



SECT IN ASTROLOGY: DAY AND NIGHT CHARTS

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A bright, sunny day with a clear blue sky and scattered white clouds. The sun is a large, glowing orb in the upper left corner, casting a soft light across the scene.

Day

A dark, starry night sky with a full moon in the upper right corner. The moon is a large, detailed sphere with visible craters and maria. Numerous small, bright stars are scattered across the deep blue background.

Night



Day and Night

- One of the most fundamental astronomical cycles.
- But what does it mean in astrology?
- Concept of sect recently recovered from ancient astrology.
- Posits a distinction between day and night charts.
- Interpretation of basic chart placements altered.
- Broad overview of sect in this talk.



The Two Teams or Sects

- Greek *hairesis*: a faction, party, school, or religious sect.
- The planets are divided into two teams.
- Each team is led by a luminary: giver of light.
 - Day team led by the Sun
 - Night team led by the Moon

DIURNAL

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SECT LIGHT



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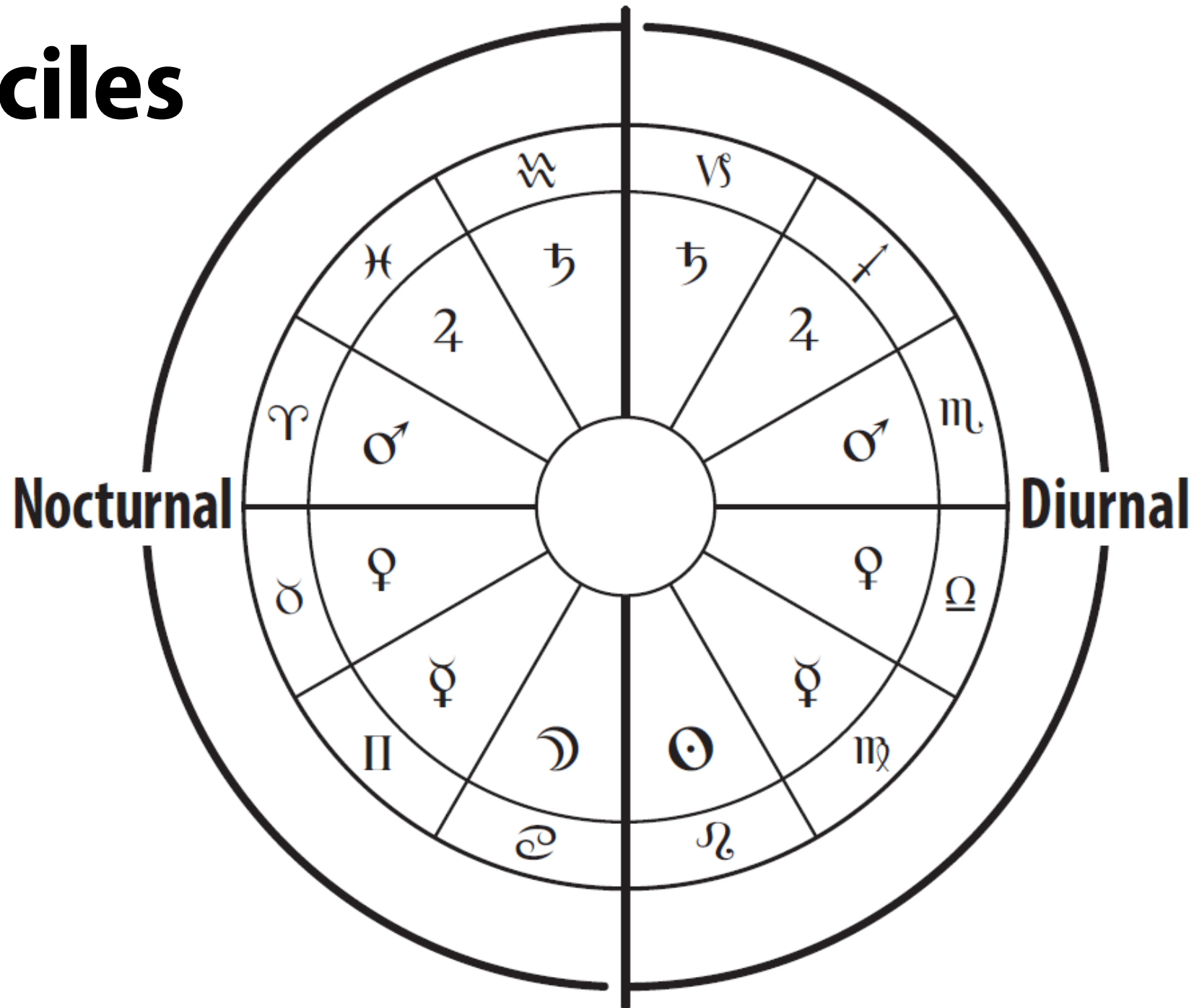




