

Introduction to Esoteric Astrology

- What is Esoteric Astrology?
- E.A. looks towards **causes** rather than **effects**, to the life of the human soul that lies behind the outer form, the body.
 - Still limited by the tools with which we work
- Regular, Orthodox and Exoteric astrology – ‘personality’ astrology from the mundane, psychological astrology, fortune telling astrology deals with one’s everyday life and situations.
- E.A. deals with the consciousness aspect, the soul, the part of us that is evolving, that is aware.
 - The purpose is to truly integrate soul into the personality so that one can carry out one’s purpose.

- Many advanced souls do not respond well to traditional (exoteric) astrology readings.
 - we are not fated victims of our horoscope even though we have elected to work off karma or learn certain lessons - we always have a choice; so we can be conscious co-creators of our destiny.
- Esoteric Astrology gives a larger perspective of life; that we are not just inhabiting a little planet on its own in the solar system, but participating as an energy centre within a greater solar life.

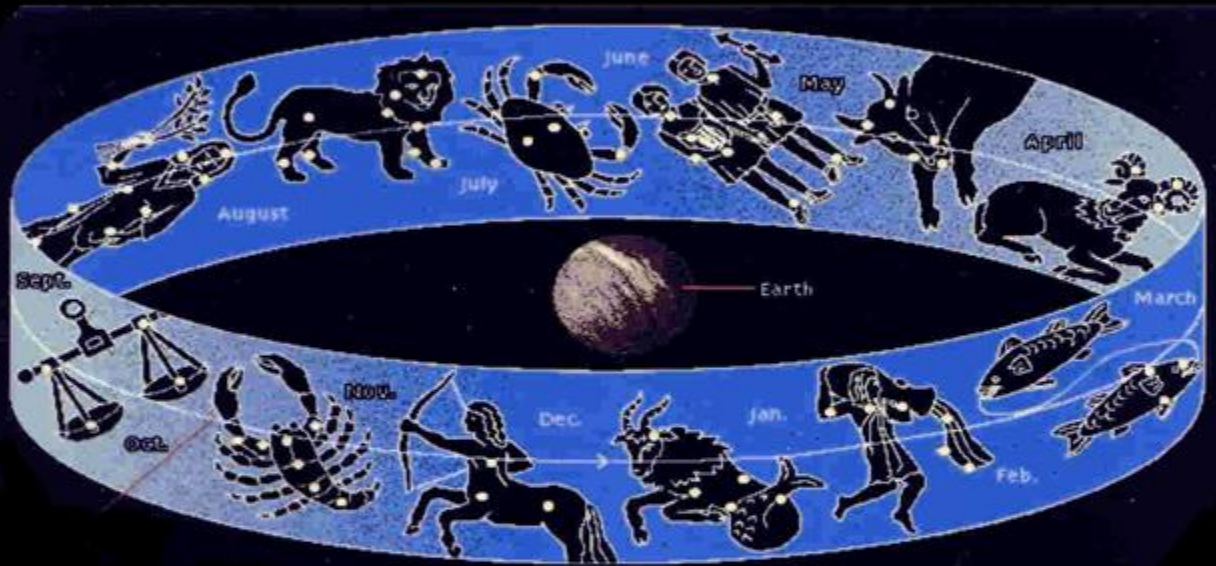
The solar system is a living being, as are all the individual lives which inhabit it – planets, asteroids, comets, human beings or any kingdom in nature.

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- Esoteric Astrology has been called the 'science of all sciences' because it is a system of relating every living entity – a planet, ray, sign or human being.
 - It describes the qualities and energies of these living beings thereby allowing comprehension, and also understanding of how they interact with each other.
- Astrology is an ancient study, tens of thousands of years old.
- Ancients employed planets that could be seen with the naked eye – Saturn was its boundary
- Uranus discovered around 1700
- Neptune – 1800 (ether, as anesthetic – ray 6)
- Pluto – 1930 (death, destruction, annihilation – ray 1)

- *“Space is an entity, and the entire vault of heaven is the phenomenal appearance of that entity... in Him we live and move and have our being... It is with the life of this entity and with the forces and energies, the impulses and the rhythms, the cycles and the times and seasons that esoteric astrology deals. EA p7.*
- Source of this new information was Alice A. Bailey who acted as an amanuensis between 1919 and 1949 for the Tibetan Master Djwhal Kuhl (D.K.), called a Master of Wisdom.
- 24 books written for souls who would be incarnate in the West synthesizing Eastern and Western traditions.
- When reading charts the ideal is to integrate esoteric and exoteric astrology.

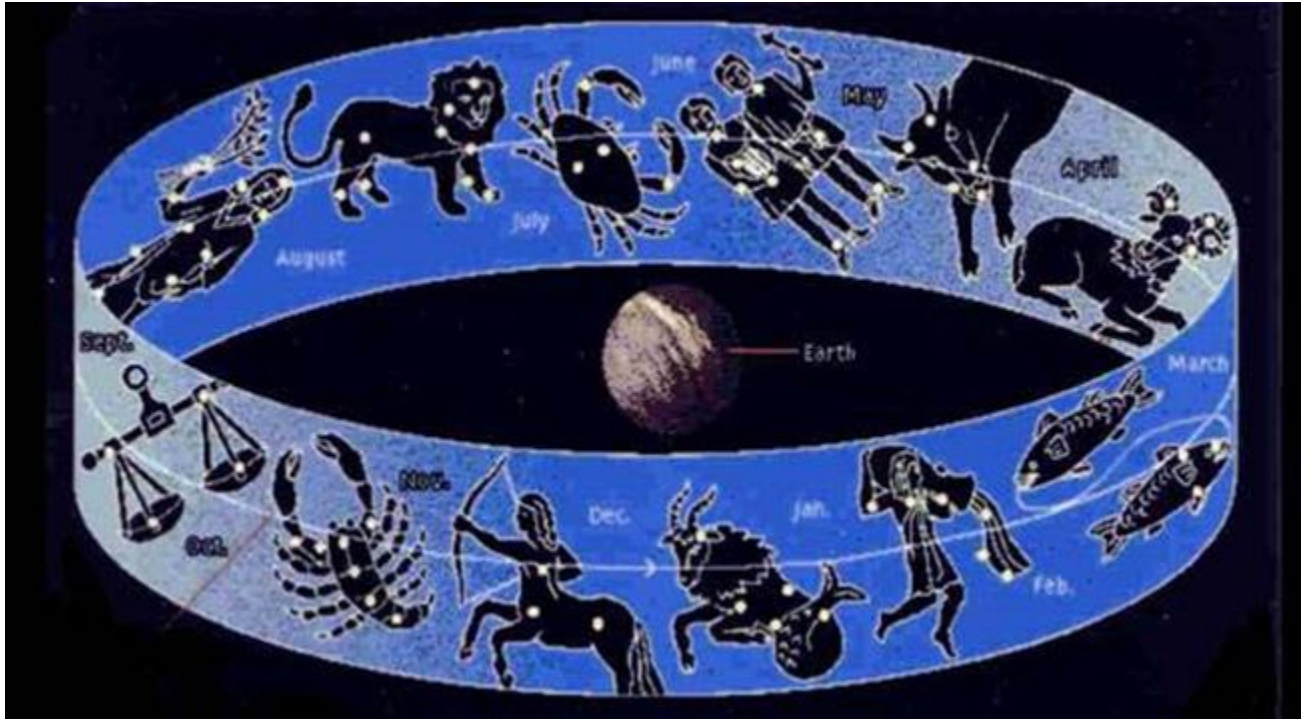
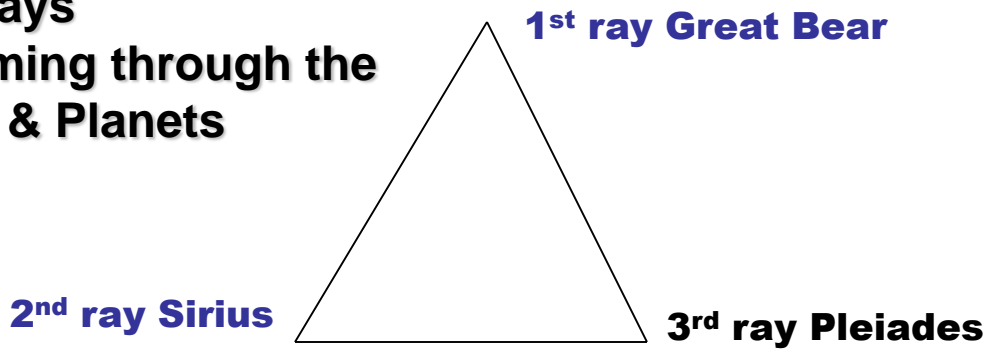
- Why are we here?
 - To grow, to evolve, to learn our lessons and become the best we can be.
 - When you die, you take nothing with you except your expanded consciousness, so that the next time around you pick up the threads of where you left off.
 - Life is a continuum.
 - You are born with innate qualities through past experiences.
 - Astrology impacts you from the outside in. The combination of the rays and astrology make up who you are and how you move in life.
 - Zodiac (Gr.) – a circle of animals
 - Zodiac circumscribes our solar system
 - Constellation consists of 2 or more stars/suns.



