidentification with the body, and external factors of self-value. Lessons around sexuality, boundaries, giving, and sharing. Issues related to self-interest.
- **Fruitive gifts:** balanced relationship to the physical senses, a strong sense of aesthetic/ balance/ connection to beauty, pleasure, art, and grace. Key relationships that will come to fruition in the current life that supports each soul's evolutionary journey.

Prince
Natal Chart
Jun 7 1968, Sat
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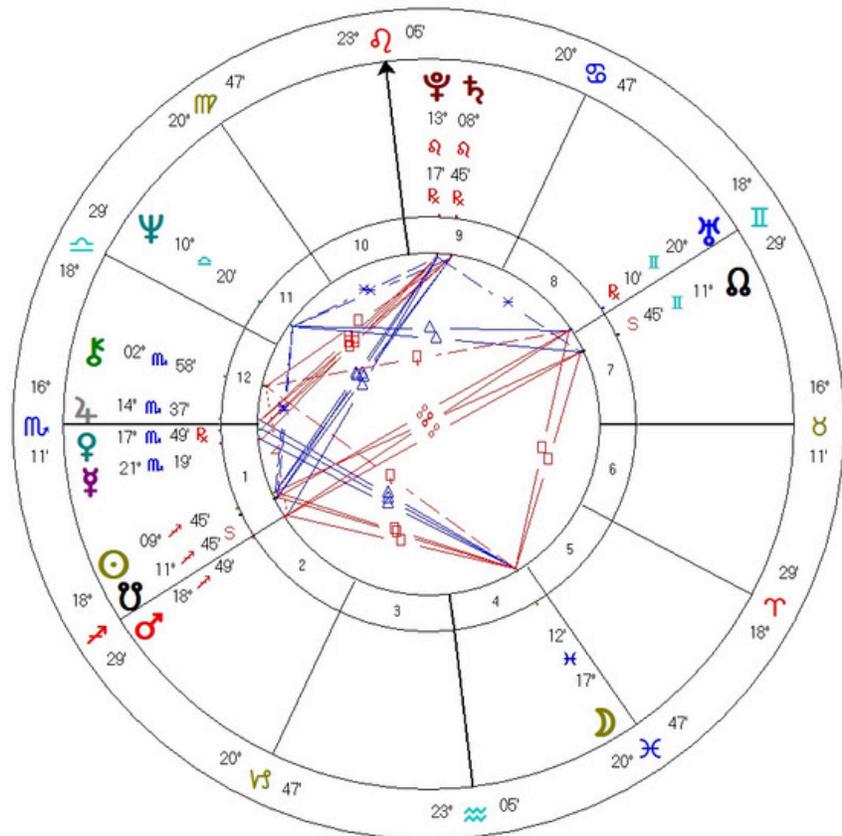
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MARS CONJUNCT THE SOUTH NODE

Mars corresponds to how we act upon our desires and express our will in life. It is necessary for furthering our own evolutionary needs by stepping into the playing field of life. Mars on the south node means desires need to be further expressed and played out. Often Mars on the south node can reflect unfinished business. Sometimes it implies "early endings" from the past.

- **Relive and resolve:** unresolved anger, defensiveness, need to be first, aggressive, and argumentative. This will reflect the need to heal and resolve the unrefined Mars function so that the soul isn't perpetually stuck in instinct, fight/flight/defense mode. In doing so the soul can utilize the Mars energy to serve evolution and not war. Can also reflect the need to get "unstuck" and bring something to completion. Due to the nature of sudden endings, often this reflects a soul that comes into this life with a sense of hastiness, angst.
- **Fruitive gifts:** self-leadership, courage, ability to make changes in life, decisiveness, fearlessness, willingness to go it alone and walk solo, capacity to follow one's soul directive no matter what. Refined masculine energy.

Jeffrey Wolf Green
Natal Chart
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hollywood, ca
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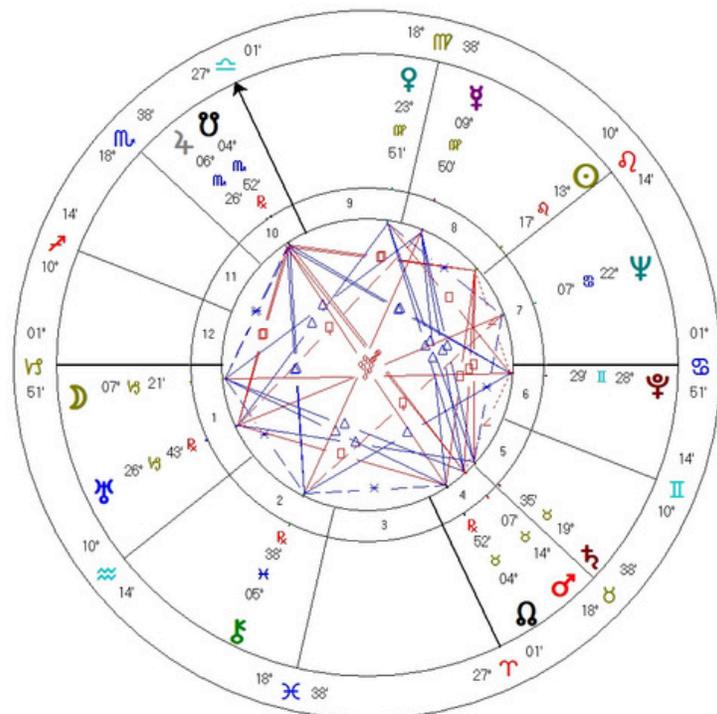
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JUPITER CONJUNCT THE SOUTH NODE

Jupiter corresponds to our intuitive function, how we interpret reality and expand our understanding of life and our place within it. On the south node, this can reflect dynamics with teachers, students, spiritual paths, the way the soul has been in relationship to their intuitive/inner knowing, etc all being brought forward into this life. Issues around race and culture.

- **Relive and resolve:** identification with being right, with knowing the answers, dogmatism, self-righteousness. Issues with trying to prove oneself via exaggeration, outright lying, dishonesty. Issues with seeking. The soul might feel endlessly restless like there's something they need to find/realize. In such a case, Jupiter-South Node implies the need to heal any seeker/restlessness tendencies which keep the soul from true realization. Often, replay dynamics with teachers and/or students so that self-honesty and inner realization can be re-established. Healing issues of alienation.
- **Fruitful gifts:** intuition, wisdom, capacity to understand the greater picture, philosophical acuity. Capacity to teach and explain the greater meaning of life. These souls can come into this world as natural teachers based upon past lives of having taught before. Possibility of continuing on with a particular teacher/spiritual path that the soul is karmically aligned with in their own ongoing realization. An intuitive knack for expansion and growth in whatever area of life.

Lucille Ball
Natal Chart
Aug 6 1911, Sun
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Jamestown, New York
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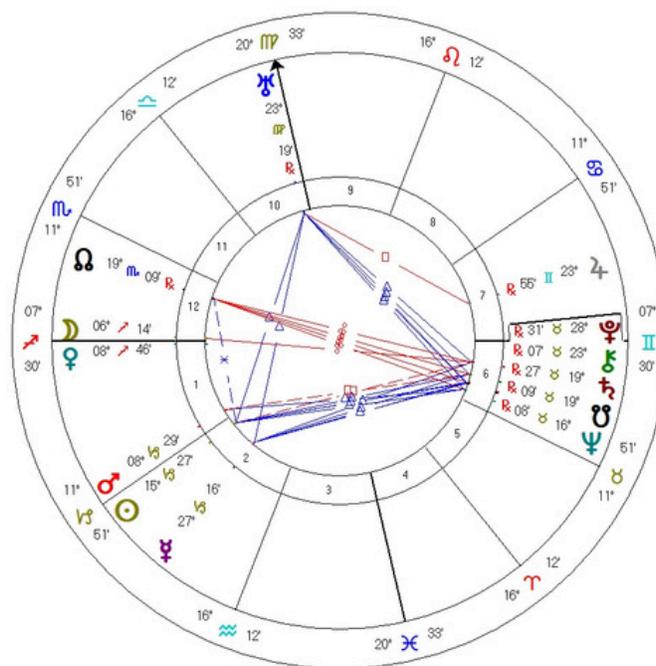
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SATURN CONJUNCT THE SOUTH NODE

Saturn on the south node brings forth dynamics related to authority, discipline, right relationship to time-space reality. This can reflect issues related to authority figures, lessons around ethics, responsibilities/roles that need to be carried out. Saturn on the south node in general carries a weight to it just in the sense that it focuses consciousness towards the need to consciously embrace limitations and structure in masterful ways.

- **Relive and resolve:** issues of immaturity related to not having learned necessary lessons in self-responsibility. Struggles with authority/boundary issues, always struggling with time-space. The relive situation implies a need to learn the hard lessons of Saturn so that the soul can evolve out of struggle and become more integrated. Often a refusal/resistance to go the slow way. Need to develop essential life wisdom and accept the lessons of failure. Can reflect unresolved karma due to misuse of authority in the past. Fear of judgment, failure, repression, and shame.
- **Fruitive gifts:** wisdom and self-responsibility, capacity to understand long-term goals and set necessary limitations. Disciplined nature. Capacity to work hard in order to establish foundations necessary for long-term growth. Sense of being very mature from early on in life. Saturn on the south node would reflect a role that this soul is here to continue on with, to establish in order to further one's own evolution. Capacity to be a guide/mentor for others.

Kahlil Gibran
Natal Chart
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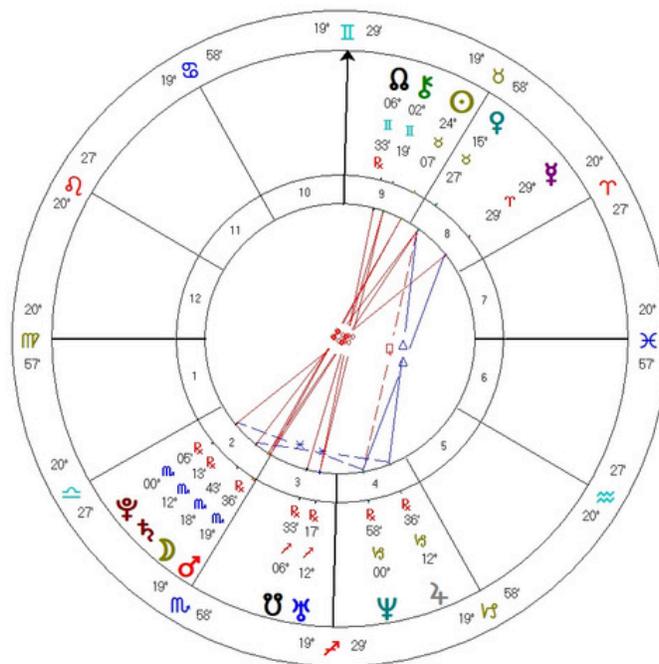
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URANUS CONJUNCT THE SOUTH NODE

Uranus corresponds to the individuality of the soul, the higher mind, what we are beyond our conditioning. It also corresponds to the ways individuals and groups of people naturally resonate with one another. On the south node, Uranus means dynamics related to community, individuation, seeing reality from a higher mind, liberation from known constructs, dynamics related to social/technological evolution will be important themes carried over from the past to be continued in this life.

- **Relive and resolve:** in the most challenging expression, this implies a high level of stress linked to unresolved trauma. Extreme paranoia linked to past life issues of exclusion/ ex-communication. Can imply suppressed trauma that will be rehashed in whatever way to elicit exactly where the soul has dissociated from their true nature. Issues with fitting in, friends, groups of people, a strong sense of differentness/alienation. Possible issues of being over-identified with one's intelligence. Arrogance/elitism.
- **Fruitful gifts:** gift of higher intelligence, ability to observe things clearly as they are. Scientific mind. Someone who is comfortable being themselves, capacity to bring forward new thoughts, innovating ways of thinking regardless of how it is different from the "status quo". Depending on the evolutionary stage, Uranus on the south node can reflect a soul that has been and will continue to bring forward innovating technological changes/ evolution in consciousness to the planet.

Mark Zuckerberg
Natal Chart
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dobbs ferry, ny
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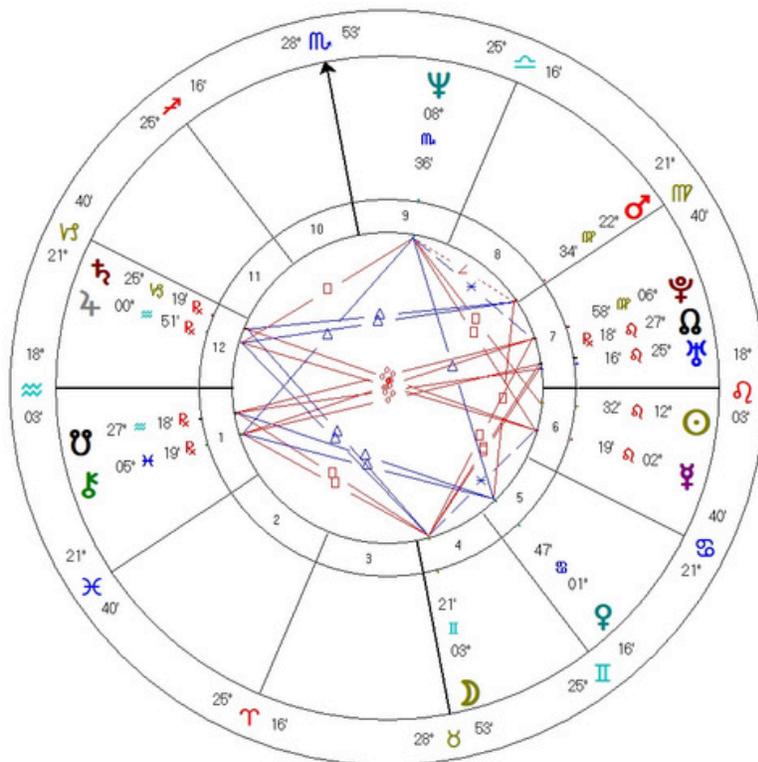
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CHIRON CONJUNCT THE SOUTH NODE

Chiron reflects the medicine-making process of meeting that which seems to be incurable, and fully opening to one's vulnerable condition. Chiron thus reflects deep compassion and understanding of healing and the capacity to share one's medicine with others. On the south node, this will speak to issues around healing, facing where there is deep tenderness, gifts that the soul may be able to bring forward to help others as well as the strong carryover of peak wounding experiences from the past.

- **Relive and resolve:** patterns of creating wounding for oneself or others by way of staying in denial of hurtful and unconscious patterns. This can also relate to unresolved guilt that deems the soul to feel a certain level of brokenness. In identification with brokenness, the soul will see themselves as somehow fatally/chronically handicapped in some way that keeps them from their wholeness. Denial of one's condition equalling more hurt and pain. Overcompensation as a function of denial.
- **Fruitive gifts:** bodhisattva energy, the compassion of suffering, being born with something that makes them different, and the ability to embrace it in order to help others. Desire to serve and share. Willingness to be hurt in the act of giving. Understanding the need to share one's medicine, even if it painful.

Barack Obama
Male Chart
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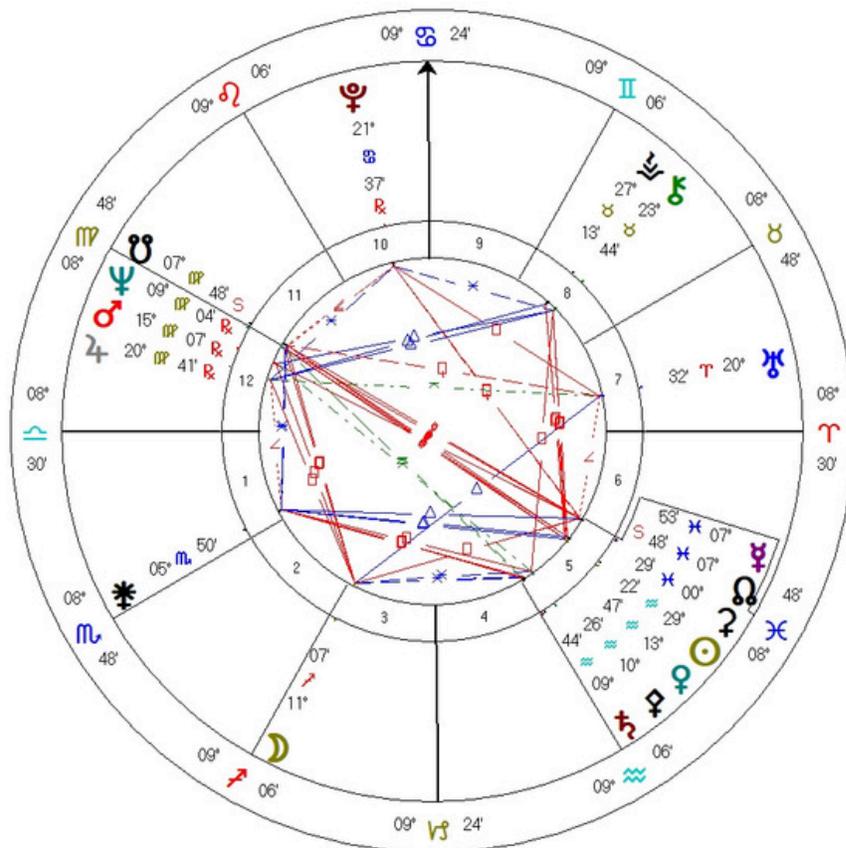
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NEPTUNE CONJUNCT THE SOUTH NODE

Neptune corresponds to the divine source and reflects the way each soul can surrender and form a direct relationship to the source of all meaning. On the south node, this reflects issues related to spirituality, ultimate meaning, one's relationship to the greater existential reality of suffering, masses of people, dreams, psychic gifts, etc.