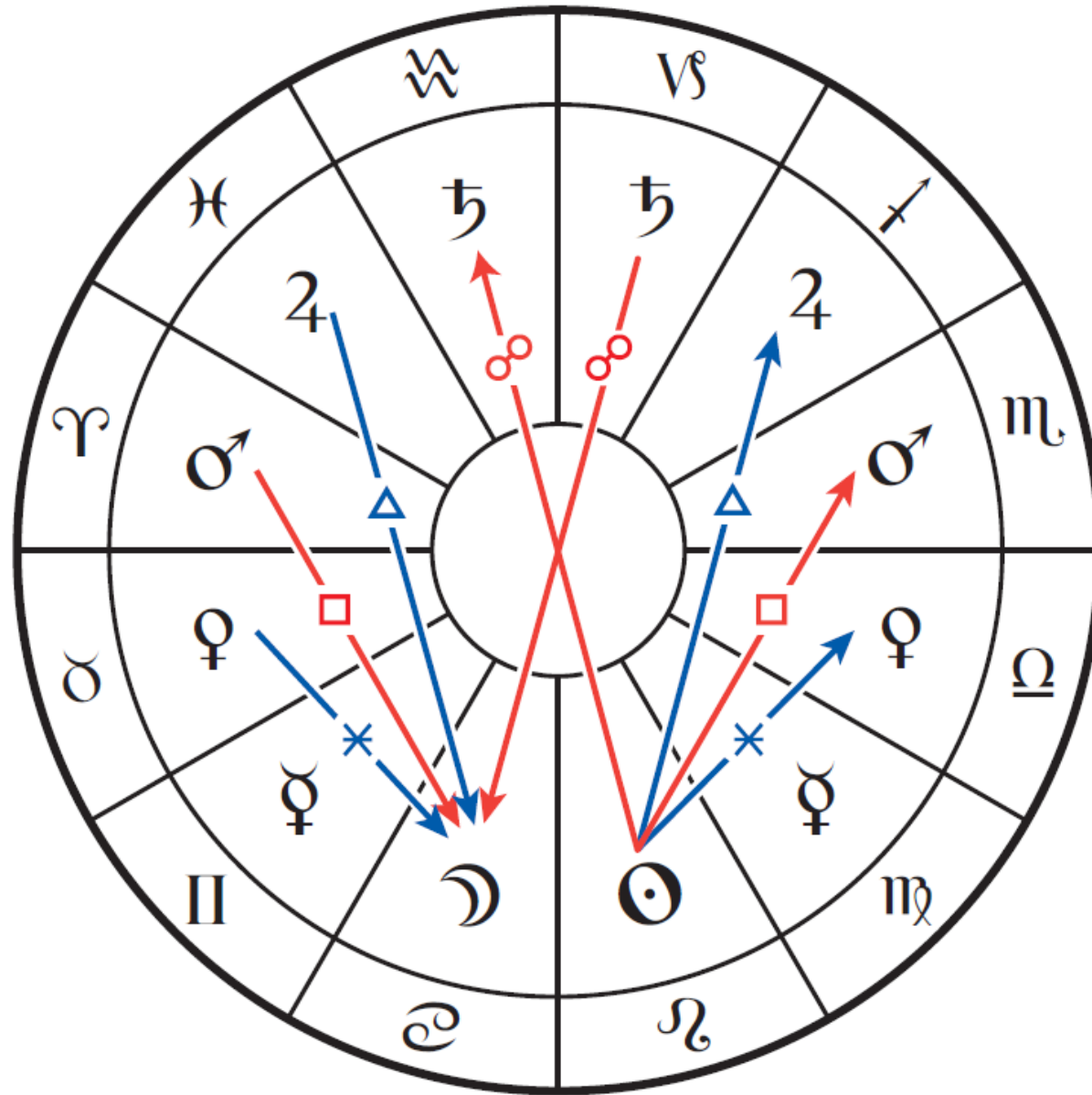
Sect as a Foundational Concept

- Sect shows up everywhere in ancient astrology:
 - Domicile assignments
 - Joys
 - Exaltations
 - Triplicity rulers
 - Lot calculations (e.g. Lot or Part of Fortune)
 - Master of the Nativity
 - Some timing techniques
- It is not a minor technique or concept.