The Zodiac

The zodiac signs are intimately connected with human evolution. They are essentially groups of angelic beings that focus the energies pouring forth from the constellations of the zodiac.

The Rays Streaming through the Signs & Planets



Sacred

Vulcan
1st ray

Jupiter
2nd ray

Saturn
3rd ray

Mercury
4th ray

Venus
5th ray

Neptune
6th ray

Uranus
7th ray

Non Sacred

Pluto

Sun

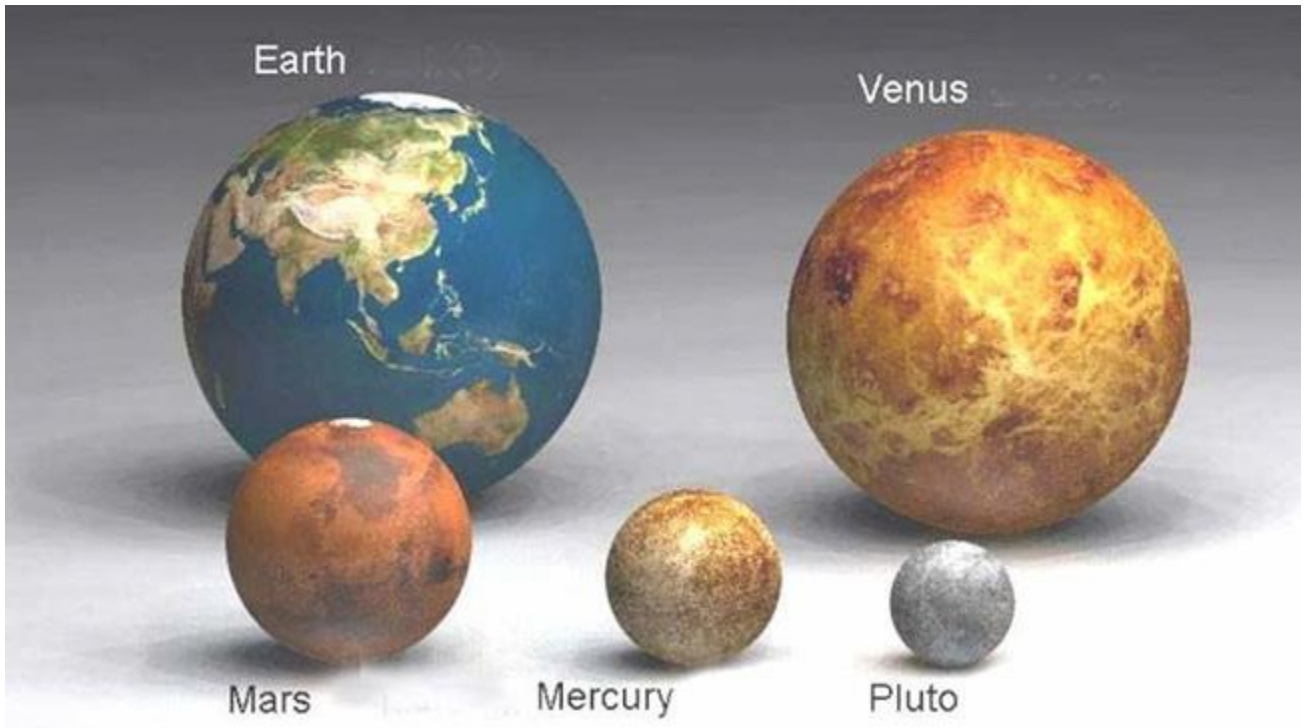
Earth

Moon

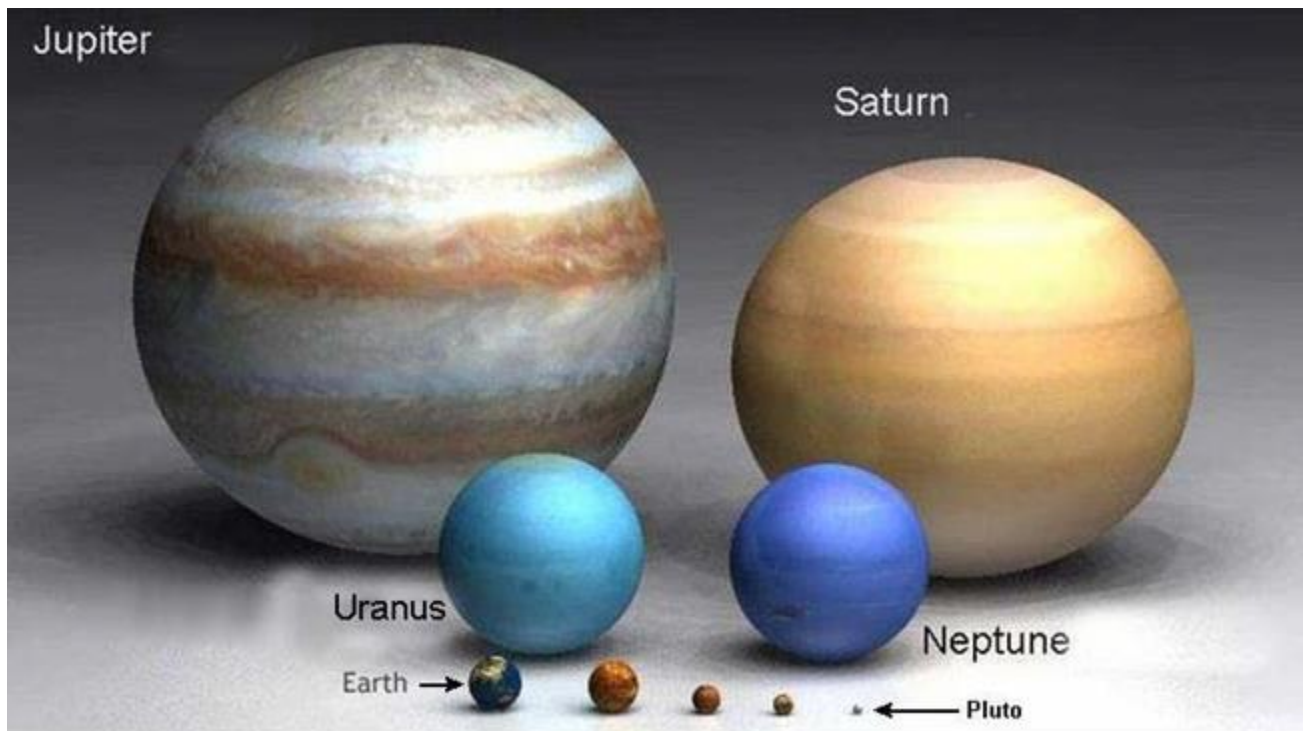
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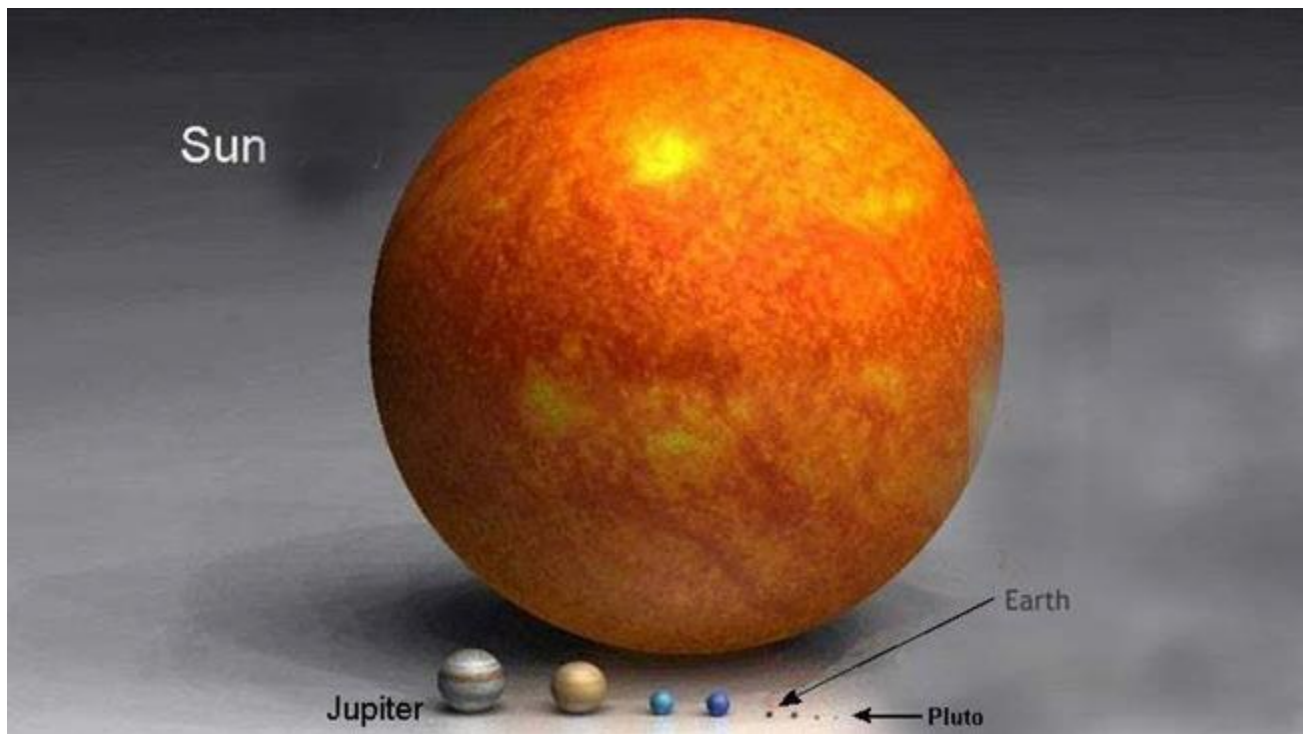
Planets



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Sun's Relationship to Planets



The Natal Chart - Horoscope

- horo – of the hour and scope – to view
- Horoscope – the view of picture of the heavens at the **time, place** and **date** of our birth
- Natal chart – blueprint, a snapshot in time
- Footprint of the soul incarnating
- Soul decides what we need to learn in this lifetime (before incarnation)
- Each of us chooses the family to be born into, time and place, characteristics and circumstances, challenges, all the abilities and powers.
- Via free will, we choose how to react to previously chosen circumstances. This is how we grow and learn.
- Soul chose to incarnate at the exact time that it did.
- Soul decided:
 - a. what treasure or abilities you need to employ most
 - b. what qualities you need to cultivate

The Rising Sign The Ascendent



The Rising Sign (R.S.)

- Determined by the exact time of birth (first breath) representing the incarnation of the soul.
- The eternal soul comes *before* the personality, therefore rising sign comes first. (hence its importance)
- Represents the clue to the life and life **achievement**.
- The highest express of the R.S. is highest quality that the soul can potentially unfold in any lifetime, hence its importance.
- R.S. is the method by which soul will work out its purpose in a given life. It is not the soul.
- This is where the stretch is in the life.
- R.S. will express personality characteristics as well.

Sun - The personality



**The face we wear in the world;
What is overall important, and easy to do.
We are recognized by our sun sign.**



**How we center ourselves.
What brings solidity and stability in our lives.
How we engage, how we avoid.
The potential to be used by the soul.
Need to step into the personality self.
Eventually we need to shine like the sun in the sky – to be the best that we can be.**

Moon



Represents traits that we need to understand fully.

Unconscious tendency; of the past; things/habits that we know well; lines of least resistance.



We *live* our lunar qualities.