- **Relive and resolve:** past life patterns of naivete, blind belief/faith leading to disillusionment. Lacking immunity/strength/ capacity to face real situations in life. Possibility of deception. Possible open crown chakra but lack of discernment, thus the possibility of delusion, following dreams, and confusing them with reality. The soul will need to face these unresolved Neptunian dynamics.
- **Fruitive gifts:** Deep devotion, unconditional faith, qualities of compassion and unconditional love, capacity for spiritual discernment: to discern from illusion and reality and maintain focus on a higher meaning. Connection to a path in life allows the soul to serve other beings as an instrument for something selfless, beyond their own personal self.

yoko ono
Natal Chart
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tokyo, japan
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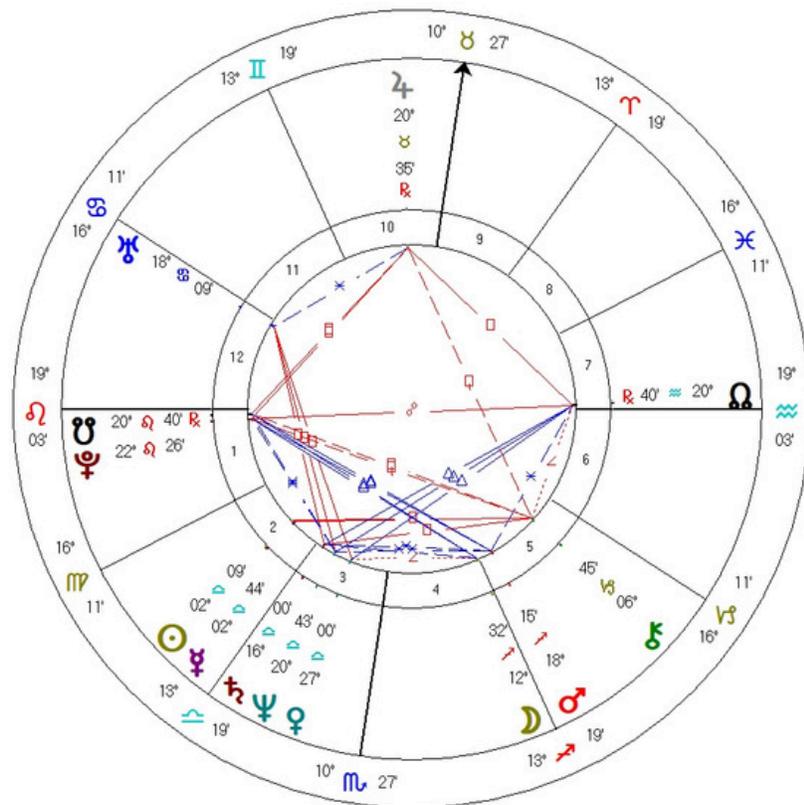
Part 2: Planets Conjunct the South Node

PLUTO CONJUNCT THE SOUTH NODE

Pluto corresponds to evolutionary necessity. On the south node this is a very important signature since the south node has been the vehicle for the soul's evolutionary desires. This reflects a situation where there is a need to continue to play out the desires/ evolutionary needs as implied by house and sign of the Pluto south node conjunction. This south node ego structure needs to be further integrated so that the Pluto desires can be played out and the necessary dynamics implied can come to completion.

- **Relive and resolve:** the soul has had total resistance to evolutionary necessity, thus carrying forward the psychology of victim. They will feel immensely blocked and limited by life experience until they begin to accept the evolutionary necessity to take responsibility for their own dynamics.
- **Fruitful gifts:** the soul has been in cooperation with evolutionary intention and is meant to continue to move forward in such a way that they can share the Plutonian gifts with others/ use it for benefit in some way. This relates to capacity to share/ go into dark spaces, help others to work through their own psychological resistance. Strong psychological self-awareness, powerful psychic ability to get to the bottom line of anything.

Christopher Reeve
Natal Chart
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New York, New York
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Geocentric
Tropical
Porphyry
True Node
Rating A



Part 2: Planets Conjunct the South Node

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR PLANETS ON THE SOUTH NODE

Retrograde

- All retrograde by their very nature reflects a process of going within/reflecting/deconditioning from conditioned behaviors. That is simply implied and thus, on the south node, this will accelerate the soul's evolutionary growth and become a highly individualized and individuating facet of the soul's life experience. Many gifts can still be brought forward, and the need to go within, relive/ resolve and reflect upon past conditioning patterns, perhaps re-engage something that had been done already but in a more individuated way is generally implied.
- There are of course nuances to this such as if the planet is stationing retrograde or stationing direct.

Part 3: Planets Conjunct the North Node

PLANETS CONJUNCT THE NORTH NODE

Planets conjunct the north node imply that these functions have been highly relevant to the soul's ongoing evolutionary growth in the past and that the soul is simply meant to continue in the direction implied by the planet/north node conjunction.

By no means does this imply there will not be lessons or challenges. Rather, it means that evolutionary growth is facilitated by that planetary function and that giving it full attention is the point. As always there are many potential mitigating factors to take into account. Such as when this planet is opposite another planet that is on the south node, when a planet squares the nodes, when the planet on the north node is retrograde and more. These simply imply more nuance to the karmic dynamics implied by that planet north node conjunction. We'll organically explore many of these these as we look at more charts.

PLUTO CONJUNCT THE NORTH NODE

This means the evolutionary intentions as indicated by Pluto have been worked on via the house/sign position of the north node in the past and the soul is meant to continue in this direction. This conjunction carries a significant degree of intensity and once again does not mean the soul is free from struggle or resistance. It means the soul has been working out the evolutionary purpose: i.e. facing its own shadow, learning the lessons of evolutionary necessity by way of the particular sign and house of that Pluto north node conjunction and is meant to continue in that direction.

Jeffrey Wolf Green gave great emphasis to the significance of this conjunction. He wrote in Pluto Vol 1, "Every other contributing factor in the birth chart will be channeled or focused through the North Node conjunct Pluto." (page 19, Wessex Astrologer edition).

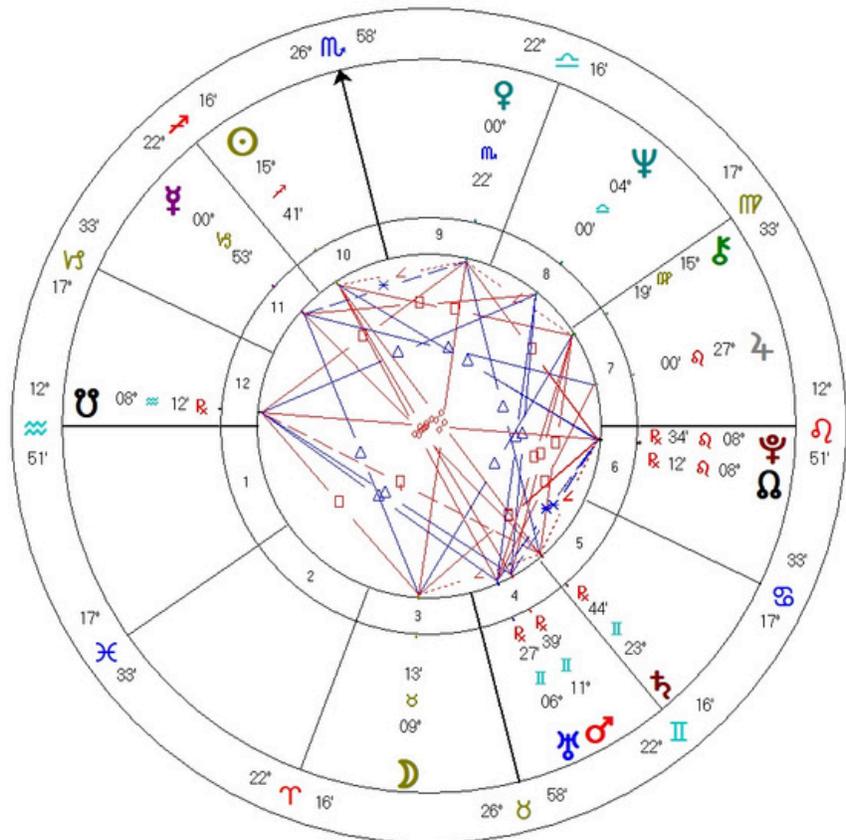
Part 3: Planets Conjunct the North Node

PLUTO CONJUNCT THE NORTH NODE (CONT'D)

Jeff Green taught that when Pluto is on the north node, there is no polarity point. He also taught that there are mitigating factors where there is a need to attend to unresolved south node dynamics simultaneous to Pluto being on the north node. Basically, each chart needs to be understood for what it is.

This is one of the reasons why I personally only teach the Pluto polarity point as a general guide for understanding evolution, not as a "rule". I encourage each chart to be assessed case by case.

Jim Morrison
Natal Chart
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Melbourne, Florida
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Part 4: Nodal Conjunction Examples

PRACTICE

Now let's practice with a couple charts exemplifying different nodal positions and planets on the nodes.

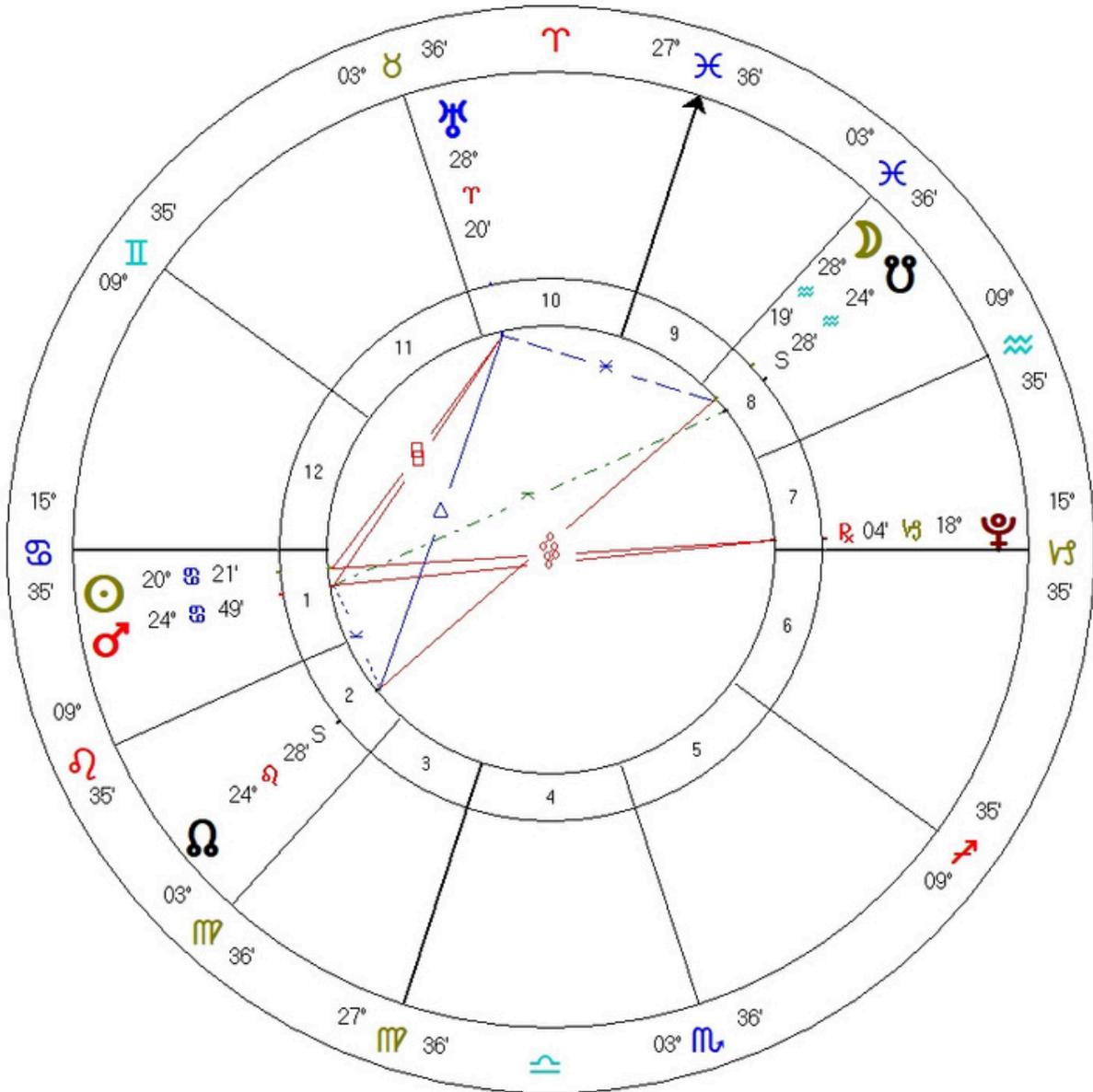


Chart 4.2A

Chart from the video curriculum

Part 4: Nodal Conjunction Examples

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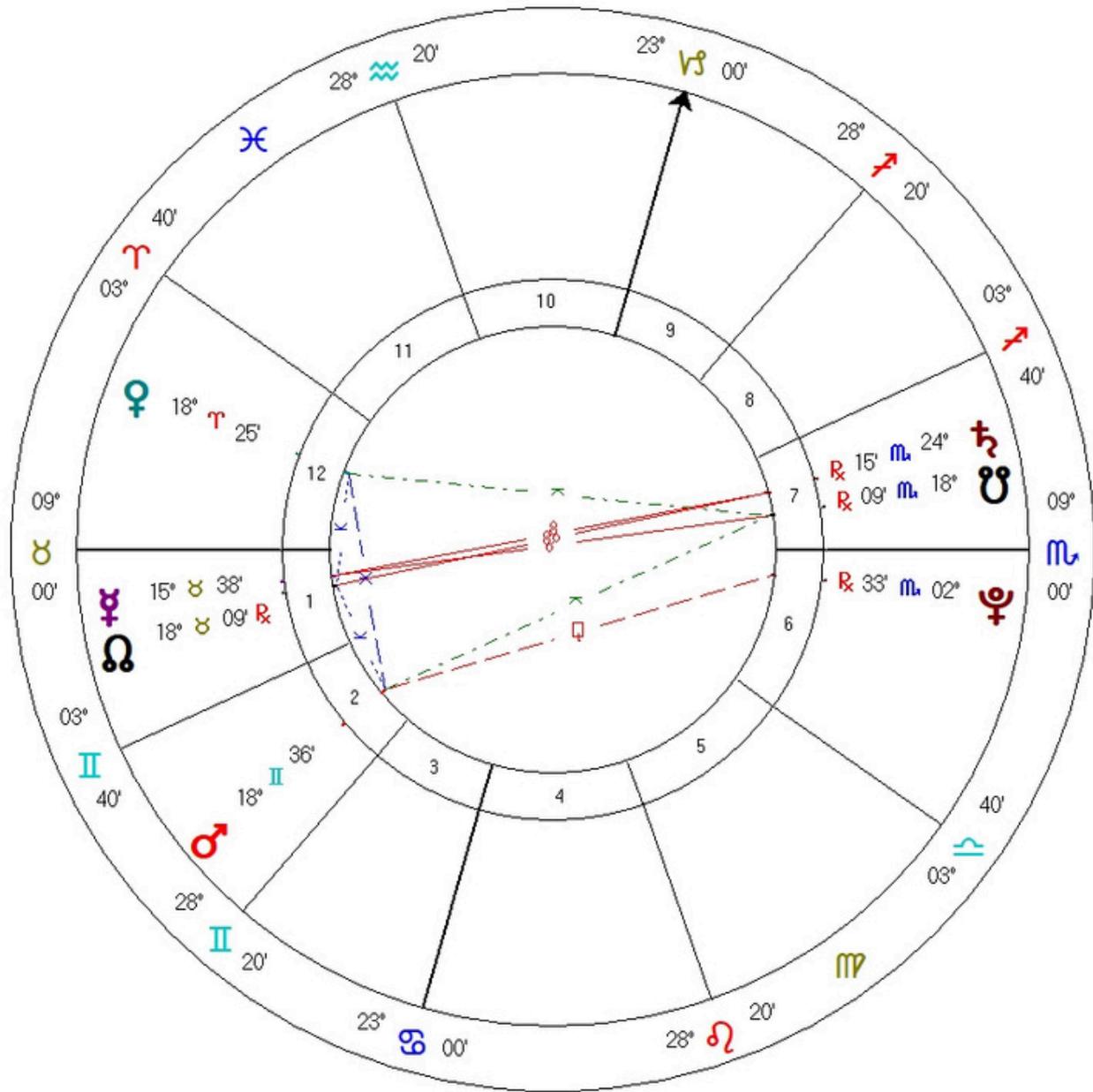


Chart 4.2B

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Part 4: Nodal Conjunction Examples