Domiciles



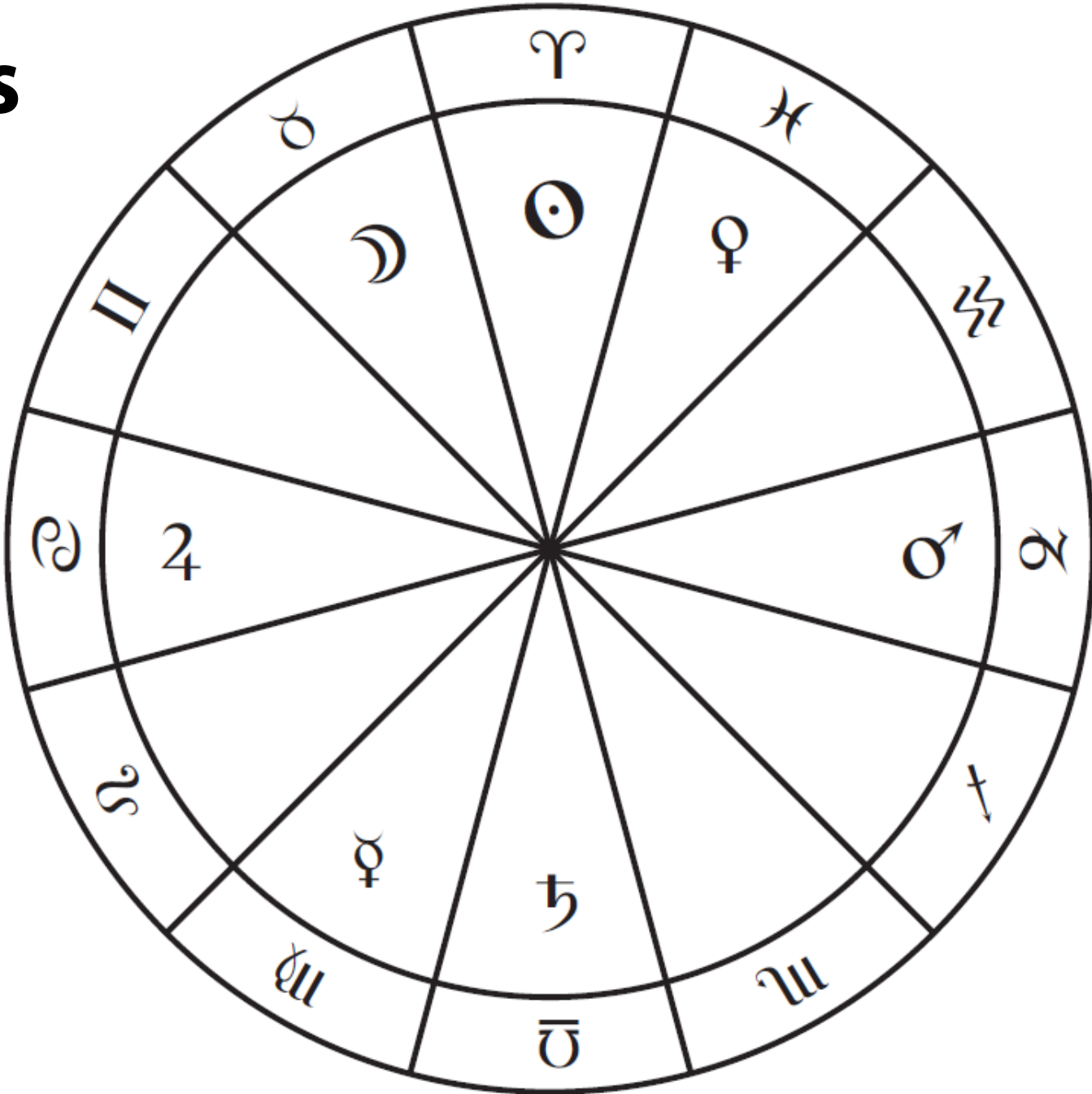
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