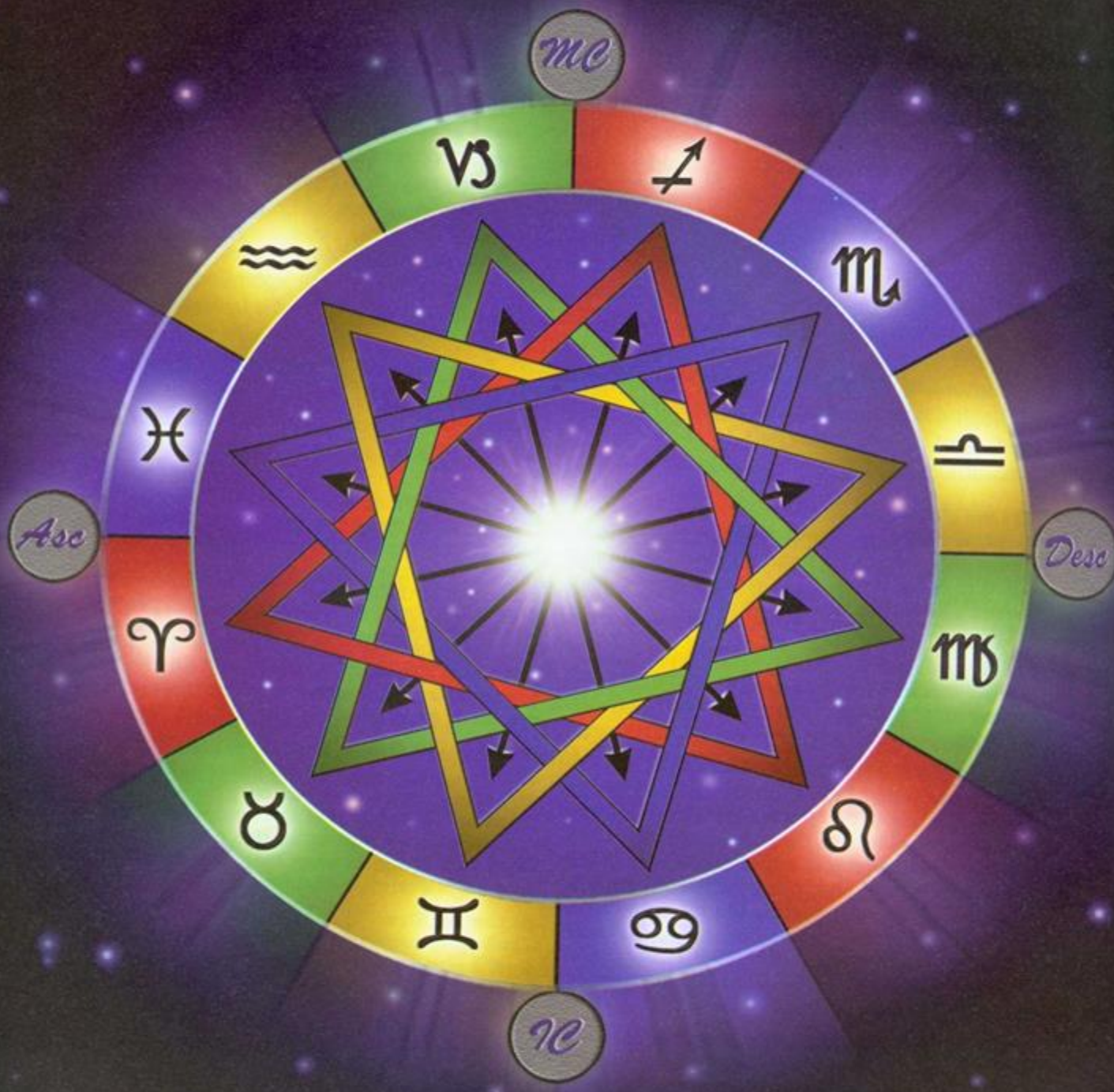
They are not hidden.

Need to outgrow lunar tendencies through awareness.

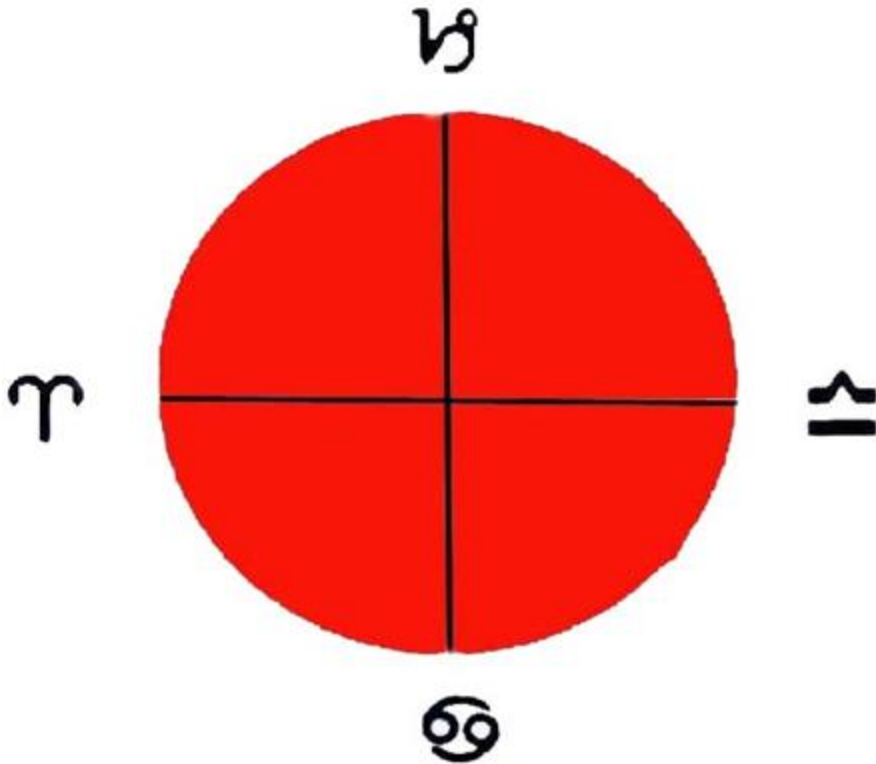
They don't need to be energized.

They don't move us forward.

The moon in the heavens is dead, not a living entity anymore. Now it only reflects the light of the sun.

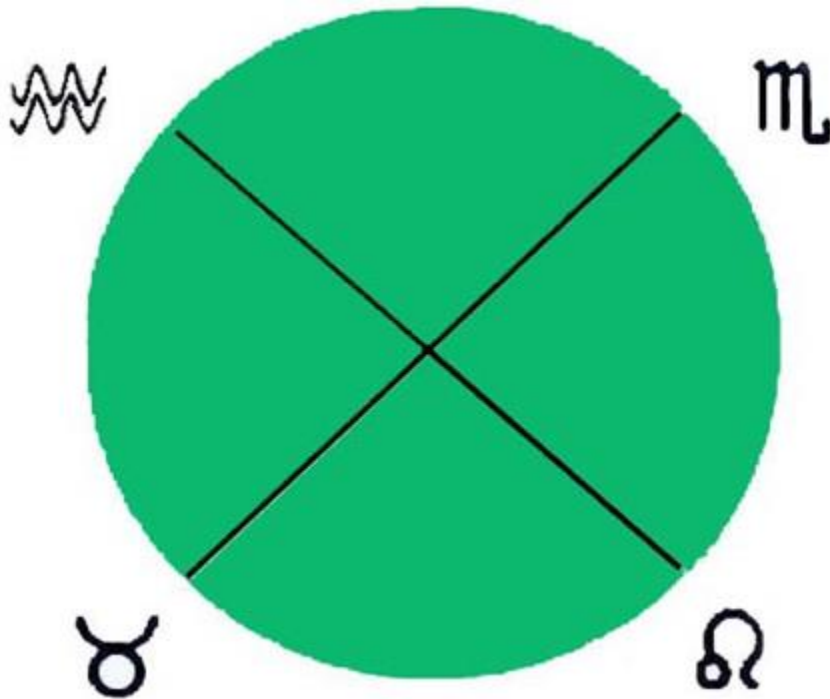


Cardinal Cross



Drive
Action
Birthing, beginning
Outgoing
Independent
Seek control over their environment
Driven by a sense of purpose
“Movers and shakers”