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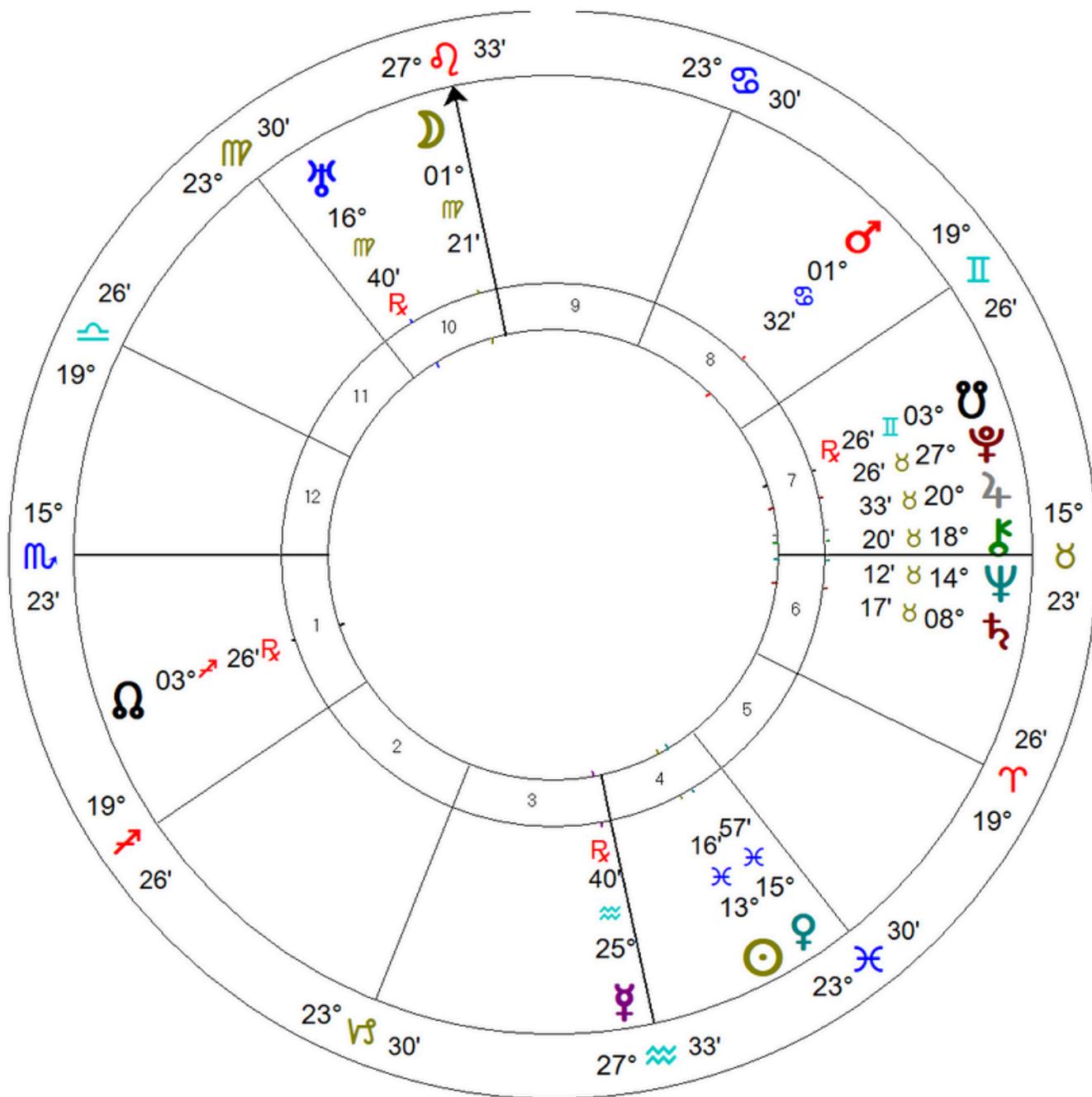


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Part 4: Practice

Additional Practice

Find at least one example of a chart of a planet conjunct the south node. Make this a friend, family member, perhaps yourself. Do your best to gather information/ history so that you can understand the implications of this planet. Consider as well how the south node/planet conjunction functions in relation to the evolutionary intention indicated by Pluto

You may also wish to dive deep into a well know figure that interests you. Learn about their life and get to know their chart from an evolutionary perspective.

Suggested reading

"Resolving Karmic Complexes" by Patricia Walsh. While the Walsh book is not required, I feel it is highly useful in the way it provides real life examples/case studies for everything we are learning.

Part 4: Practice

Assignments

Interpret the charts below working with the core Pluto and the nodes paradigm interpretive paradigm following the guiding questions below. Start by listing out all of the key signatures as we have been doing.

Charts A, B and C are still stripped to the core dynamics of Pluto, nodes and rulers with an additional point on either of the nodes.

Chart D is a bit more advanced in that it includes an additional planet that is not a nodal ruler and not on one of the nodes.

Remember to stick with what we are learning in the course now and follow ONLY the guiding questions below. Stay with the practice.

Guiding Questions

1. What are the core evolutionary dynamics of the soul, and how has that played out? (Pluto via the south node and south node ruler plus aspects to all of the above).
2. What are some gifts and challenges of that Pluto - SN - SN ruler connection? Any other thoughts and observations on this?
3. How can the soul embrace evolution? Consider the North Node and its ruler as a vehicle for evolution relative to Pluto. Include any aspects to all of these points.
4. Final intuitive thoughts/ insights?

Required reading: for Pluto placements that are new to this assignment workbook, please read those sections in the Pluto book.

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Chart Interpretation Course
Segment 4.3
Squares to the Nodes

Part 1: Planets Squaring the Nodes

INTRODUCTION

We are giving special attention to planets that square the nodal axis. As we have learned and demonstrated, aspects to the nodes are essential in understanding the core karmic dynamics that the soul brings forward into this life and the intended evolutionary growth. In general, if a planet aspects one node it will aspect the other. This is generally the case with squares, trines, sextiles, semi squares, sesquiquadrates, inconjuncts, semi sextiles. It is not the case with septiles, quintiles, and noviles.

The square is the only aspect that is equal on both sides. Essentially, the square marks the midpoint between conjunctions or the midpoint between oppositions.

If we understand that aspects imply stages of a cycle, then we can appreciate that squares to the nodes imply an important turning point along the soul's journey. Let's delve into this and learn what this is all about.

Part 1: Planets Squaring the Nodes (cont'd)

SQUARES ARE CHALLENGES FOR GROWTH

Any square is a challenge for growth. A hard edge that invites self-knowledge and conscious choice making. A square is a cardinal turning point and reflects where choices need to be made to reconcile with the growing need to become stronger and more adaptable to the reality of things as they are; i.e. we can't keep it nice and simple and expect all things to be easy. There are two squares in a 360-degree cycle. Both of the squares are aspects that come out of the crescent and disseminating phases. Both of those phases represent a sort of stabilization: either within one's internal landscape of self-discovery or within one's deep grounding and participation in social reality. Both squares reflect a point where the soul needs to know itself more broadly, to draw upon a greater well of strength, self-knowledge so that it can become more stable and unshakable within changing circumstances.

Like all the angular aspects (conjunction, square, opposition) the square is a turning point. What makes the square unique is that it is the midpoint between the seeding and the culmination (conjunction and opposition). The squares are literally the midpoints between the two hemispheres of any complete cycle.

When it comes to the nodes, squares thus imply a juncture where the soul needs to know itself in a way that is not stressed and conflicted by the apparent duality of the nodes. A core teaching in this course is that duality, opposition, polarity is not an inherent principle of truth. It is a matter of perception. The phenomenon of astrological polarity as represented by the opposition aspect reflects where the soul is learning to integrate perceived dualities. It implies a great degree of stress and growth. This is a general teaching that comes with the nodes in any chart.

When a planet squares the nodal axis, this stress between perceived opposites is emphasized and the soul is drawn, in this life, to work that out.

Part 1: Planets Squaring the Nodes (cont'd)

THE MEANING OF SQUARES TO THE NODES

A square to the nodes means the soul is at a juncture where they need to resolve a core issue that has, prior to this lifetime, not been fully understood/ integrated. The results of this core issue have resulted in confusion in identity. Identity, referring to the nodal axis, is what enables soul evolution. Where there are "stuck" places within, is where the soul's sense of self will be bound by contradictions and dualities.

For example, before we even look at a chart, consider a situation where a soul strongly wants partnership. They get into partnership and what happens? They find themselves needing an immense amount of freedom and feeling stuck by this partnership. So they get out of the relationship and live free again. And what happens? They feel lonely and want someone to be with them. This can go on and on, back and forth indefinitely. And each polarized experience of identity has its own story, its own identification and attachments. Neither is quite resolved, neither is quite content.

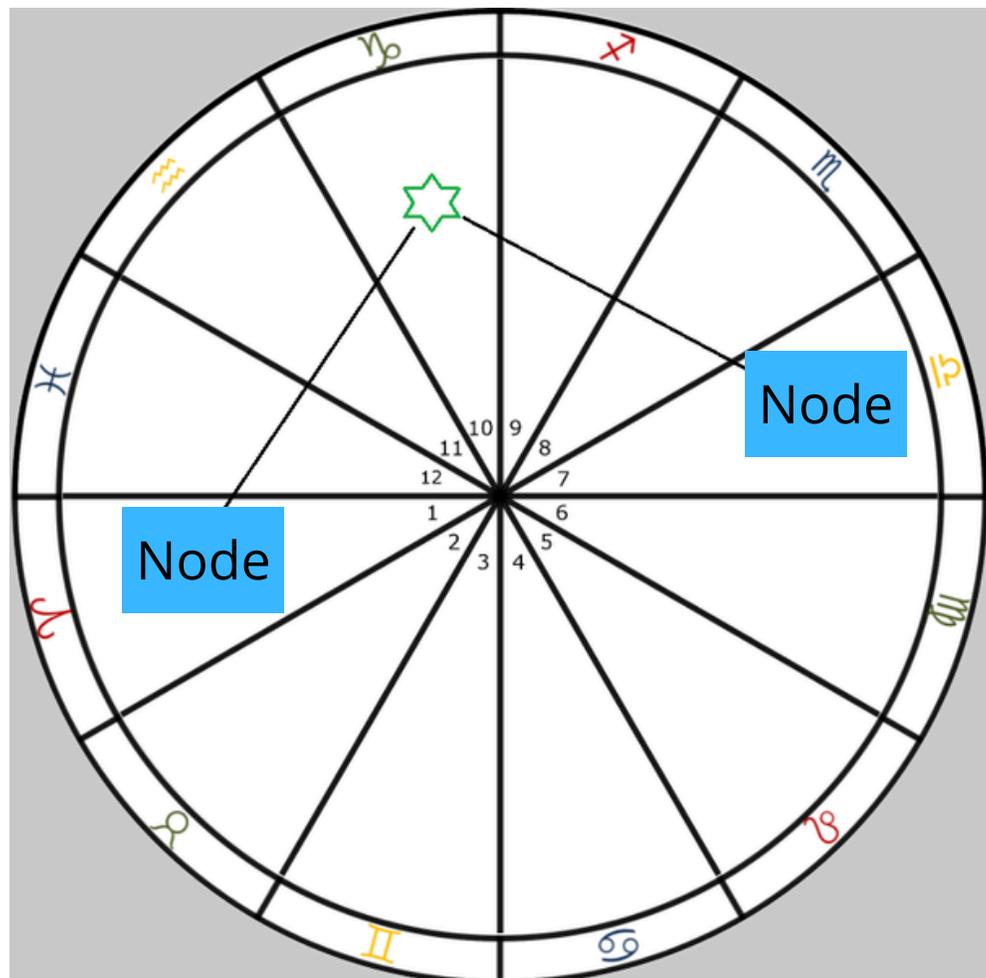
As we have learned, evolution occurs through the emotional body. When a soul has not emotionally integrated some essential facet of their soul journey, they find themselves in somewhat of a loop, repeating the same dynamics over and over again.

Lets exemplify the above example of the person who goes in and out of relationships with a specific nodal polarity:

Part 1: Planets Squaring the Nodes (cont'd)

NODAL AXIS IN 1ST AND 7TH

The above example can be easily understood by a simple 1st house to 7th house nodal axis. If there is confusion between the nodes, this "back and forth" between being in a relationship and being solo would be very common. Please note, at this point I am not yet differentiating between the south node and north node so that I can demonstrate the nature of this back and forth pattern. Once this teaching is established, I will demonstrate how the position of the north node and south node affects the interpretation.



Let's place a planet in the 10th house. What is the 10th house about? Social responsibility, roles, limitations, social constructs. Planets in the 10th house correspond to where the soul is cultivating self-authority, learning lessons of ethics and alignment, and often a process of deconditioning is implied.

If this planet in the 10th house is squaring the nodal axis in the 1st and 7th, then we are looking at core unresolved 10th house issues that are leading to tension and polarization between those nodal polarities. What might that look like?

Part 1: Planets Squaring the Nodes (cont'd)

NODAL AXIS IN 1ST AND 7TH SQUARED BY PLANET IN THE 10TH

Consider the soul gets into a relationship (7th house) and via the 10th house self-repression, finds themselves locked into all kinds of social roles, expectations, agreements that end up feeling restrictive. For example, gender constructs and roles that are assumed. Here, we are linking the 7th house expectations and need to be liked/ approved of with the 10th house social constructs, social conditioning, and issues of shame and self-repression. This can easily result in the soul feeling out of touch with their own self-authority, feeling that relationship equals self-repression.

So then, the 1st house polarity will be embraced, and what might that say? I am alone, free to do what I want, make my own decisions, and I don't need to repress myself for the sake of being liked. But what happens here is the soul ends up feeling alone. While they are holding a weight of responsibility and self-direction they might feel like they are doing everything themselves, that they need more support, that they want to be able to talk to someone and get helpful feedback.

Further, that 10th house planet relative to the 1st house node can mean a lot of harshness, judgment, and rash decision making. That signature is all about "me and what I want to do". There might be a lot of immature actions (10th house/1st house) and a lack of consideration for how one's actions affect other people as well as hastiness with no regard to long term consequence. Thus, the soul might get feedback from other people that they don't listen very well, that they are very harsh and judgmental. All of that would reflect back to the soul where they are called to integrate the 7th house node.

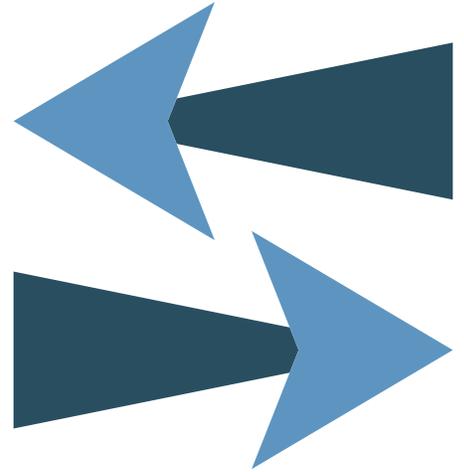
This would inevitably lead to the soul reorienting towards relationship/partnership only to likely repeat the same challenges again, and so on.



Part 1: Planets Squaring the Nodes (cont'd)

FLIP FLOPPING

Jeff Green often spoke about planets that square the nodes as a "flip flop" situation between the nodes. Where the soul goes back and forth, back and forth. This is something that has often gone on for lifetimes and is generally repeated in the current life. Since evolution occurs through the emotional body, a planet that squares the nodes can imply a block to evolutionary growth until the specific lessons and healing is fully met and integrated. Often this healing will happen in layers, at different stages throughout a soul's life.



SKIPPED STEPS

Jeff Green called planets that square the nodes skipped steps. I find this terminology to be quite brilliant. These are skipped steps in the fact that we can't rush evolution. Everything has to be attended to and accounted for. If we try to rush evolution before we have resolved the past, we are going to create a polarized dynamic within our minds.

Skipped steps thus imply the need to slow down and go back; to attend to what was skipped over. This means, that to every square to the nodal axis there is a particular path in the unraveling of the square in order to bring resolution. Let's explore this and learn how to read the resolution of a square to the nodes.



Part 2: Resolution Node

RESOLUTION

Remember that we are dealing with 2 squares here. One square will be within orb of the first quarter square (either on the crescent side or first quarter side) and the other square will be within orb of a last quarter square (either on the disseminating side or first quarter side). For our purposes, let's consider the most basic difference between these two squares.

First Quarter/Crescent.

This is the FIRST square in a cycle. It's the first time the soul needs to integrate the original purpose, initiated at the new cycle where there was a conjunction, in a way that will strengthen the soul to meet the growing stress and challenge to become more self-defined and available for the complexities of life experience.

Last Quarter/Disseminating.

This is the SECOND square in a cycle and reflects the point where the soul is beginning to bring the entire cycle to completion. The stress is to throw off conditioned patterns that are not relevant/useful for moving forward and to become more self-defined in one's own self-authority and knowing of oneself.