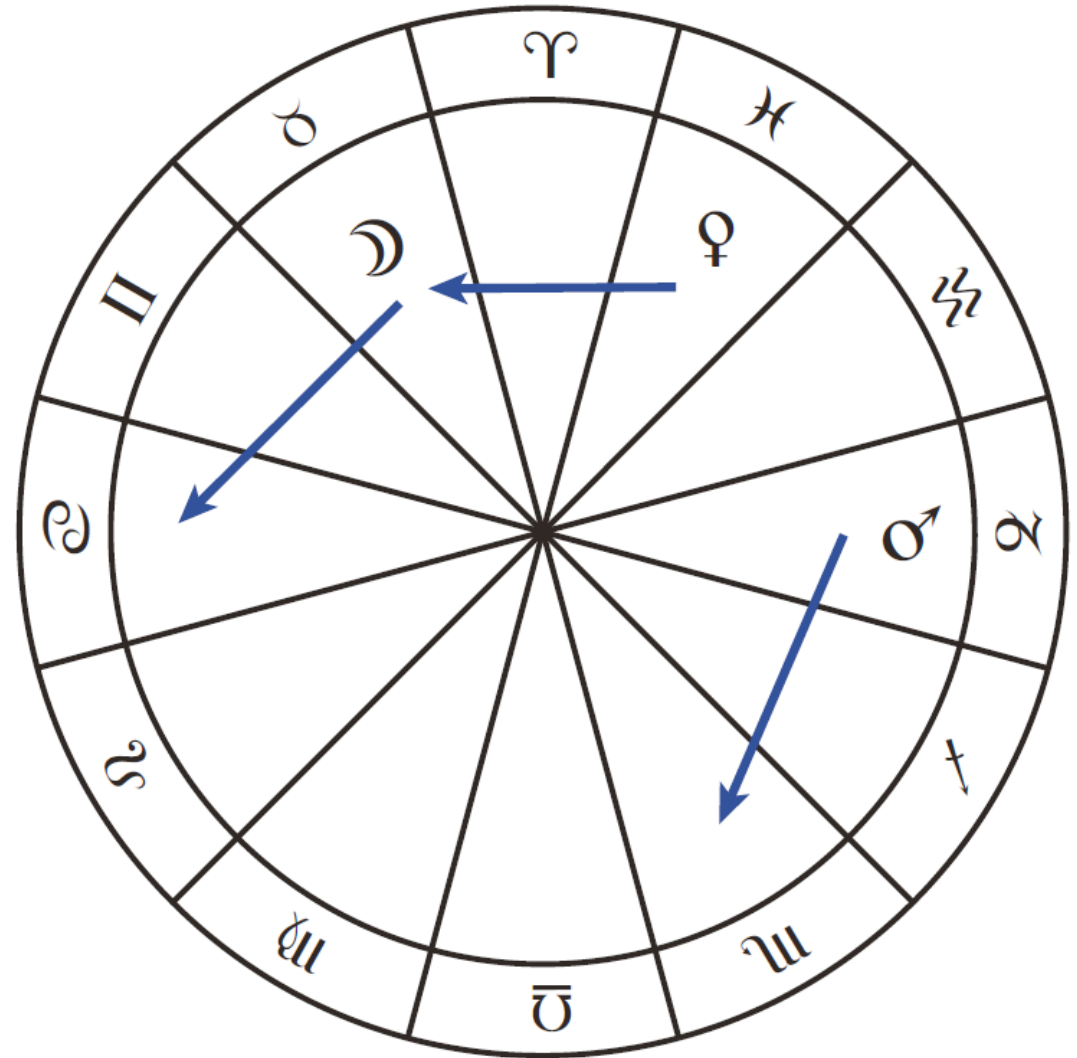
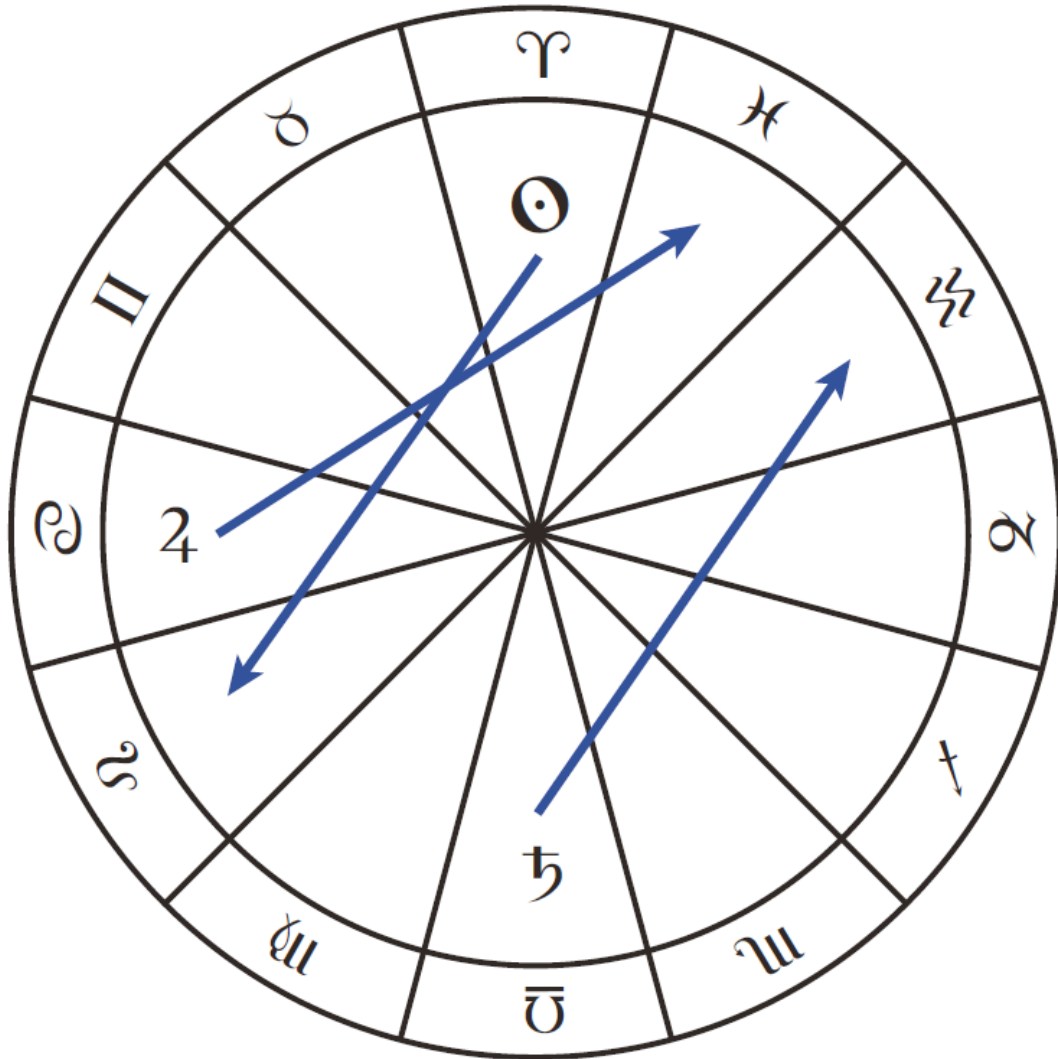