Fixed Cross



Want, Desire

Stability

Maintenance

Enduring, Steadfast

Having, holding

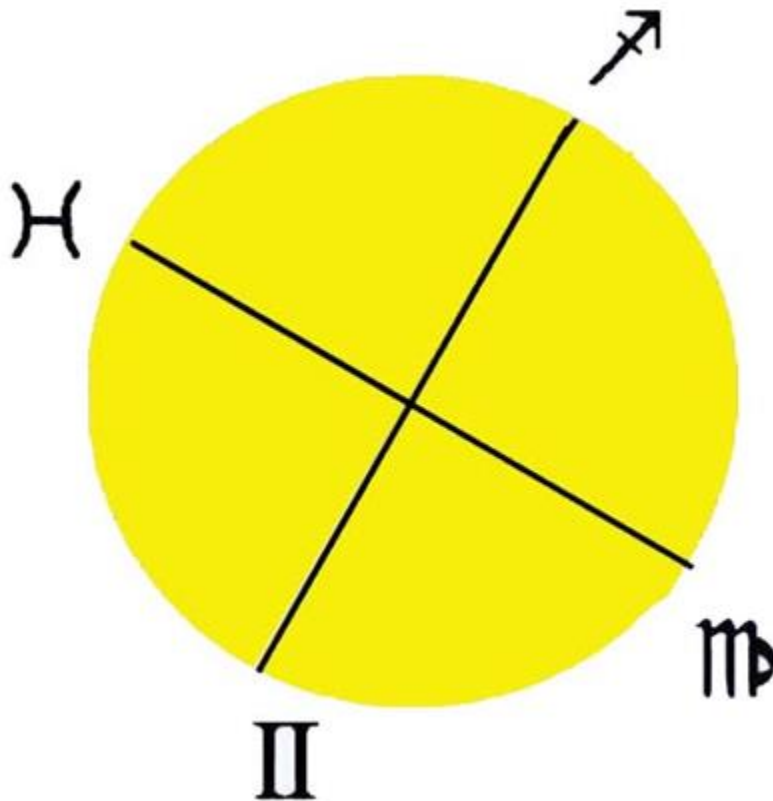
Giving

Growing

Tends toward caution or conservative approach

Predictability is important

Mutable or Common Cross



Adaptability

Flexibility

Changeability

Activity

Doing

Spontaneous

Adapts to the environment readily

Also adjust their environment to them

Versatile attitude to life

Busy, keeps life interesting

Elements

What do fire signs have in common?

earth signs?

air signs?

water signs?

Name the three signs of each element.

Elements

- earth – solid,
- water – liquid,
- air – gaseous,
- fire – radiant ionized energy
- **Elements** are classified into two groups:
- **masculine - fire & air,**
 - odd numbered signs
 - active, self expressive
 - yang energy
- **feminine – water & earth,**
even numbered signs
 - passive, receptive
 - yin energy

Fire



- excitable, enthusiastic
- possible lack self-control
- self-centered and impersonal
- impatient, may rush into things
- can come across as willful and insensitivity to others



Air

- focus energy on ideas that have not yet materialized
- can be impractical dreamers
- ability to detach, thus are often objective and have perspective
- most social of all elements
- can over value intellectual abilities
- needs distance and objectivity in order to find itself



Earth

- relies on senses and practical reason
- innate understanding as to how the material world functions
- patient, self disciplined, resourceful
- strength of endurance and persistence
- matter-of-fact, conventional, cautious, dependable
- can be rigid, adhere to routines and a linear approach to the world