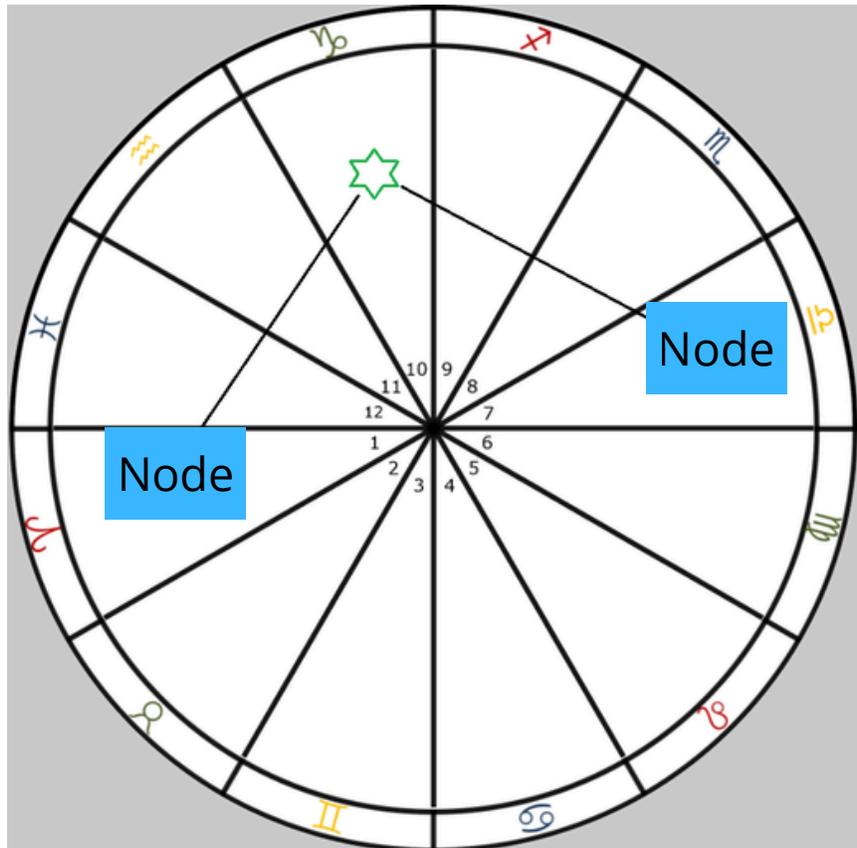
The first quarter/crescent, being the first square of a cycle, represents the INITIAL CRISIS. Thus, this is the square that needs to be attended to in the unraveling of this particular karmic configuration.

If this is confusing to you, just consider the path you might take in the unraveling of a knotted-up shoelace. The answer is to start with where the most recent knot is and to work it out from there.

Let's explain and practically demonstrate this using our theoretical chart above.

Part 2: Resolution Node (cont'd)

RESOLUTION NODE



Granted, we aren't using orbs, so we will not differentiate between crescent and first quarter and between disseminating and last quarter. We can however tell which kind of square the theoretical planet is in the vicinity of with both nodes.

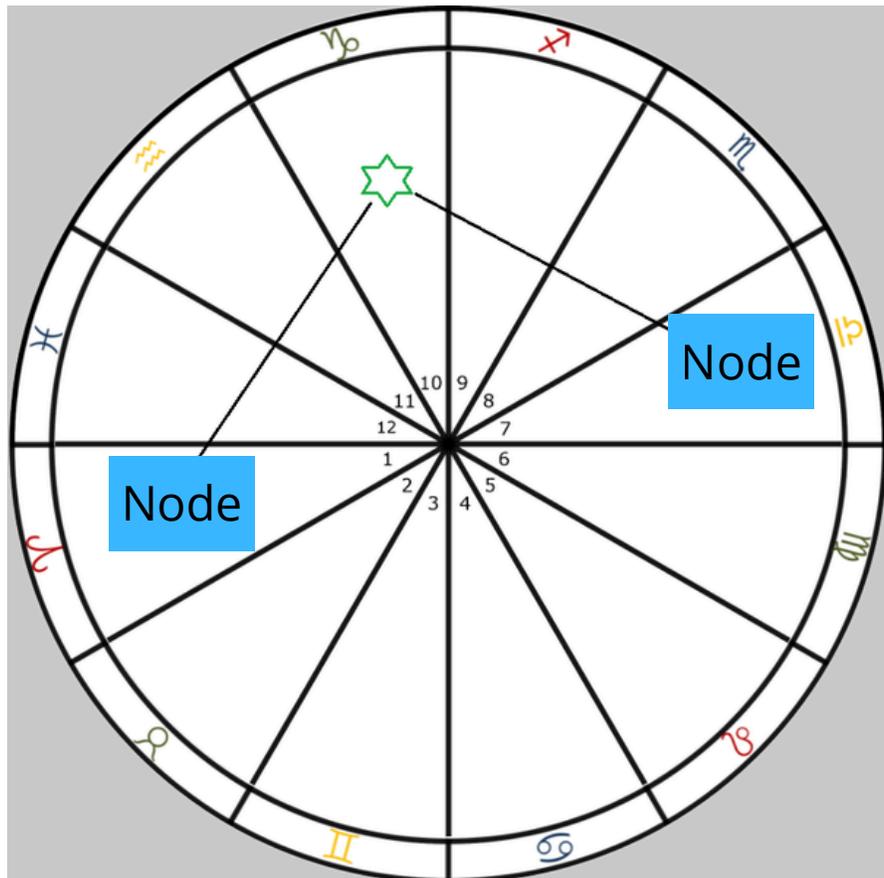
To which node is this planet in the vicinity of a first-quarter square? There are two ways to figure this out. As per determining aspects to the nodes, we can simply put our finger on either node and move forwards through the zodiac until we reach the planet.

Or, for our purposes, when it specifically comes to squares to the nodes, to find the node that the planet in question forms a first quarter or crescent phase square to, we can simply put our finger on the planet and **MOVE BACKWARDS** through the zodiac. The first node we reach is the node this planet last formed a conjunction with, and thus the node to which this planet is now forming a first quarter or crescent phase square with.

So take a moment to figure this out yourself. Which is the node this planet last formed a conjunction with and thus the node that this planet is forming a first quarter/crescent phase square with?

Part 2: Resolution Node (cont'd)

RESOLUTION NODE (CONT'D)



The answer is the node in the 7th house. If you need to visualize it, consider where that node is coming from: it is moving backward through the zodiac. And consider where the planet is coming from: it is moving forwards through the zodiac. Thus, this planet and that node are both separating from each other.

On the flip side, we can easily see that the planet and the 1st house node are applying. This is reflective of the last quarter/disseminating phase square.

Practical Application

Ok, so what does knowing that do for us? It tells us that the node in the 7th is the node through which the soul needs to give conscious attention to FIRST in the resolution of this polarization. In so doing, integration with the other node and the entire complex will be triggered as well.

There are a couple of implications in this. Let's exemplify this technique to see what this actually looks like.

Part 2: Resolution Node (cont'd)

Resolution of this 10th house planet through the 7th house means:

1. Learning about mature communication
2. Communicating needs, allowing relationships to grow in time, allowing relationships to be defined according to each individual's soul needs over time.
3. Deconditioning from roles/expectations/issues of shame/repression/judgment by way of learning how to express one's feelings and needs in relationship.
4. Learning to listen to what is needed/wanted as opposed to assuming/expecting others or oneself to just behave/be a certain way.
5. Learning how to listen, learning lessons of self-reflection, and embracing relationship as a way to face the very places that have been repressed and shamed.
6. A possible karmic journey to train (10th house) as a counselor/ doing work that will imply cultivating maturity and competency in relationship skills.

FURTHER CLARIFICATION

In this case, the 7th house node is where the conscious effort needs to be directed. In so doing, the dynamics related to the 1st house node are resolved.

In working on the 7th house node, the soul will inevitably be drawn to face all the reasons why it might resist true soul growth through relationship and thus perpetuate the flip flop pattern with the 1st house node.

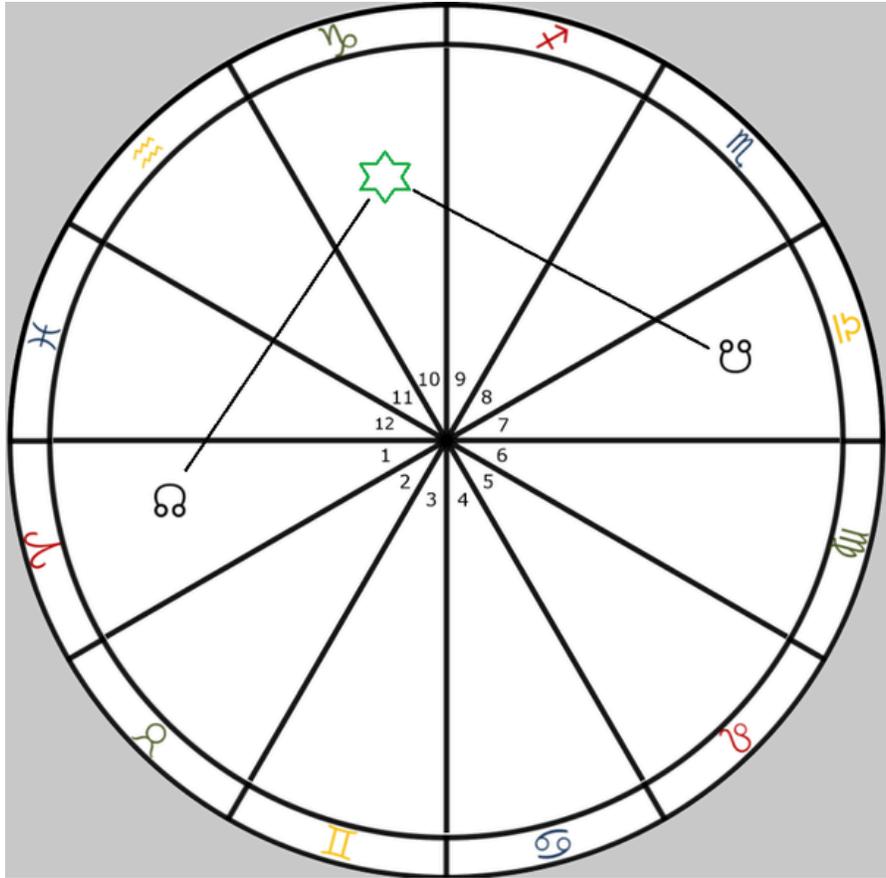
What results is a growing integrated balance: how to be true to one's individual freedom while also knowing how to function in a healthy way within relationship.

SPECIFYING WHICH NODE IS WHICH

At this point, to understand how this *actually* works, we need to define the specific placement of each node. This is the next level of our learning, and an important one, as there is a difference in interpretation according to where each node is.

In all cases, the node in the 7th house is the resolution node. However, what does that mean when it's the south node? What does that mean when it's the north node?

Part 2: Resolution Node (cont'd)

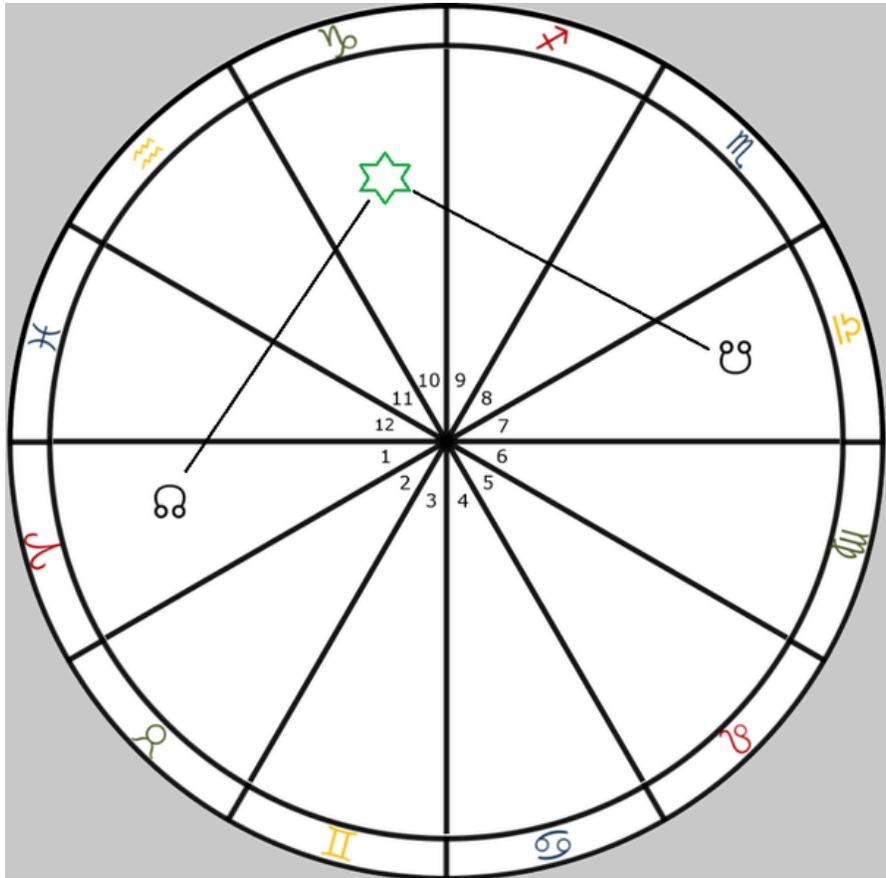


In this example, the south node is in the 7th house. Even though both nodes are squared and thus there is karmic familiarity with both nodes, the south node still represents the soul's predominant mode of identification. The south node in the 7th house says this soul has come to know themselves, has formed a self-identity, through relationship. Thus, in this case the resolution is to enter into relationship (7th house resolution) *in a new way (doing the south node in a new way)* that then allows for the integration of the north node.

We can now offer more specific examples of what this might look like:

1. Entering into relationship because one "wants to" not because one "has to".
2. Learning to communicate needs, how to say no, deconditioning from social conditioning/expectations.
3. Learning to assert oneself in relationship, even if that means being "unpleasing".
4. Unraveling expectations that others will relate and give in certain ways.
5. Learning that relationships take conscious effort.
6. Learning how to listen truly, not being bound by need for approval.

Part 2: Resolution Node (cont'd)



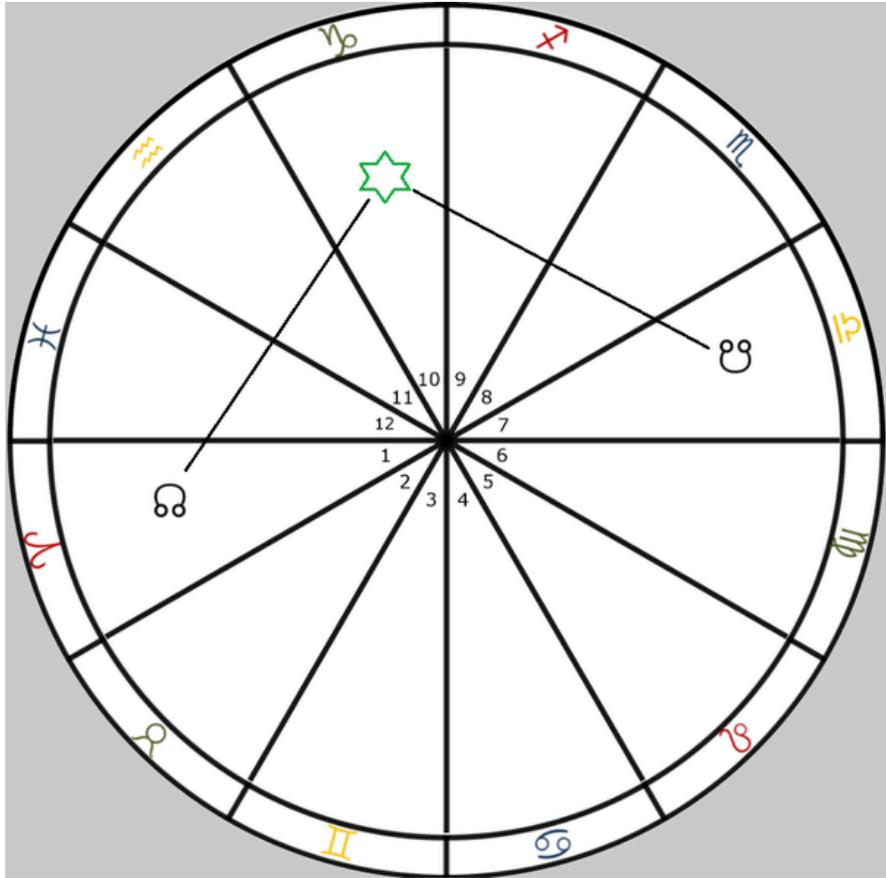
Further, in this case with the south node in the 7th, what would the flip flopping to the north node look like while there isn't resolution?

Cyclically, this soul would find themselves alone, making their own choices, becoming their own independent "adult" self. During such times they will hit points of fear, of not trusting their own instincts and worldly know-how (10th house relative to 1st house north node), and will be drawn back into dependency on others as a result of the need to be defined by others.

There can also be a fear of making a wrong choice, of being judged or condemned by others, thus suppressing their own personal impulses.

The north node in the 1st house can also speak to repressed anger but perhaps a fear of actually addressing it/ dealing with it. Thus, this can express in one's life by way of attracting all kinds of confrontational and intense experiences all the while trying to "do the right thing" and keep the peace. There can also be an intense need to be alone, leading to fights and sudden separations that results in the soul being independent for a time.