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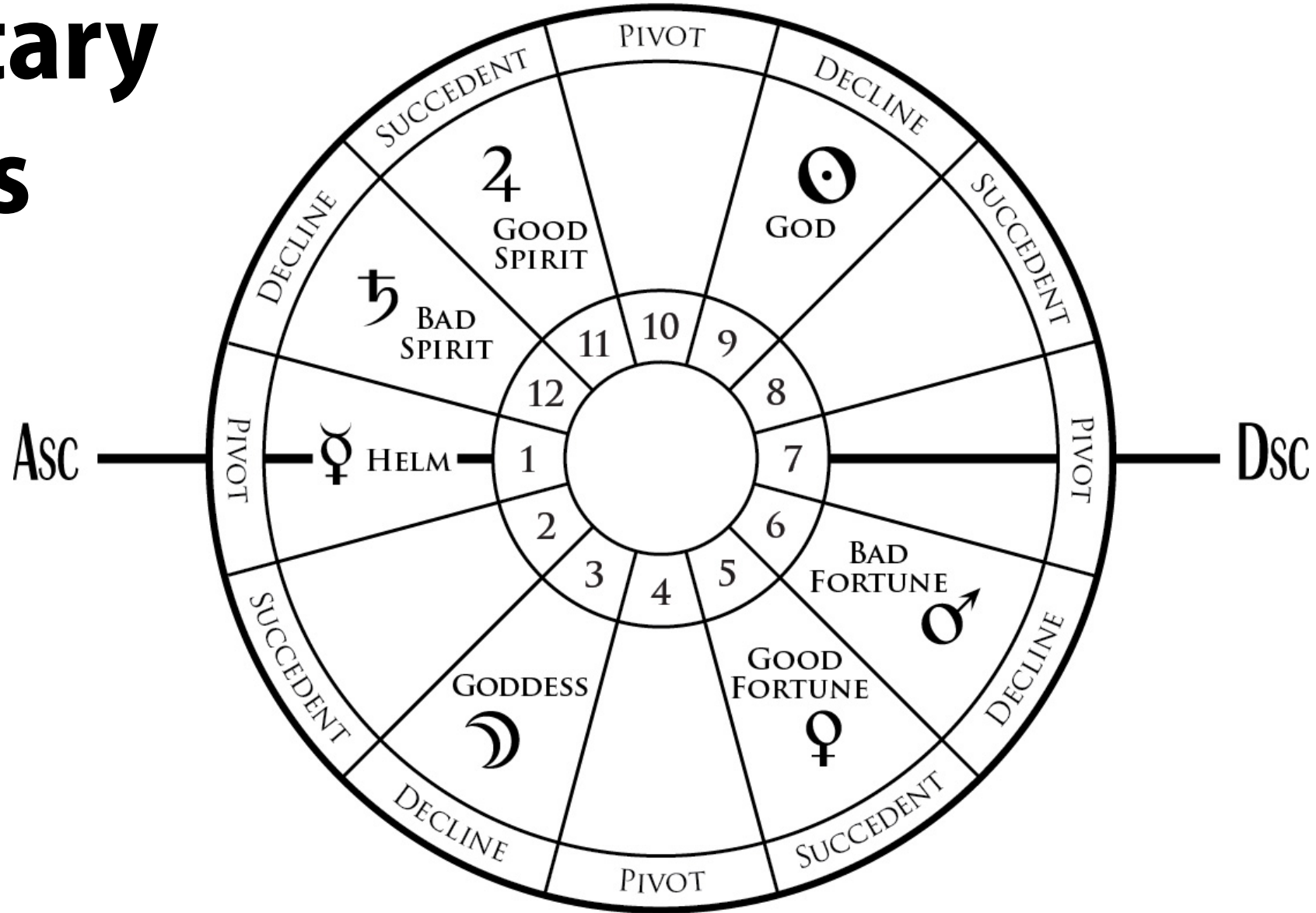