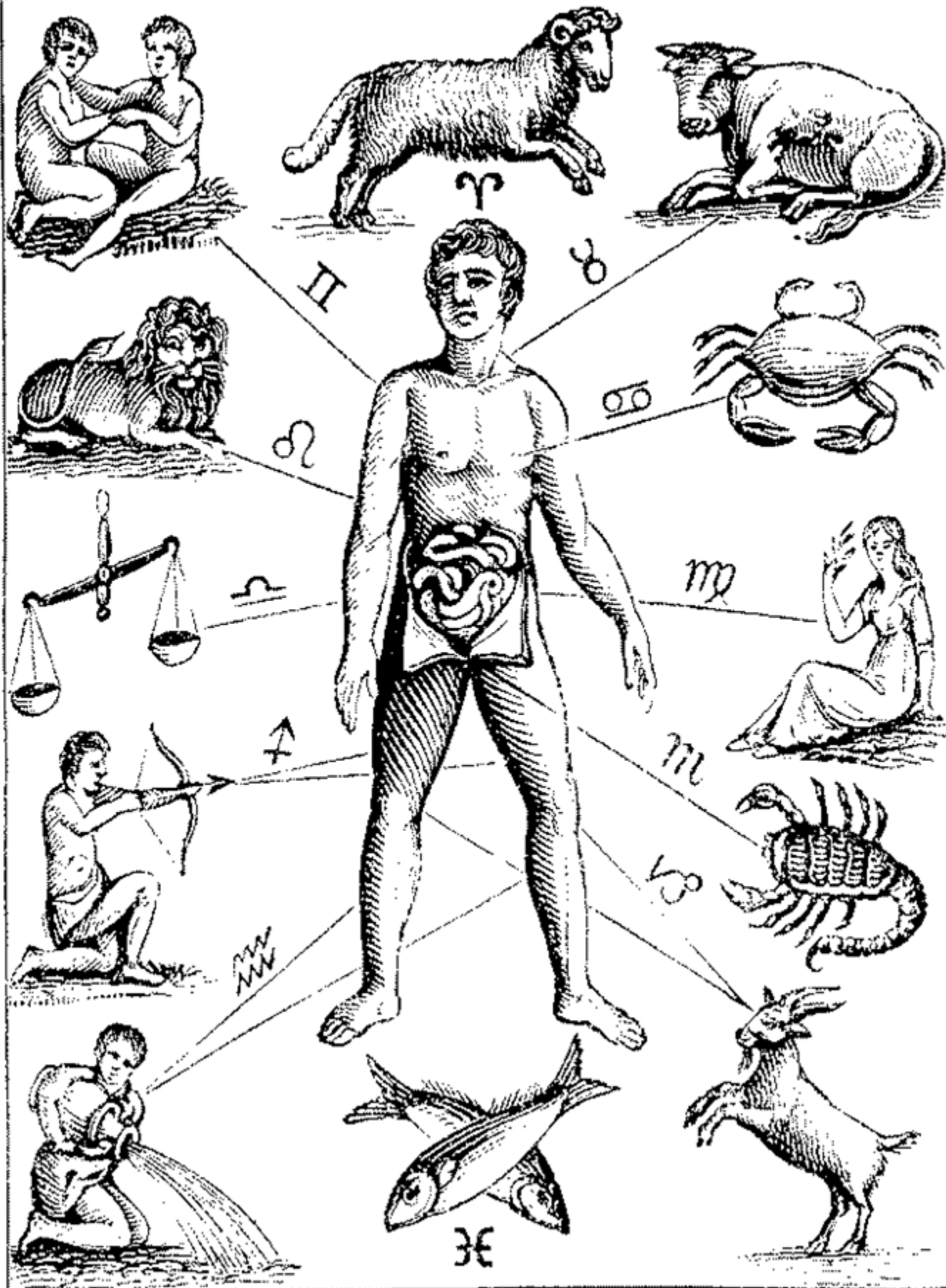
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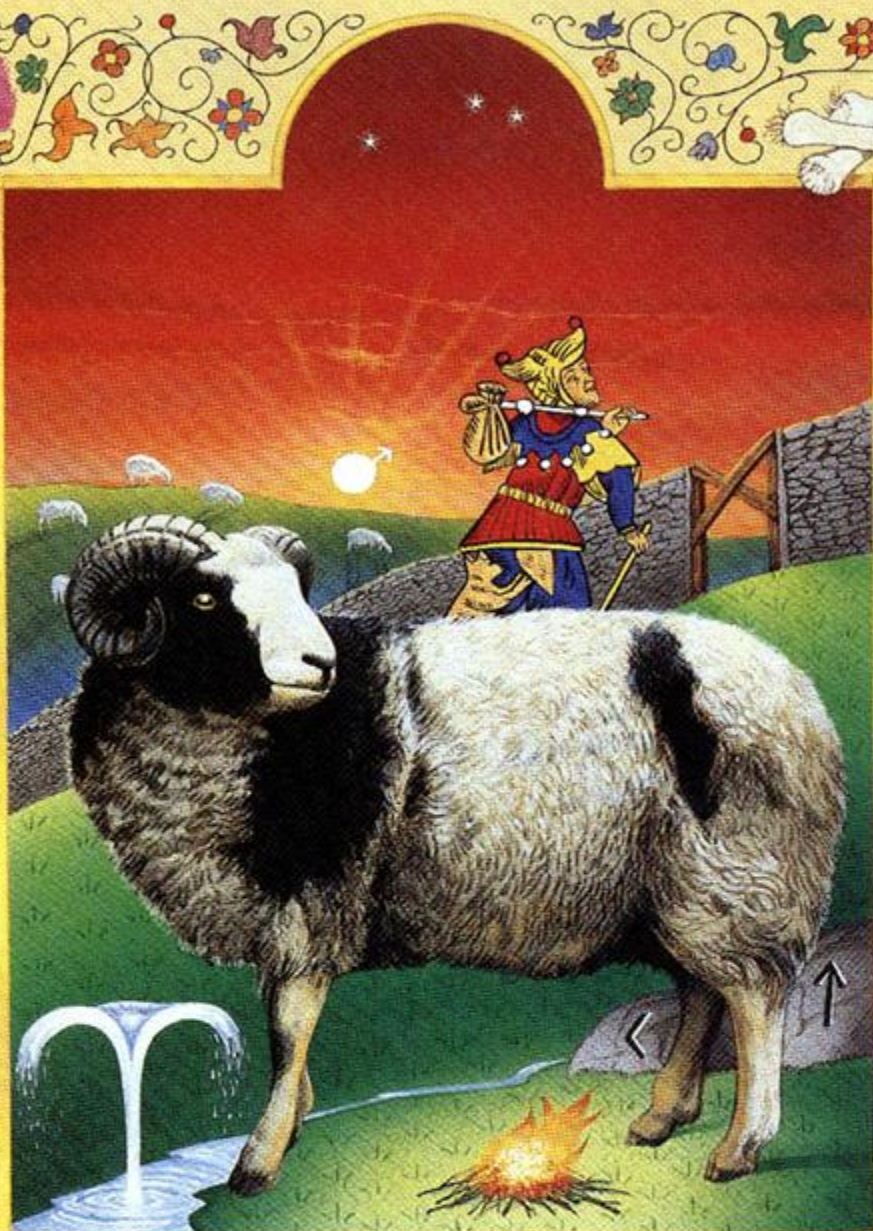


- in touch with their feelings, - sensitive
- in tune with nuances and subtleties
- intuitive
- empathic response to others as well as in tune with the deeper dimensions of life
- vulnerable, can be reactive, fearful
- seeks closeness and merging

Parts of the Body Ruled by the Signs

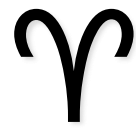




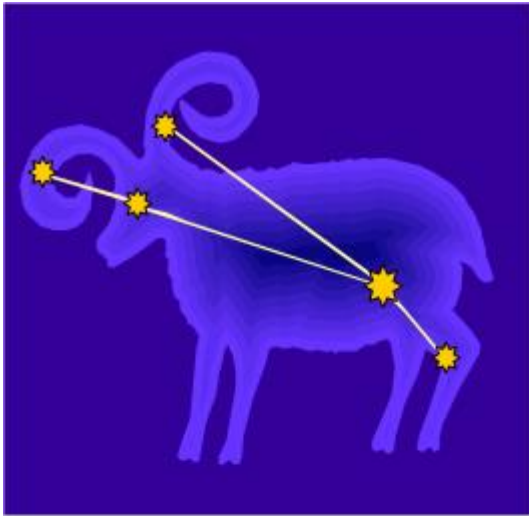


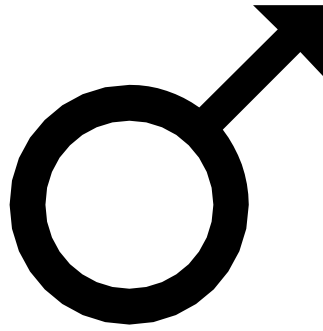
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Orbis **R**egens
Mars **♂**
Signum **O**bstans
Libra **♎**





Aries

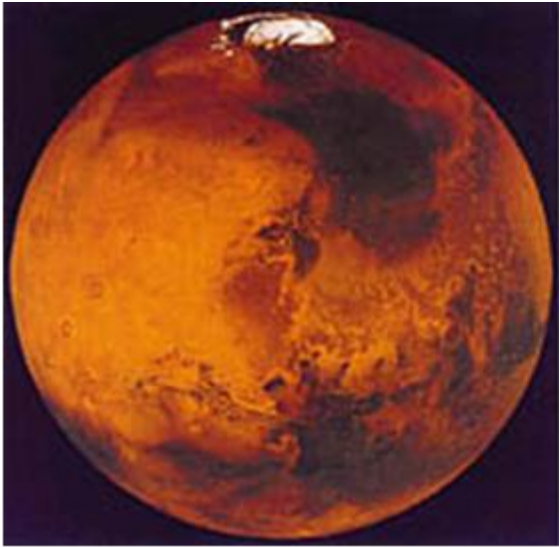




Mars

- energy, exertion, effort, drive
- strength, vitality, stamina
- physical health
- power of self assertion
- response to challenges
- courage to overcome obstacles
- fearlessness, conviction, ability to stand
- violence, blood
- aggression, anger
- passion

Mars



The God of War







• Aries needs to use the mind. Aries people tend to go/do things first, often without thought.