Part 2: Resolution Node (cont'd)



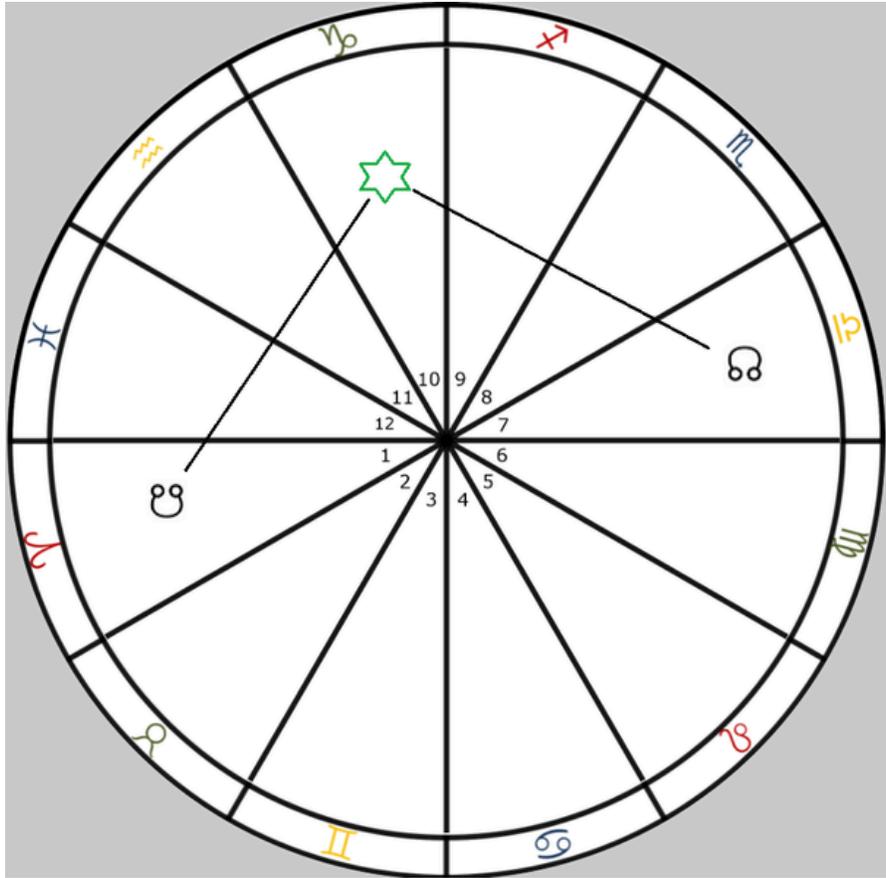
The resolution node being the south node in the 7th resolves all of that as it provides a basis for relationship that does not suppress the soul's self-autonomy, but actually compliments it.

As the soul learns to be true to their own soul path at all times, even while in relationship, then there will be no longer the need to flip between the two nodes. They are not defined by the approval and judgments of others. *I am myself and I know myself from within.*

Such a soul might develop an immense amount of skill and wisdom in counseling and working with people in trusting their own self-authority while in relationship.

Now lets look at this complex with the nodes flipped: north node in the 7th house and south node in the 1st.

Part 2: Resolution Node (cont'd)



Now, with the south node in the 1st, we are looking at a ego construct that is most familiar with doing things their way, according to their own will. Thus, with the resolution node being the north node in the 7th house, the soul will need to learn how to give to others according to what others actually want.

Further, they are learning how to listen, how to slow down, how to ask for help and to understand the importance and need for conscious relationship in their life.

The flip flop pattern here would occur by way of feeling limited, judged, compromised, rejected, held back etc. through relationship and then flipping to the 1st house south node need to be alone, be free to make one's own choices. This of course results in loneliness and a continual draw to get back into relationship and the soul drawn to broaden one's limited perspective.

The duality ceases as the soul learns how to integrate other people's realities as harmonious and supportive of one's own. There is nothing to defend, all relationships are opportunities for growth and mutual support.

Part 3: Final Thoughts

Regardless of where each node is, here are some life situations and dynamics that would be relevant to this nodal square complex :

- Relationship with parents, conditioning around communication, needs being met, how to give and receive.
- Issues related to co-parenting.
- Sharing responsibilities in relationship.
- Relationships where one person is the leader and the other is the follower. Who is the one allowed to get angry?
- Relationship between employer and employee (consider the soul with the south node in the 7th house as a boss and the struggles with trying to please the employees versus a the soul with the north node in the 7th house as the boss and how they might be too aggressive and not listen to the needs of their employees.
- Fear of judgment, safety to share and be heard.
- Gender and social roles in relationship; who each person is "supposed to be" and the roles each person is "supposed to play" vs listening to who each person is.

WORKING IN THE CONTEXT OF A WHOLE CHART

The real practice is working with squares to the nodes in the context of a whole chart. This means incorporating other aspects to the nodes, nodal rulers, aspects to the nodal rulers and of course all in context of the core evolutionary intention as implied by Pluto and aspects to Pluto.

The position of the nodal rulers are very important. Lets say the south node is in the 7th house but it's ruler is in the 8th. In this case we are adding an 8th house dimension to the 7th house identity patterns. There can actually be a lot more unconscious or even conscious manipulation taking place perhaps in the guise of "pleasing" 7th house (just as much as it can also emphasize the possibility of the soul being taken advantage of by others). Or lets say the the north node is in the 7th house but it's ruler is on the south node! In such a case it will emphasize the need to use one's 1st house identity in a way that harmonizes (not wages war) with others (1st house planet on south node as ruler of 7th house north node).

Part 3: Final Thoughts

The examples and possibilities go on and on. We always need to see these signatures in the context with the entire chart. See next page for a small list of other mitigating factors to consider.

IN REVIEW

The tension of a planet squaring the nodes can be characterized by:

- The house/sign and aspects of the planet squaring the nodes.
- The house/sign of each of the nodes, planets on either nodes and general aspects to each node.
- The position of the nodal rulers and aspects to the nodal rulers.
- The underlying context of the house/sign and aspects to Pluto.

Review reflection: Why is Pluto apart of this?

What is Pluto doesn't even aspect the nodes or the nodal rulers? Why is Pluto a part of this? Pluto is a part of this because Pluto points to the underlying evolutionary drive of the soul. Remember, Pluto is the bottom line of chart interpretation from an evolutionary perspective. Desire is what brings the soul into this life in the first place and desire is the determinant for the soul's evolution. Thus, all chart dynamics are to ultimately be understood in context of Pluto: the evolutionary intention of this life.

Part 3: Final Thoughts

MITIGATING FACTORS WORTH CONSIDERING

1. **When Pluto squares the nodes.** This implies resistance to evolutionary intention and core stress/life lessons that will consulate around the core of the soul's psychological resistance. The possibility of strong victim consciousness or feeling of psychological limitations/disempowerment that can lead the soul to feel perpetually entrapped/entangled in dynamics beyond their control is very common here. There's a need to become deeply concentrated on taking full responsibility for everything that arises in one's life and do the work that is necessary in order to evolve. Profound psychological soul-empowerment and essential change is possible for these souls.
2. **Two planets opposite each other that square the nodes.** In this case, both nodes will serve as the resolution node for either planet. In this case, both nodes need to operate as the resolution node and this reflects a potent process of integration. Generally, a lot of stress and polarization is implied here until the soul understands how to integrate this polarity. I generally think of this as a narrow path, but once walked, opens the doors to immense freedom.
3. **Sun squaring the nodes.** Since the Sun corresponds to the current life purpose, it implies a stress for integrating the purpose in this life. Core issues around confidence/self-assuredness, and self-actualization will be implied here. Jeff Green taught that this can become a "skipped step" if the soul does not do the work to integrate the life's purpose, but it is not yet a skipped step. This being said, of course, karmically, there is a reason for why the Sun would be square to the nodes as everything in the chart has context relative to the past.
4. **The angles squaring the nodes.** This too is a special category. The AC DC axis and the MC IC axis are each polarized pairs, and thus, if the AC squares the nodes, so will the DC. If the MC squares the nodes, so will the IC. This reflects core unresolved dynamics that pertain to the cardinal facets of a human life. Lessons in integrating between self-individuation and relationship/partnerships (AC DC) and lessons in one's role in life/responsibilities and healthy family/emotional care (MC IC). These are stressful aspects and will also reflect core karmic dynamics that need to be integrated and resolved. We calculate these squares the way we would with a planet. Put your finger on the angle in question and move backwards. The node you reach first is the resolution node for that angle.
5. **All kinds of other** situations that we will all naturally come across in our own timing and are best exemplified with real examples. For example, squares to the nodes involving nodal rulers, ruler of one node conjunct the other node, phasal relationship between nodal rulers etc.

Part 3: Final Thoughts

SEMI SQUARES AND SESQUIQUADRATES TO THE NODES

Lastly, semi squares and sesquiquadrates are half of a square and reflect a more refined, detail focused self-adjustment than the square. There's a need to slow down, become immensely self-aware, to curb any excessiveness and become more inward. Like the square, these aspects imply a great degree of tension and imply a stress for the soul to develop more self-knowledge.

When a planet forms these aspects to the nodes, there's a need for adjustment and a cultivation of greater self-awareness. Resistance can manifest by way of the soul refusing to look inward and make the necessary changes.

For example, Pluto forming this aspect to the nodes can imply excessive investment in separating desires and strong life lessons that will potentially serve to push the soul to bring its energy in and become psychologically self-aware.

Unlike the square, a semi square to one node will imply a sesquiquadrate to the other, and visa versa. Calculating semi squares and sesquiquadrates to the nodes is the same as calculating any aspect to the node. You can put your finger on the planet and move backwards: the elongation to the first node you reach will imply the aspect and phase to that node. Or you can put your finger on the node and move forward to the planet. Same deal.

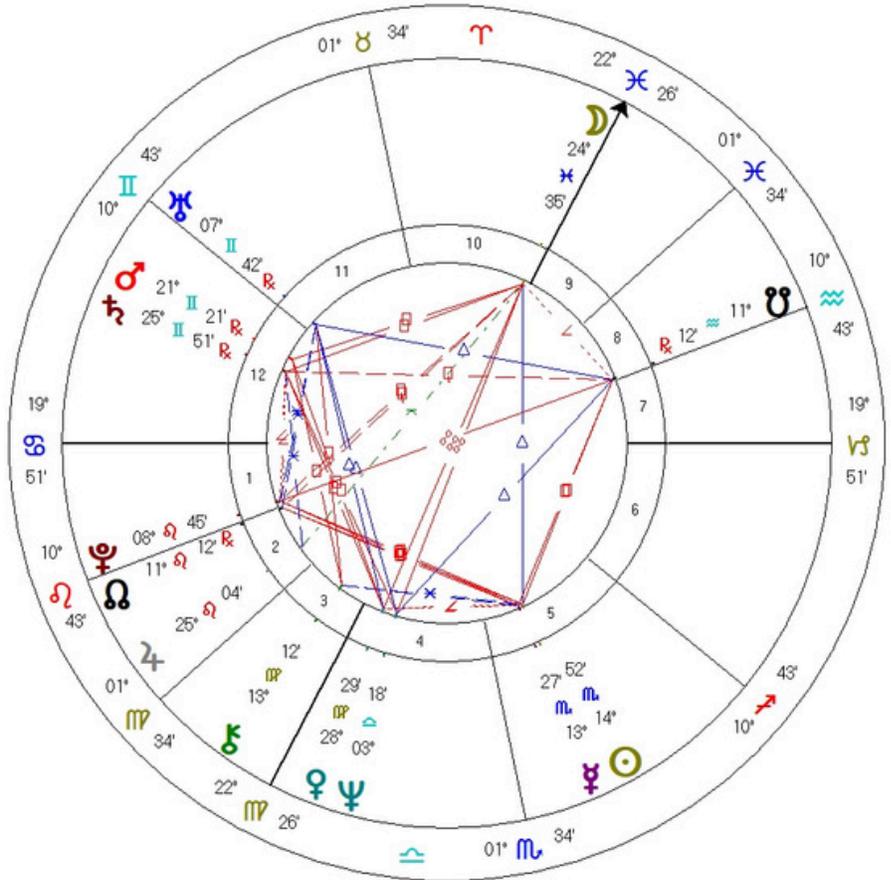
FINAL THOUGHT

Finally, it's important to state that there are all kinds of ways a soul might face and deal with the issues of squares to the nodes. It's not for us to judge offhand the *reason* for the square to the nodes. There can be many reasons for it. It takes practice and experience to start to understand the deeper karmic dimensions behind the square.

Likewise, as squares imply a great degree of self-awareness, these souls can and do often emerge with a great degree of self-knowledge and life wisdom. Likewise, as per all things evolution, the "work" can be resisted.

Part 4: Examples

Joni Mitchell
Natal Chart
Nov 7 1943, Sun
10:00 pm MWT+6:00
fort macleod, canada
49°N43' 113°W25'
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
True Node
Rating B



Joni Mitchell

See video two for my analysis of the squares to the nodes.

Credits for video footage used in video teaching:

Joni Mitchell Woman of Heart and Mind - (:34 - 11:19 in video)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T95l3_eai88

Joni Mitchell Woodstock (Live In Studio 1970) - (6:14 - 22:17 in video)

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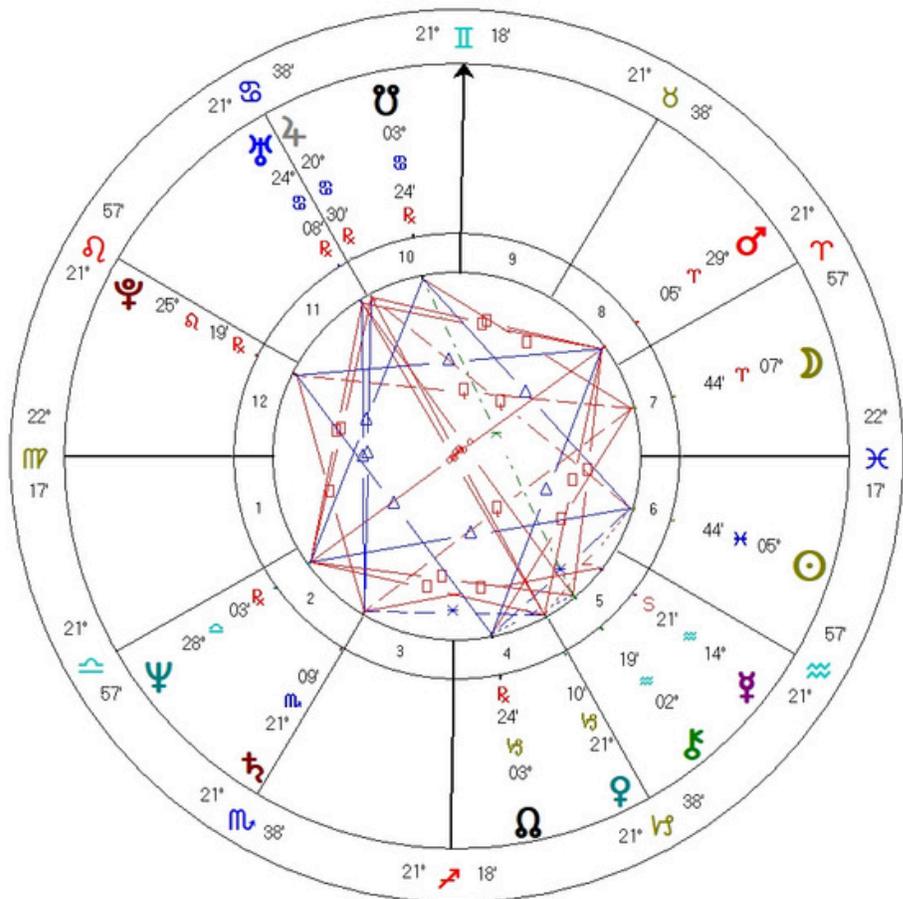
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Joni Mitchell Interview (CBS News) - (28:33 - 33::12 in video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUu1MvnAecc>

Part 4: Examples

Steve Jobs
Natal Chart
Feb 24 1955, Thu
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Tropical
Porphyry
True Node



Steve Jobs

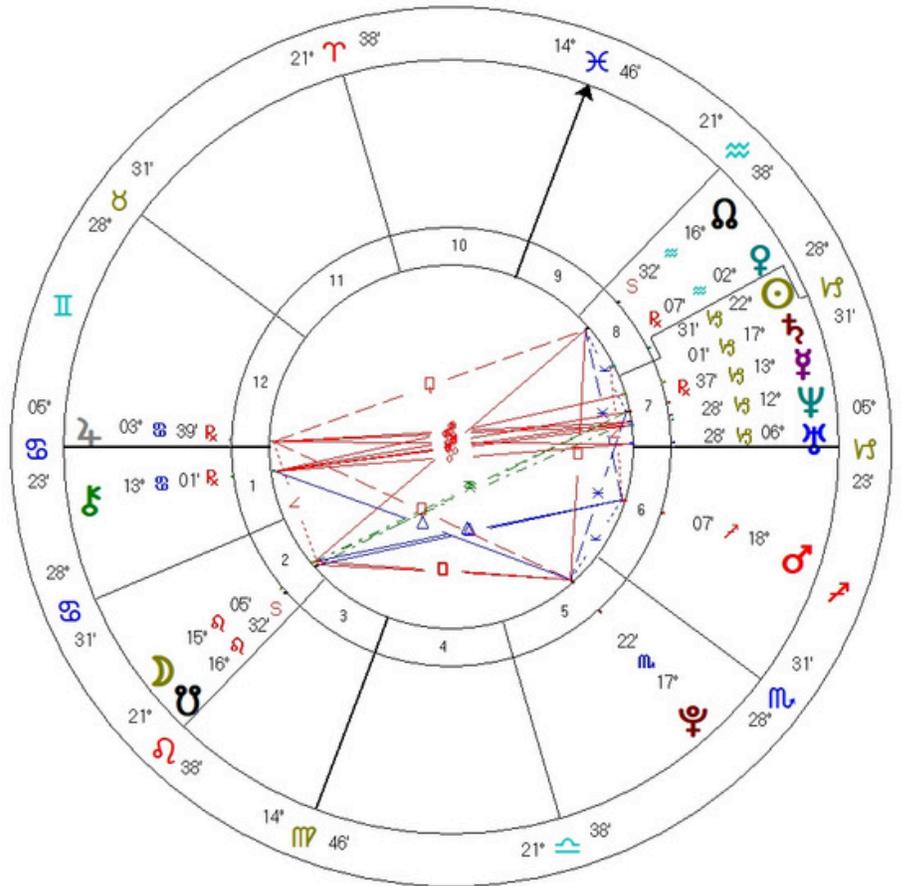
We reviewed this chart in a live class during the 2021 Chart Interpretation Course. It is now included among the course videos.