Exaltations, Sect, and Aspects

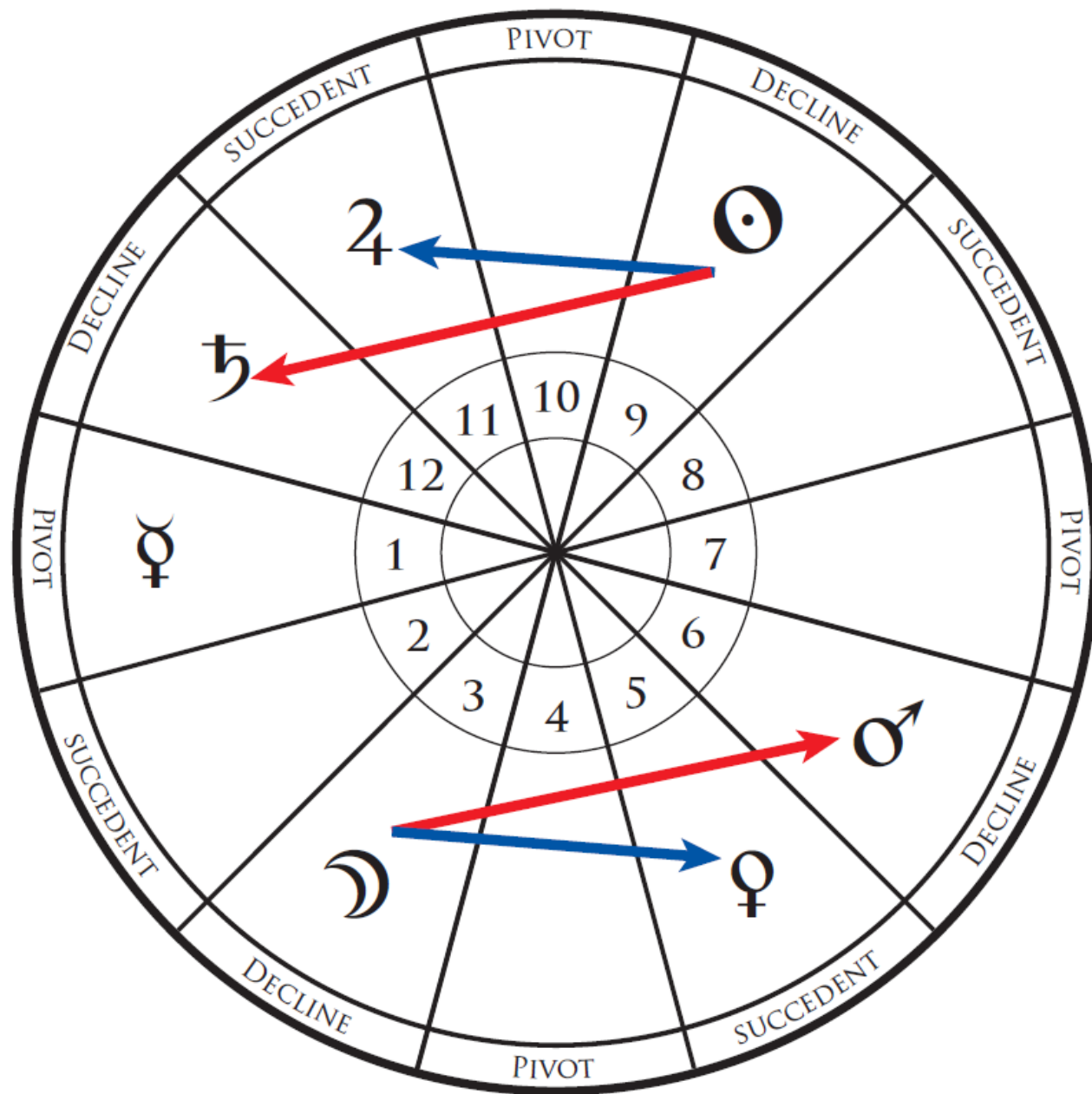


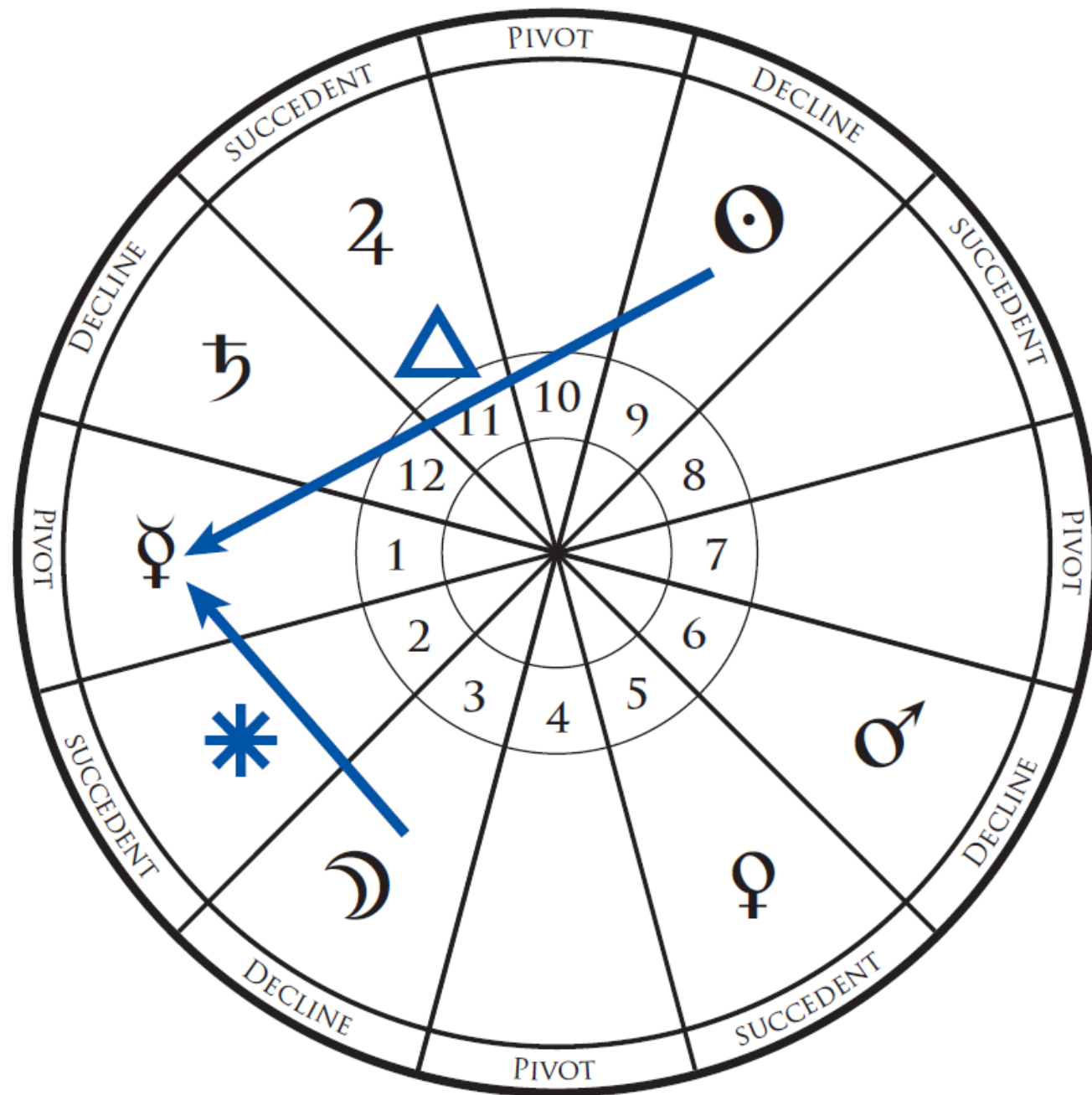
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