• Through Mercury can be inventive, a leader, an *intelligent* pioneer in any field

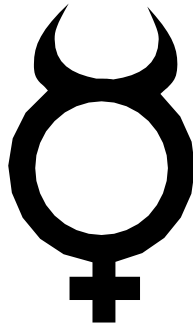
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• quickest system in our body - nervous system.



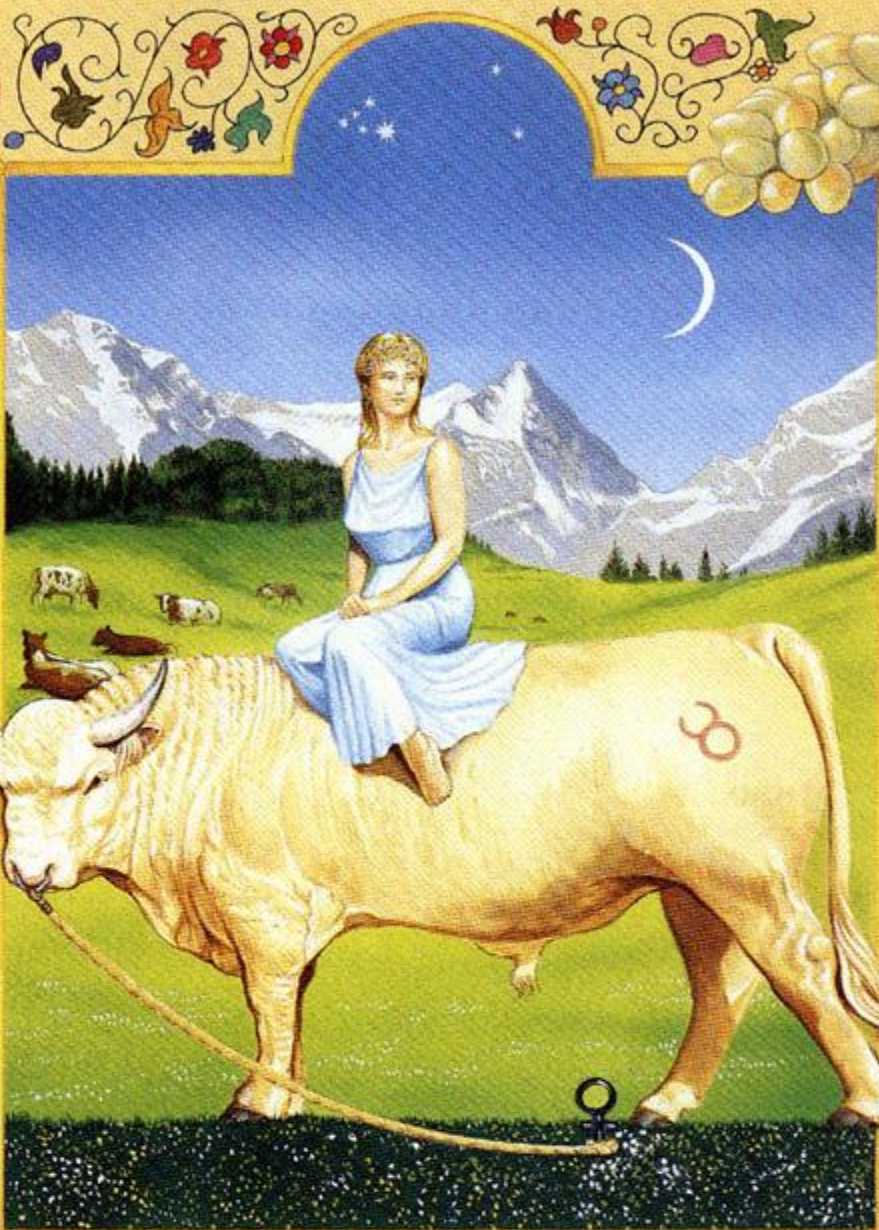
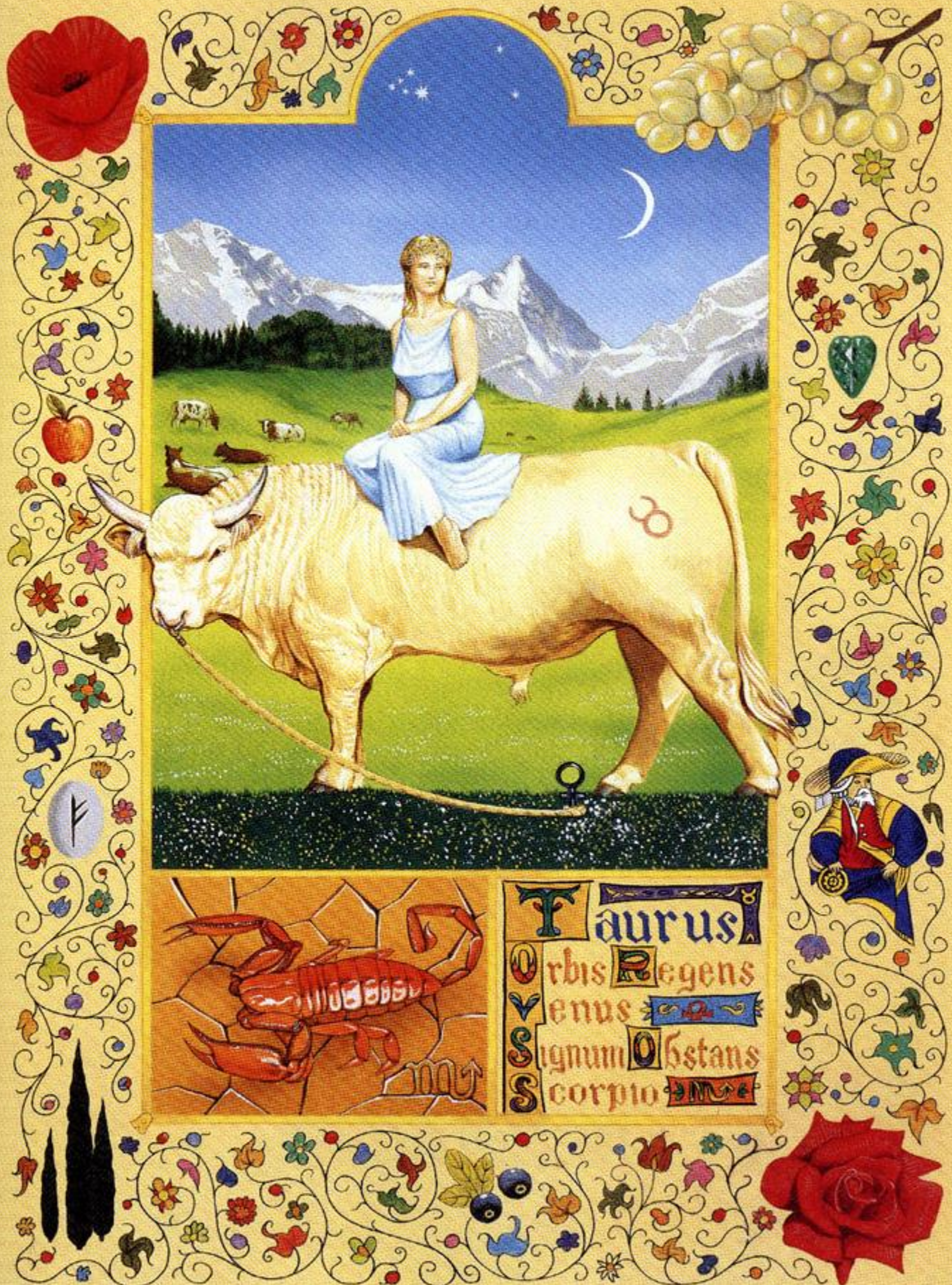
Hermes