Part 5: Practice Work

PRACTICE

Example Chart
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Sonoma, California
38°N17'31" 122°W27'26"
Geocentric
Tropical
Porphyry
True Node

Chart 4.3A



Example Chart - Second stage individuated. Male, London. Interpret the core soul dynamics implied by Pluto in Scorpio in the 5th squaring the nodes. Remember to include the nodal rulers and their aspects. We will work on this chart during one of our live classes.

Required reading: Pluto in the 5th house in the Pluto book.

Part 5: Practice Work

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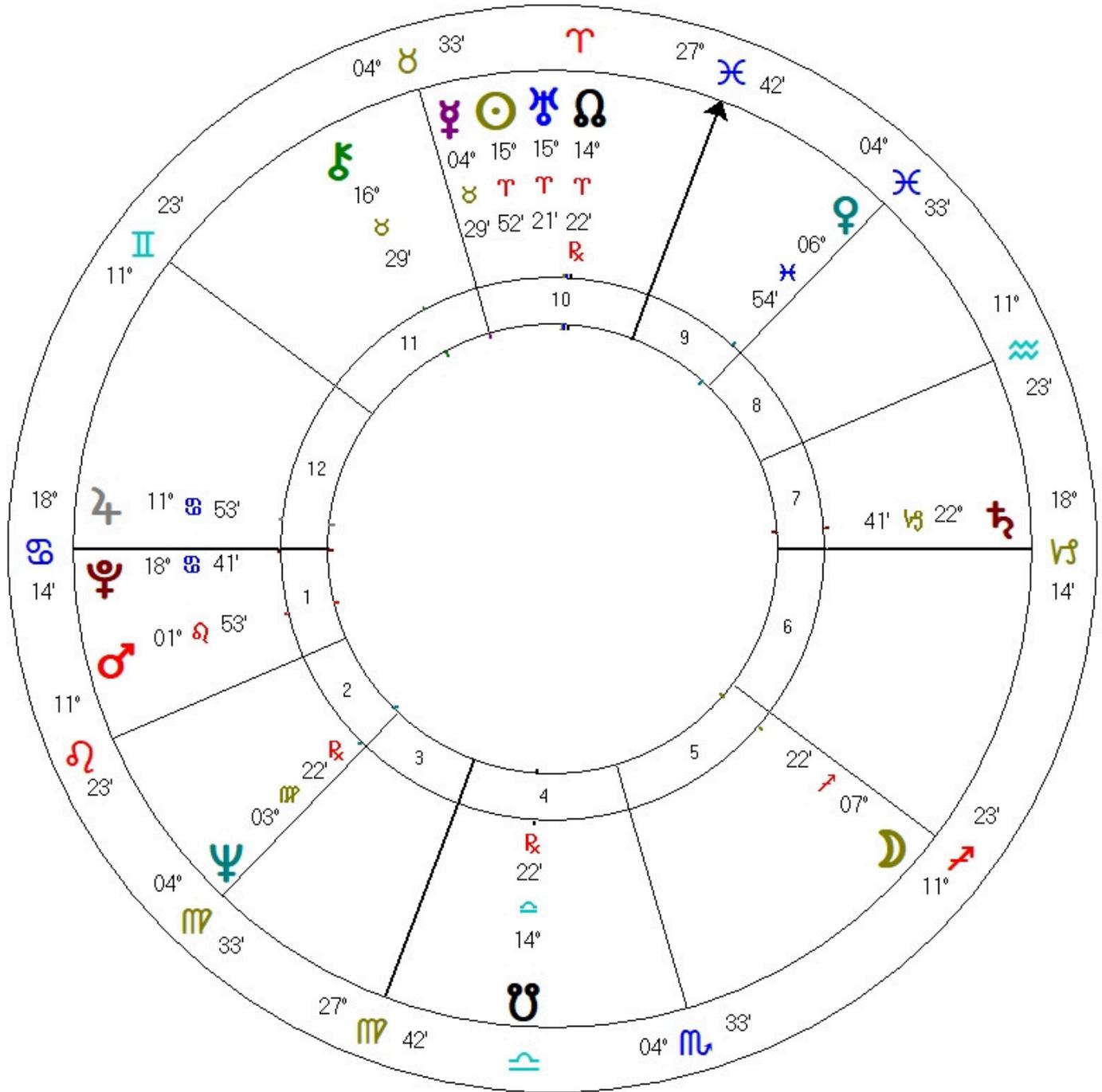


Chart 4.3B - Ram Dass

Part 5: Practice Work

Interpret the core soul dynamics in the chart below as implied by Venus in Scorpio in the 9th squaring the nodes in the context of the core Pluto and the nodes paradigm we have been practicing. Remember to include the nodal rulers and their aspects as well. Please note I am including the evolutionary stage of this soul.

As always, start by listing all of the key signatures.

- Pluto by house and sign
- Aspects and phases to Pluto
- South node by house and sign
- Ruler of south node
- Aspects to south node and south node ruler
- North node by house and sign
- Ruler of north node
- Aspects to north node and north node ruler

Required reading:

- Pluto in the 4th house in the Pluto book
- Pluto Saturn Aspects in the Pluto book
- You may wish to check out my Pluto through the houses playlist and Pluto aspects series on my YouTube channel as well.

Part 5: Practice Work

Example Chart - Late second stage spiritual. Male, grew up in India, lived in the USA as spiritual teacher for latter part of his life.

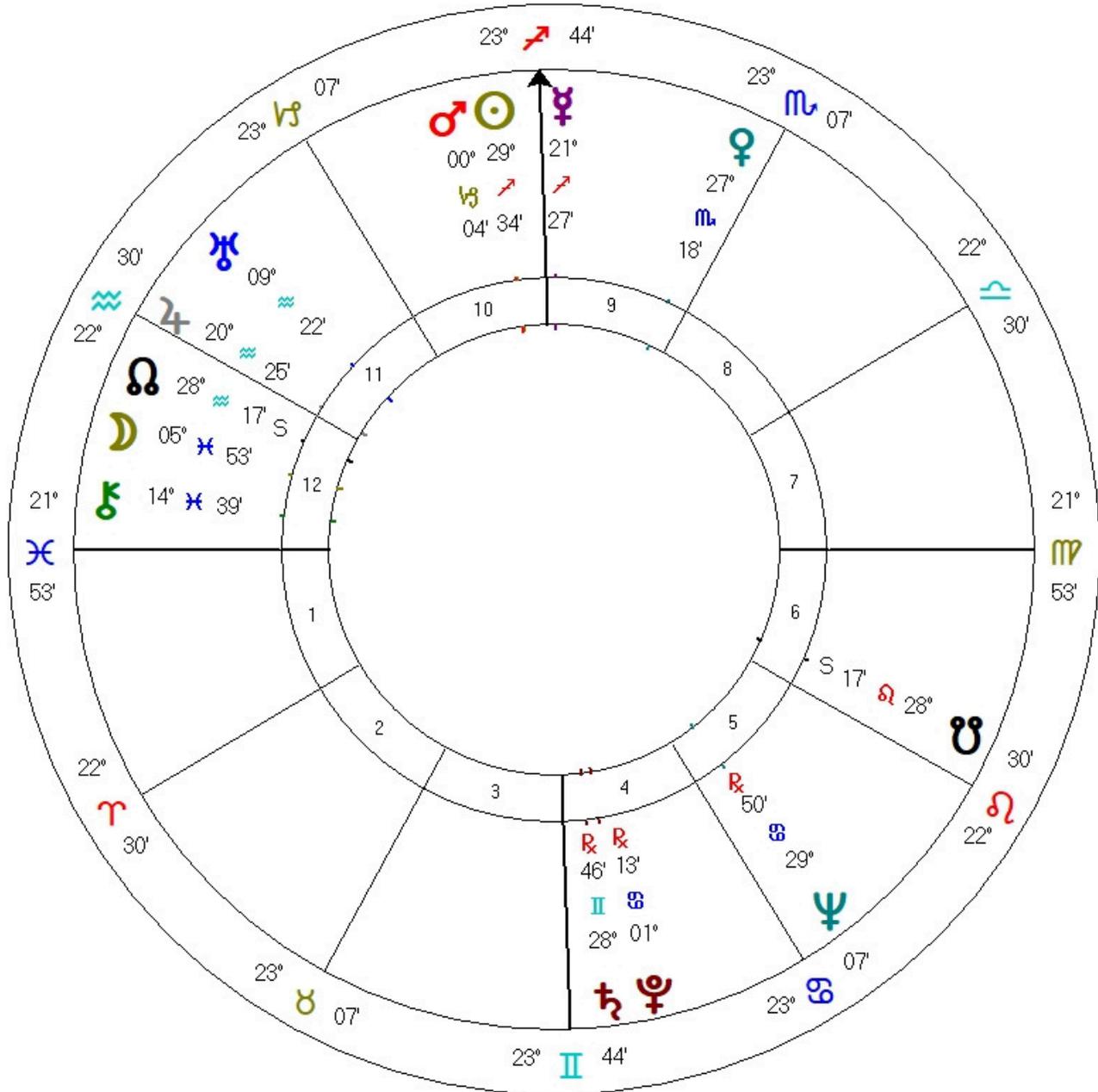


Chart 4.3D- Swami Satchidananda

Part 5: Practice Work

Interpret the core soul dynamics in the chart below as implied by Saturn in Scorpio in the 10th squaring the nodes in the context of the core Pluto and the nodes paradigm we have been practicing. Remember to include the nodal rulers and their aspects as well. Please note I am including the evolutionary stage of this soul.

As always, start by listing all of the key signatures.

- Pluto by house and sign
- Aspects and phases to Pluto
- South node by house and sign
- Ruler of south node
- Aspects to south node and south node ruler
- North node by house and sign
- Ruler of north node
- Aspects to north node and north node ruler

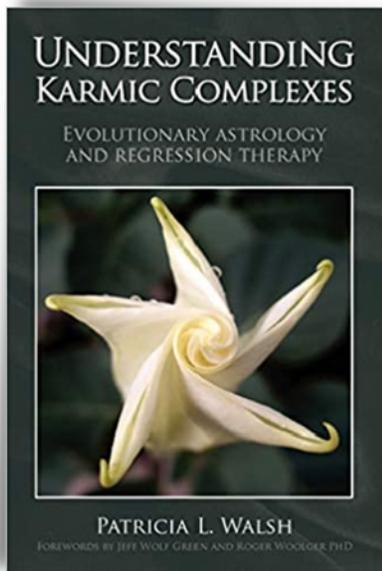
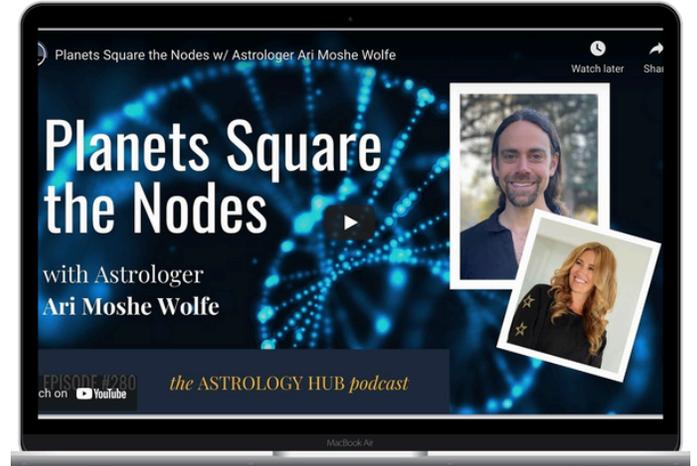
Required reading:

- Pluto in the 7th house in the Pluto book
- Pluto Mars Aspects in the Pluto book
- You may wish to check out my Pluto through the houses playlist and Pluto aspects series on my YouTube channel as well.

Recommended Learning Resources

Planets that Square the Nodes

- Free Talk on Astrology Hub April 2021
- <https://astrologyhub.com/video/planets-square-the-nodes-w-astrologer-ari-moshe-wolfe/>



Understanding Karmic Complexes

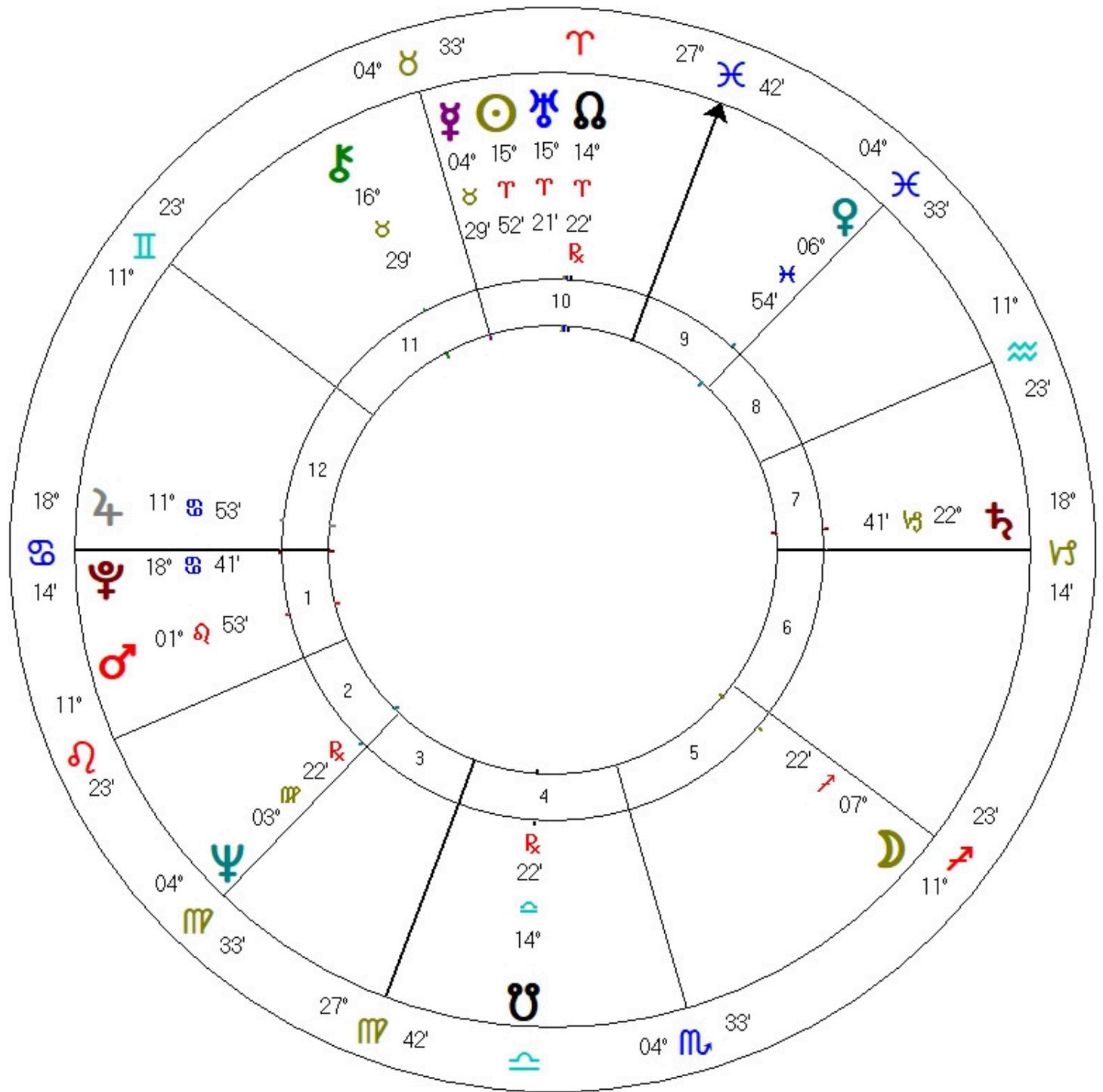
- Book by Patricia Walsh.
- Many case studies of charts linked with past life regression therapy. Excellent for integrating our learning on Pluto and the nodes, aspects, conjuncts, and squares to the nodes.