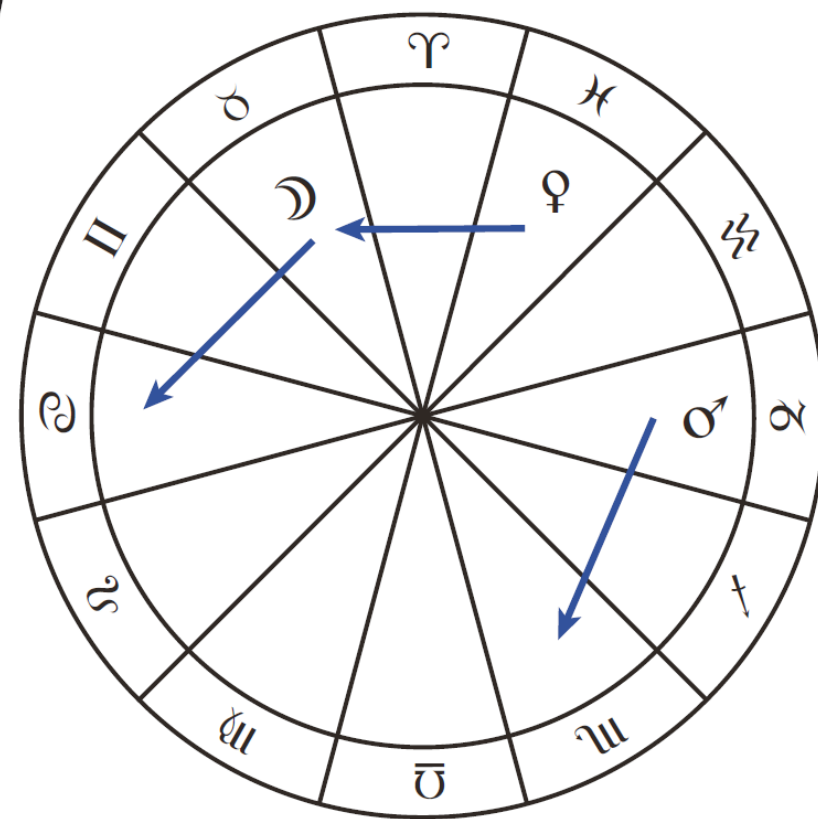
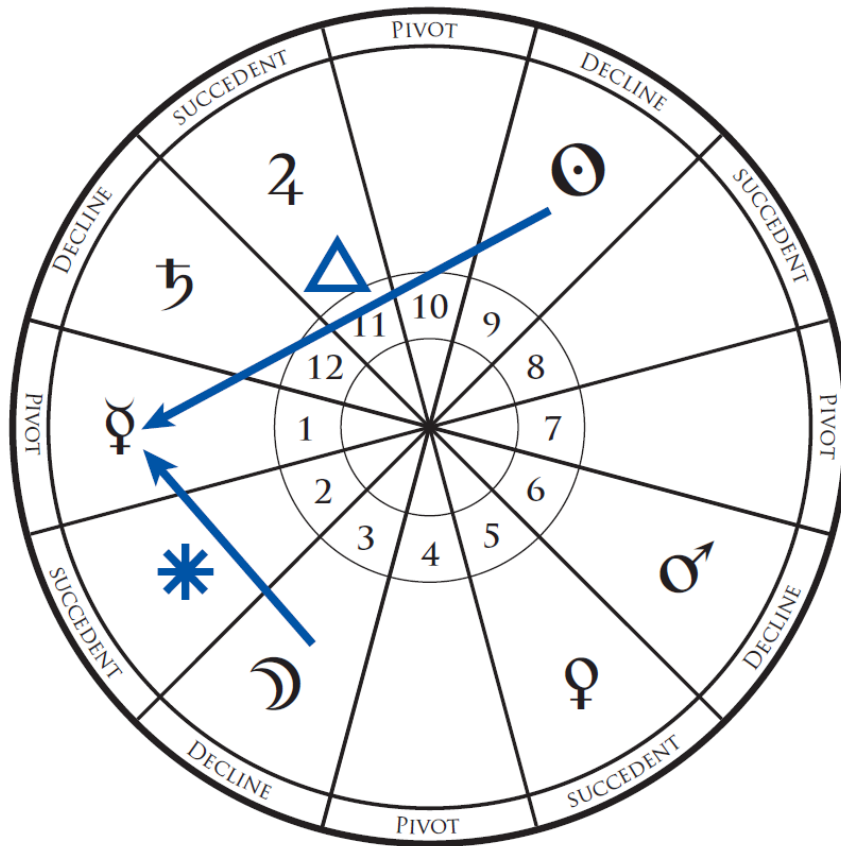
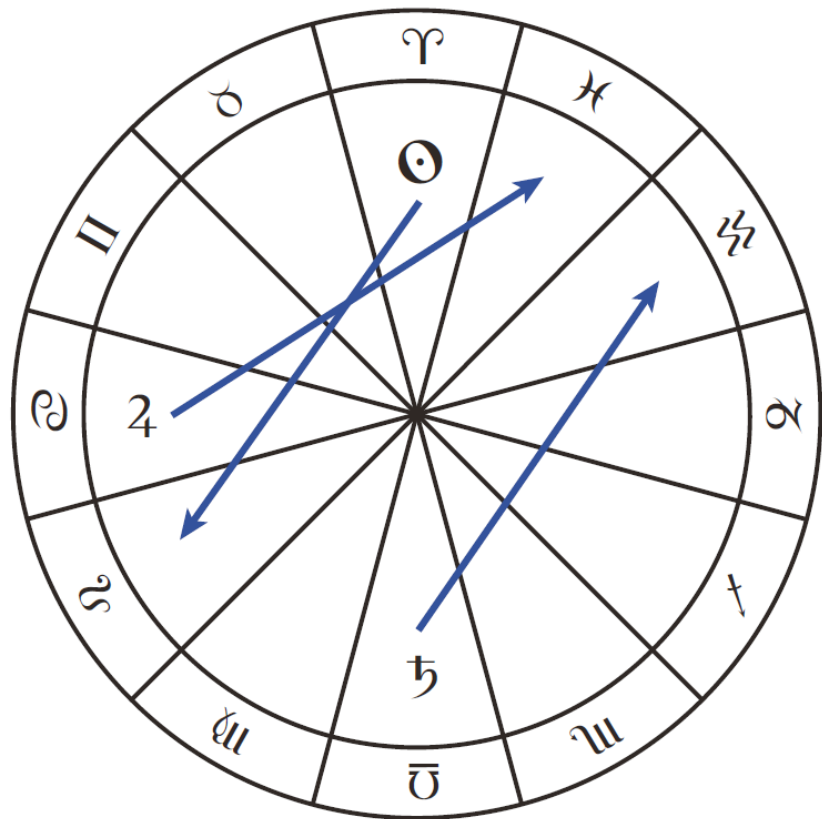
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