Mercury

- The mind, the thinking principle
- Communication
- Cognitive processes
- Nervous system
- Commerce, business acumen or not
- Energy

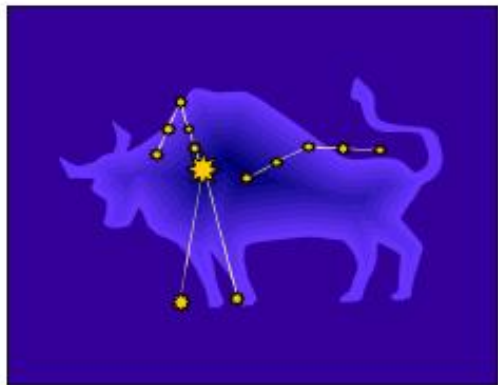


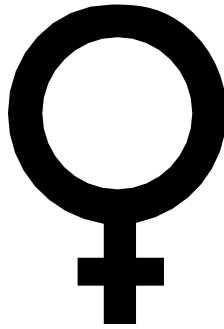
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V	enus
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S	corpio





Taurus



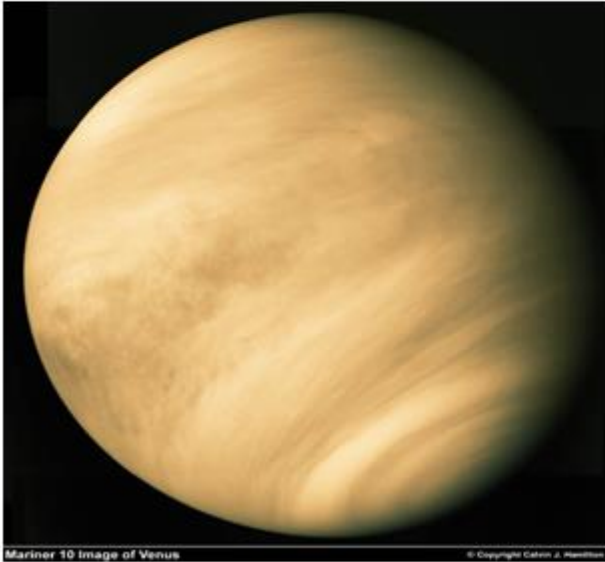


Venus

- Value, appreciation
- Attraction, love, desire, pleasure
- Refinement, how things are refined, what things are refined
- Soul
- What is meaningful in life



Venus



- what we love or are attracted to
- romance
- refinement of taste
- beauty, aesthetic values
- value and appreciation
- harmonizes, blends, stylizes
- talent, grace, elegance, charm
- truth, beauty, and goodness
- turns knowledge into wisdom
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↓ Vulcan

- Hammer of the Gods
- the forger, the blacksmith



Hephestas



- Uses pressure, heat, intensity, endurance
- destroys attachment to matter and form
- it shapes and molds the personality to reveal the soul
- When transited can become one's burning ground



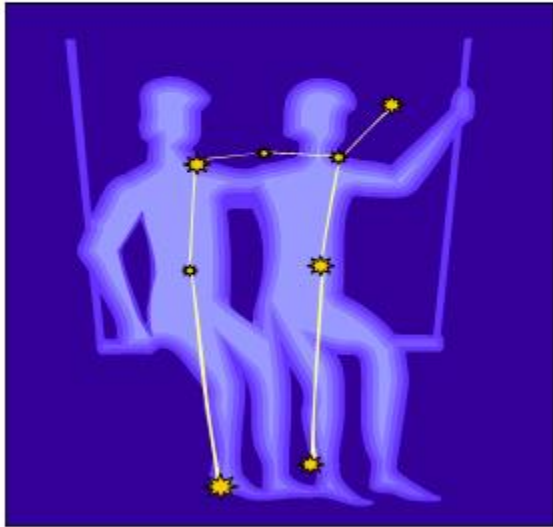
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Mercurius
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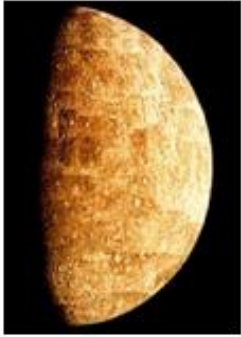
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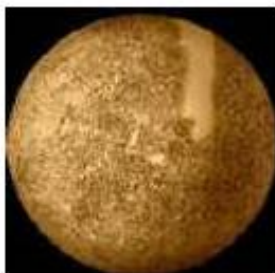


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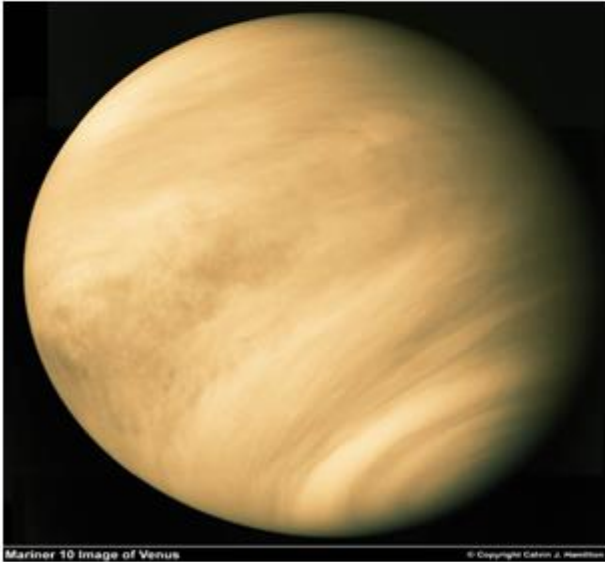
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