Planets that Square the Nodes Lecture

- In depth talk on this topic talk for San Francisco chapter NCGR. Includes more examples and a live Q and A
- arimoshe.com/planets-square-nodes/

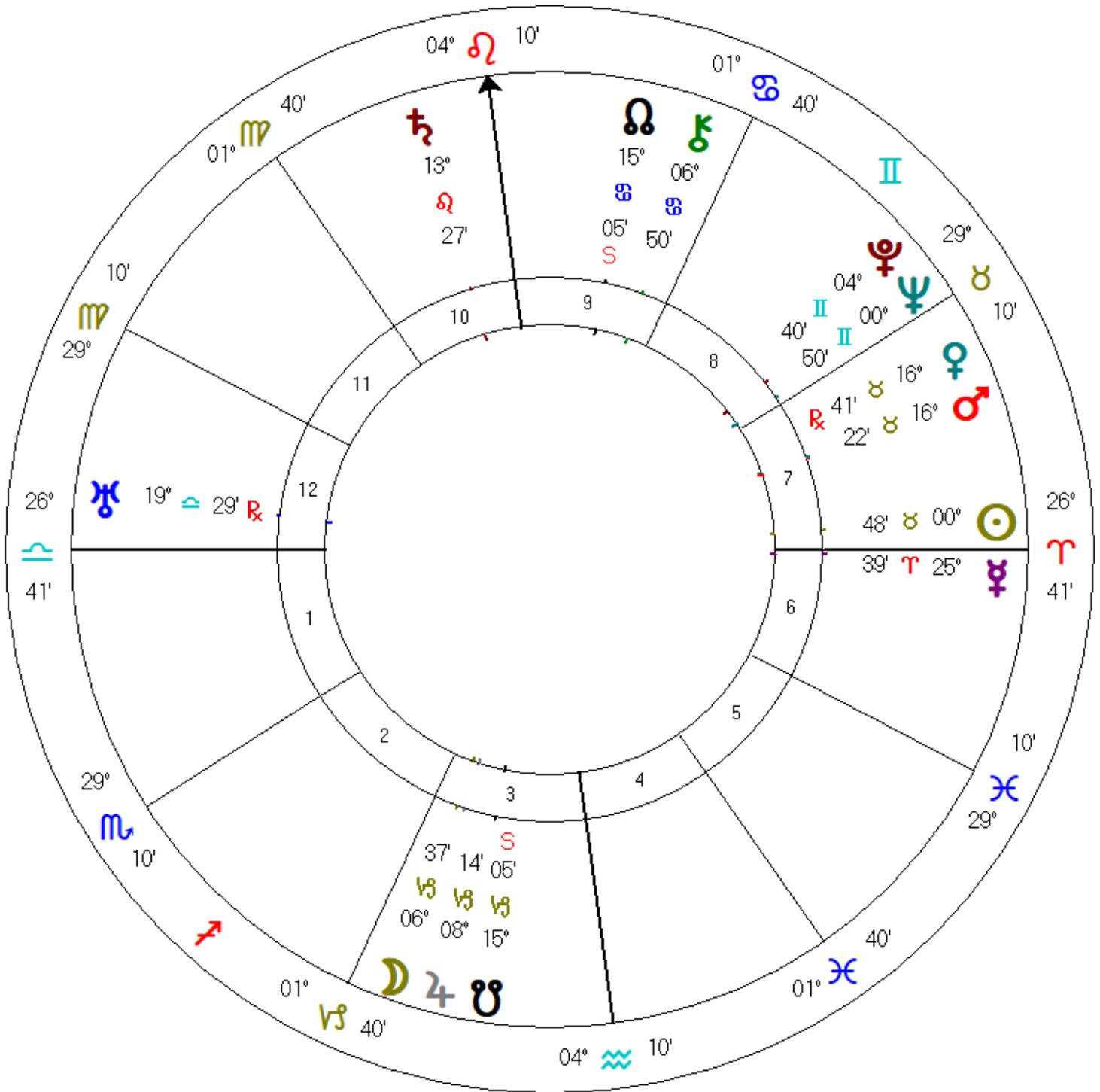


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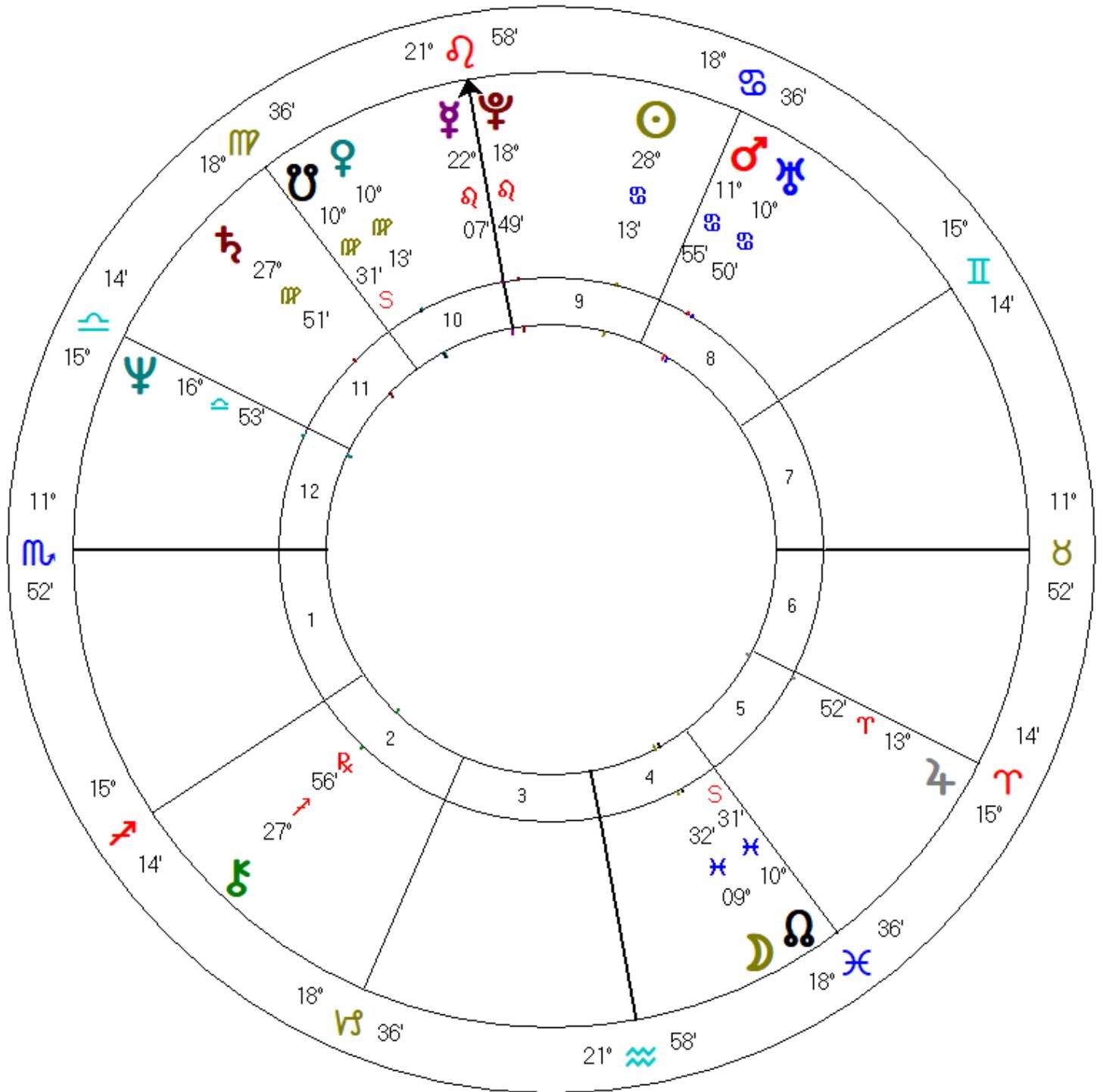
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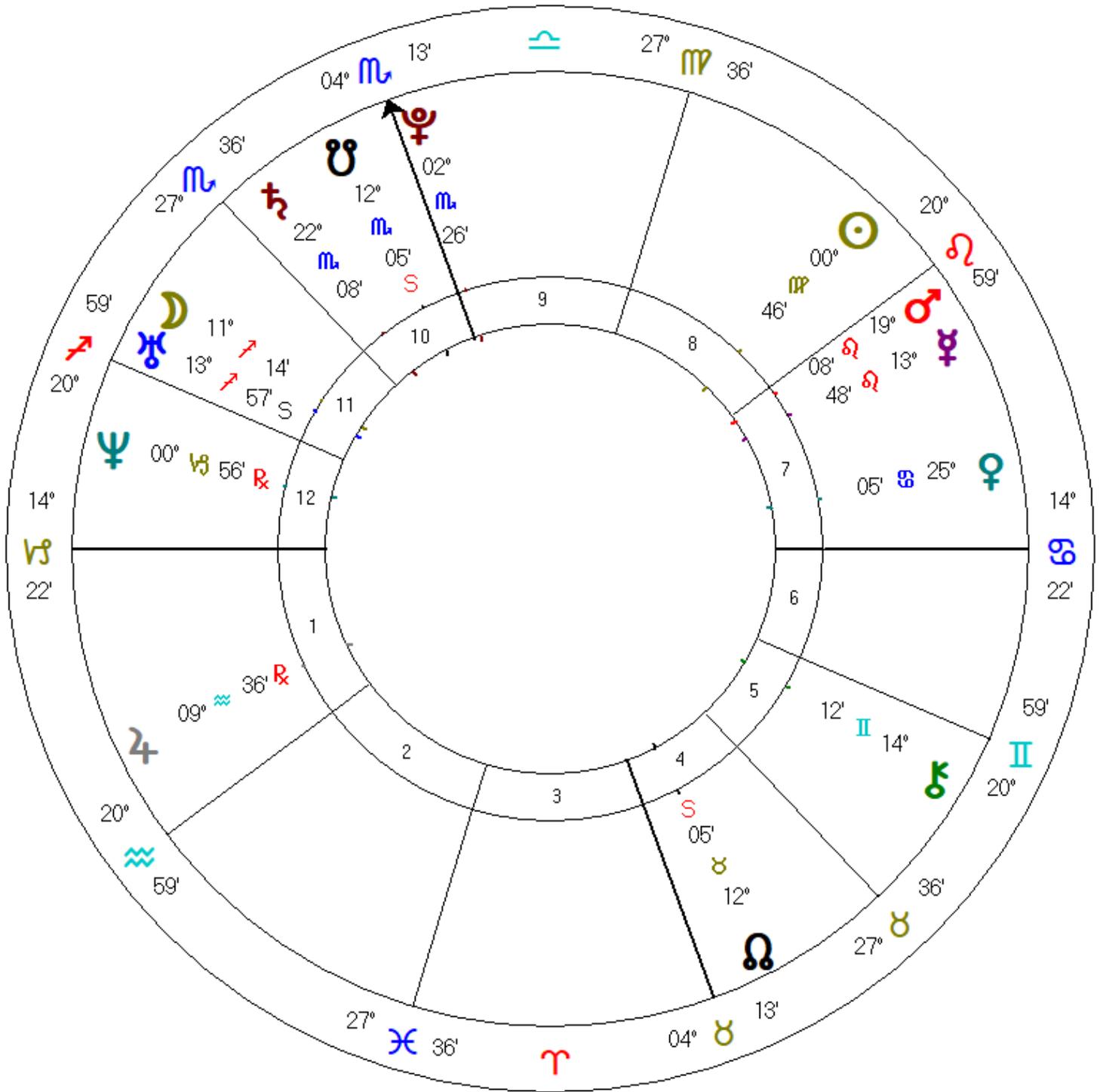
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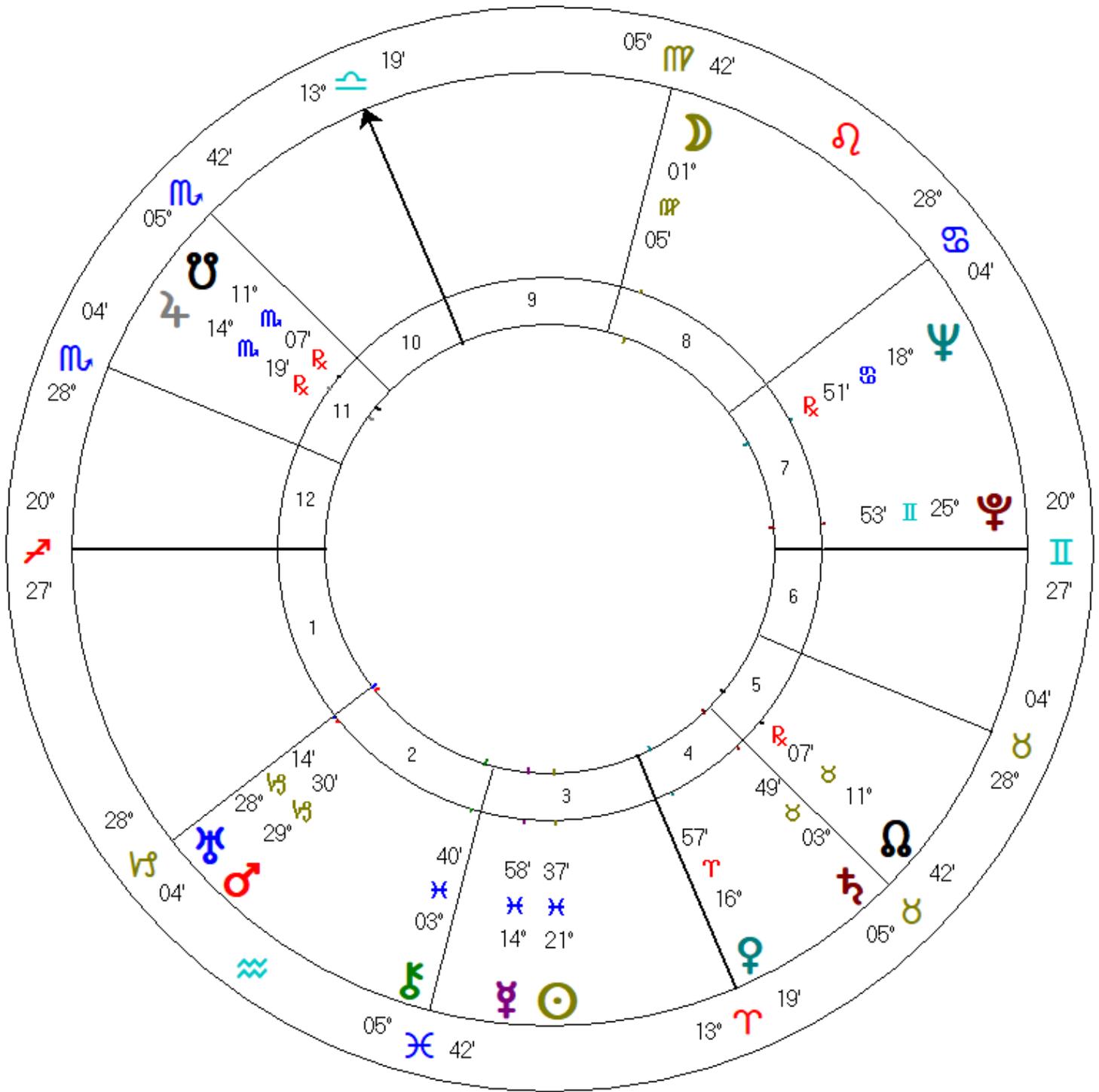
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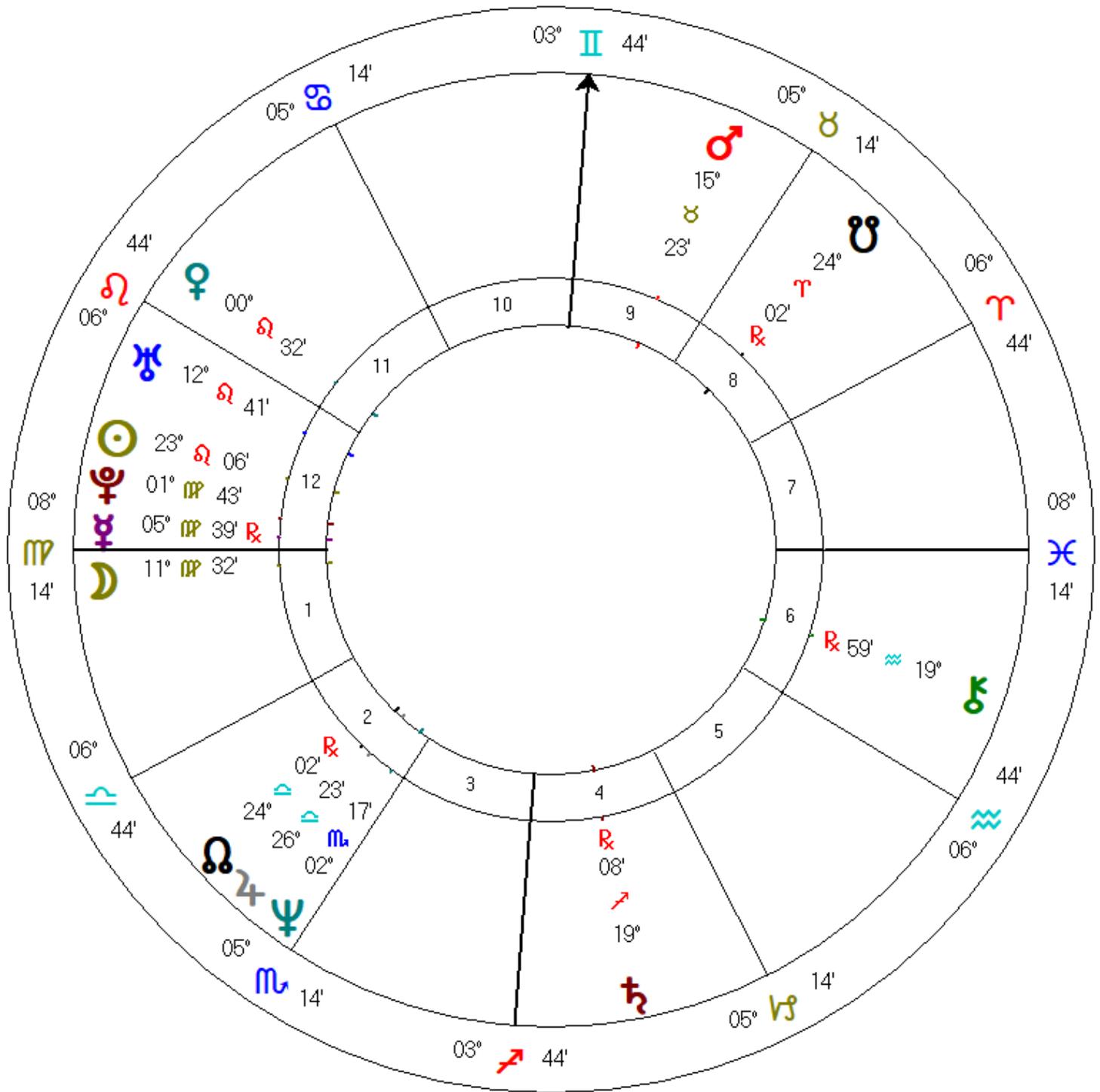
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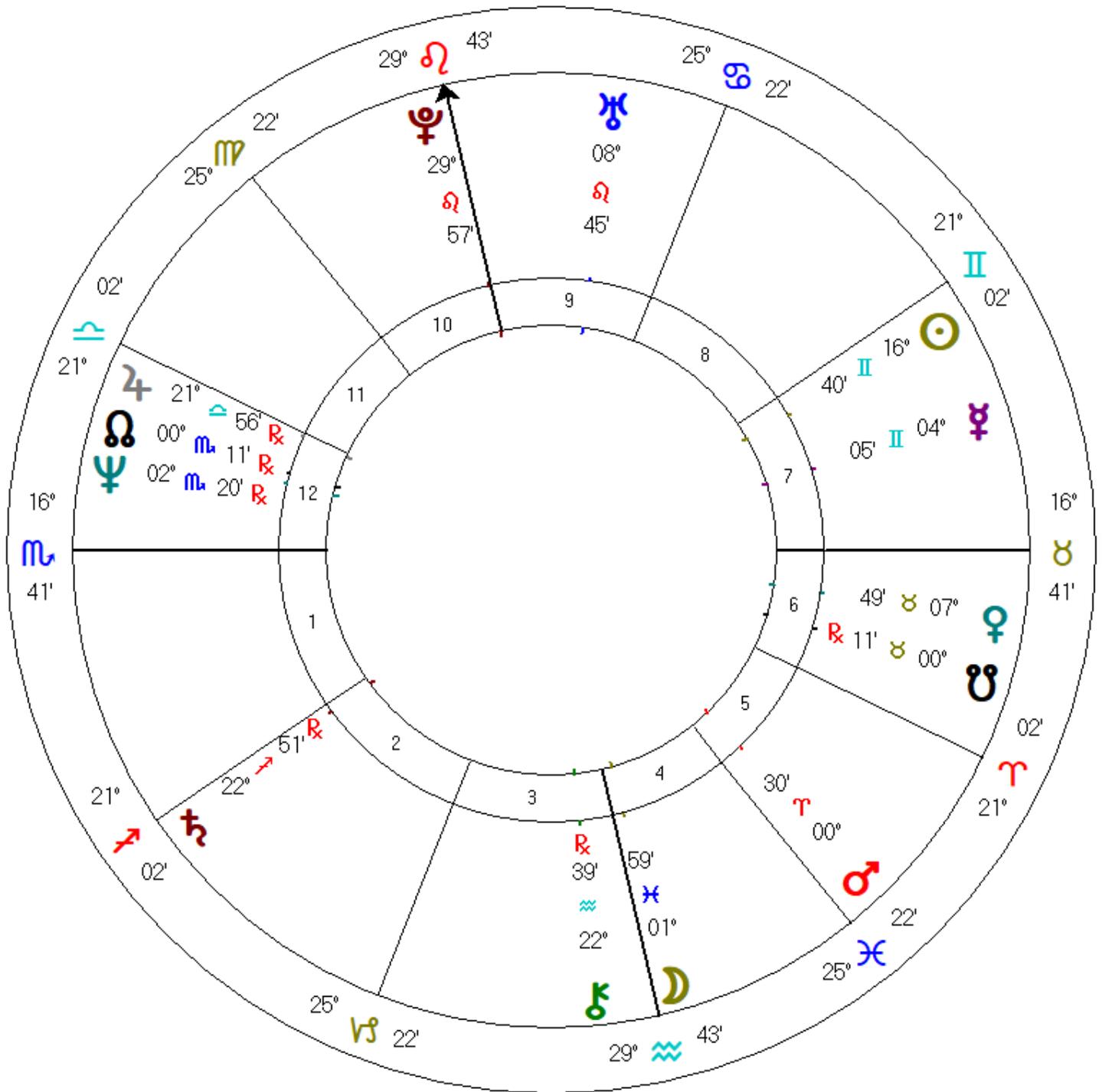
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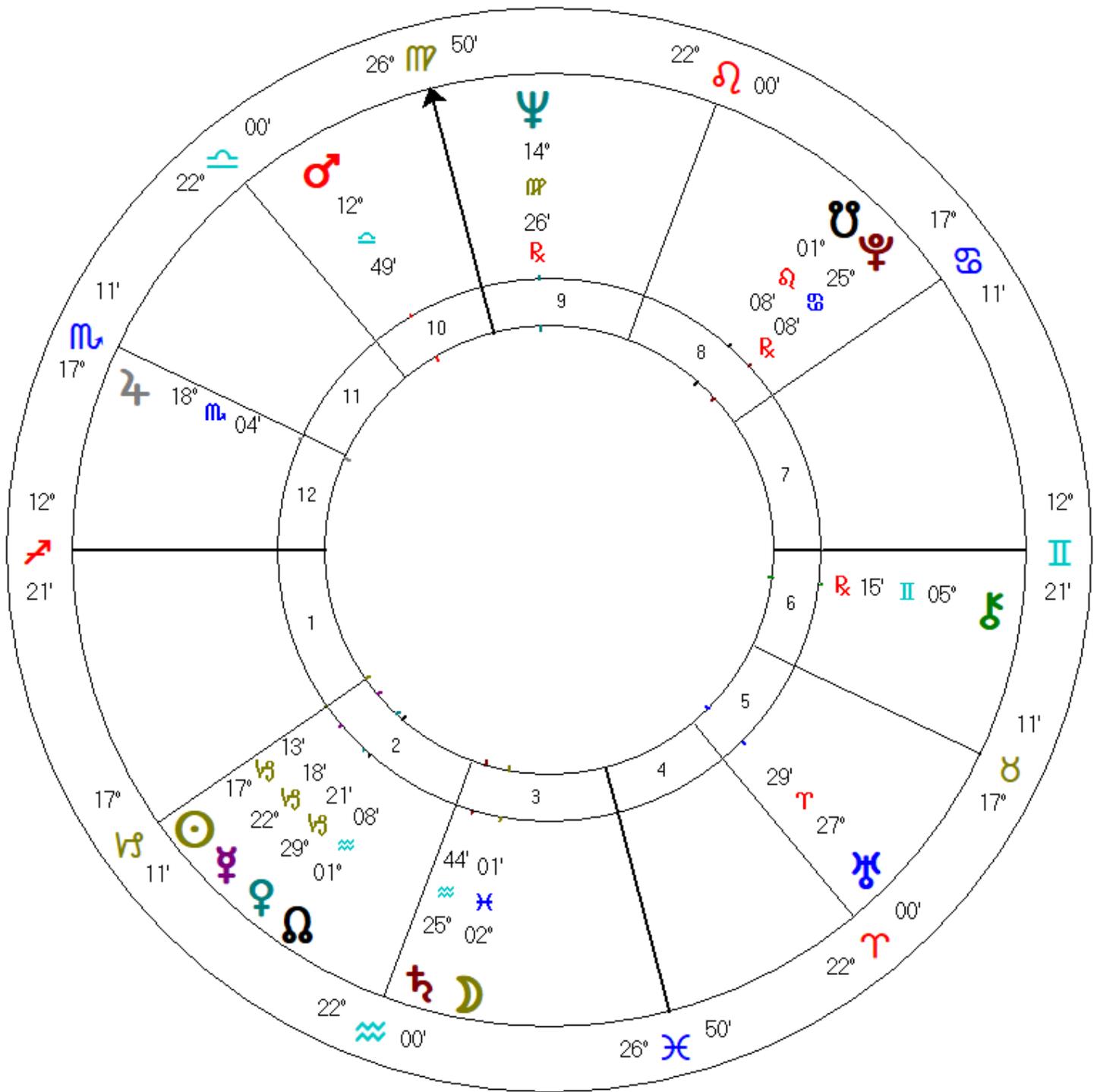
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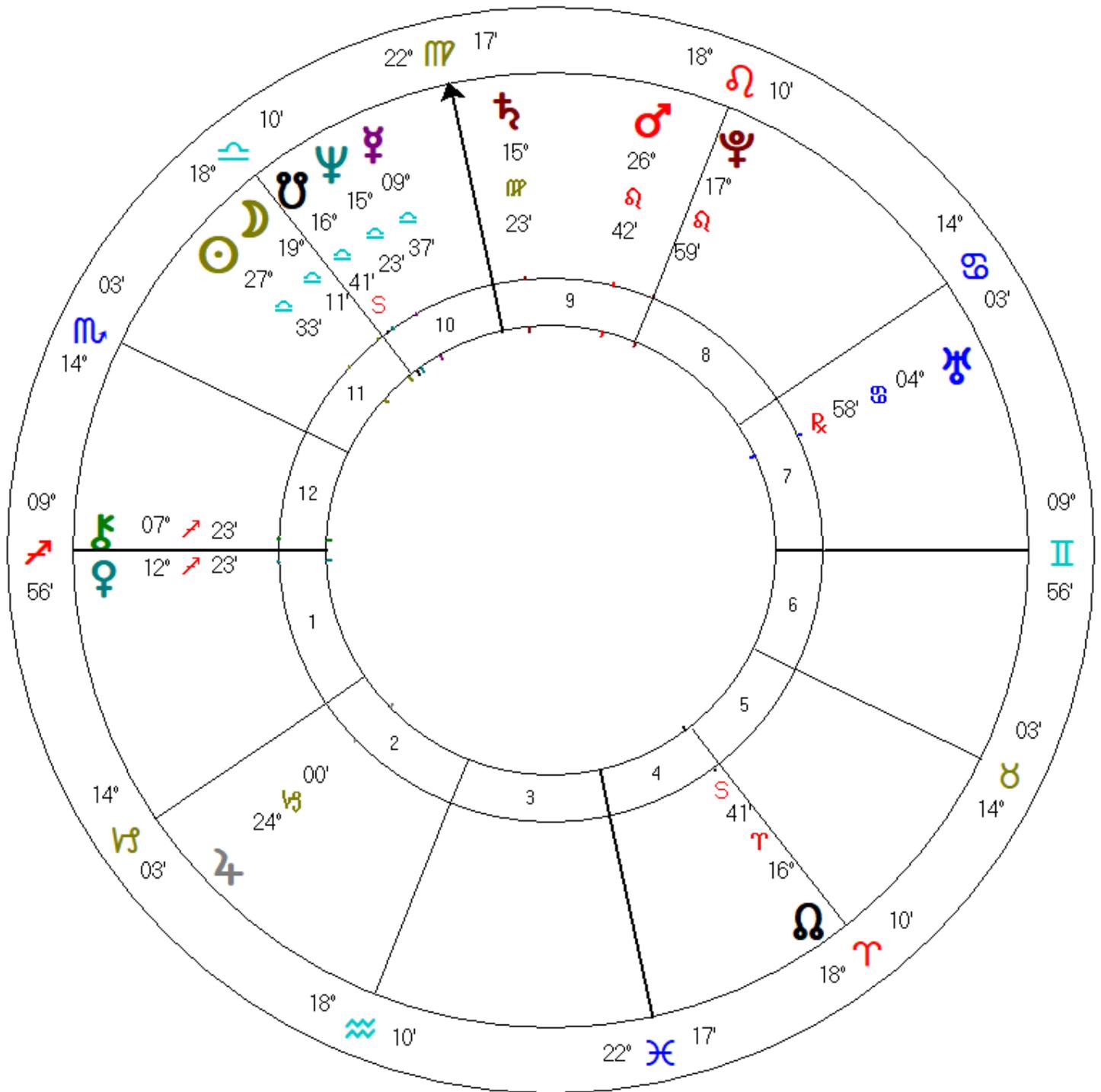
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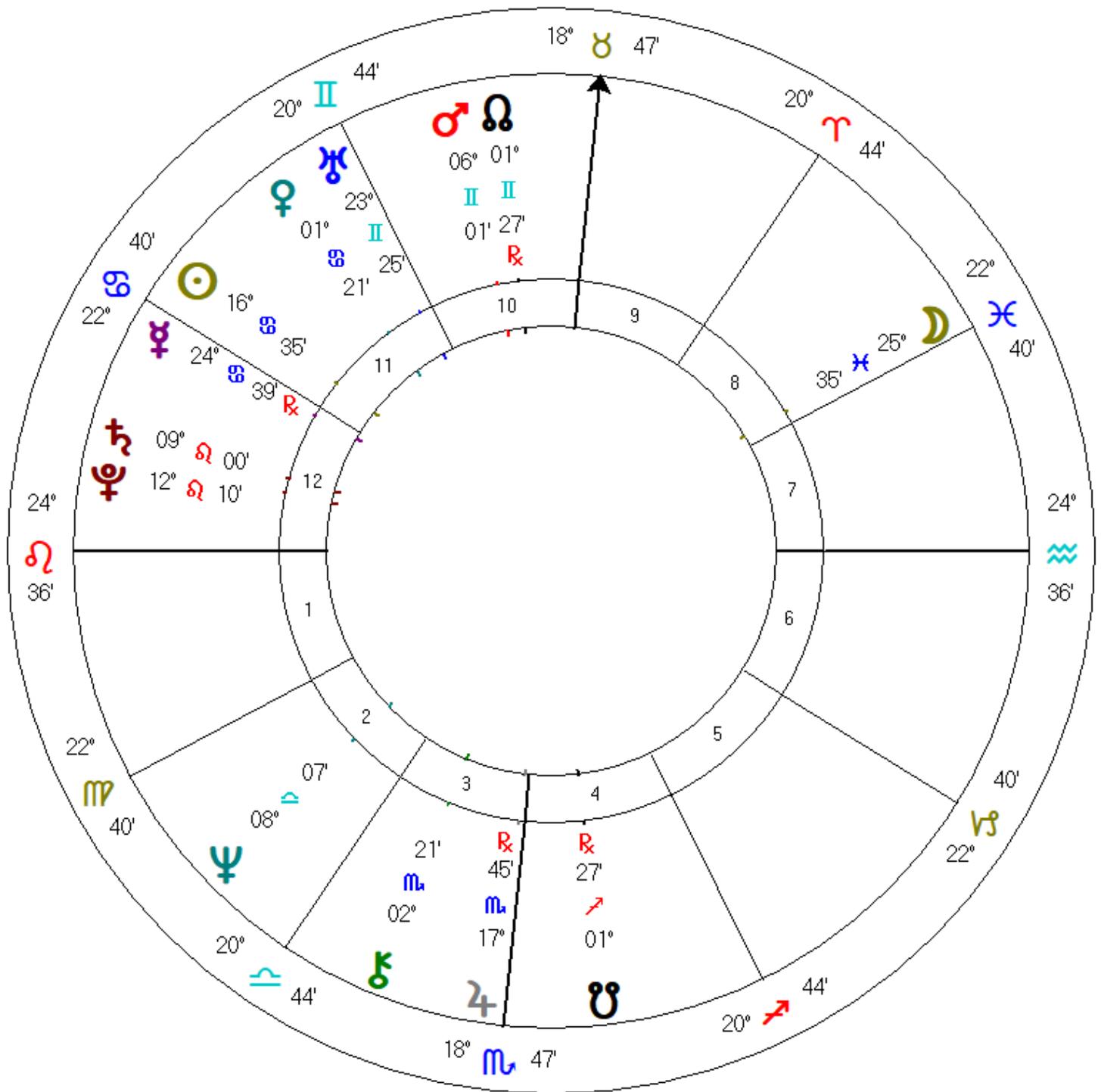
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