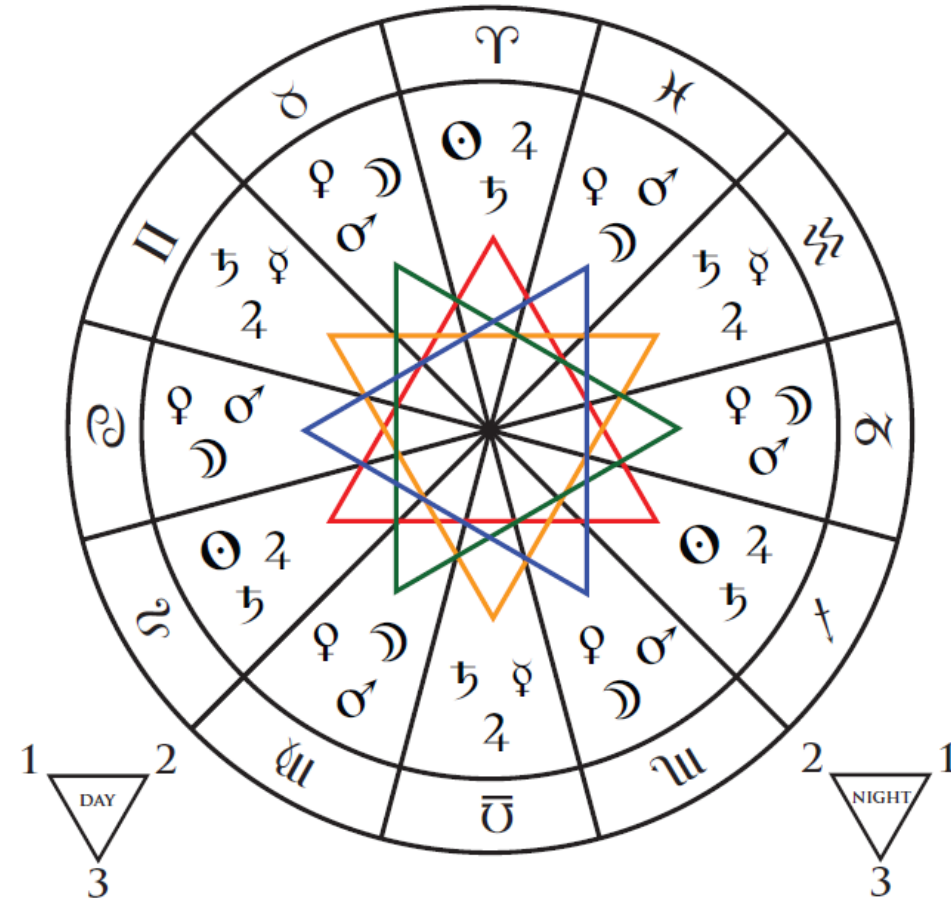


Lunar hemisphere: fortune, body, matter









Day Rulers

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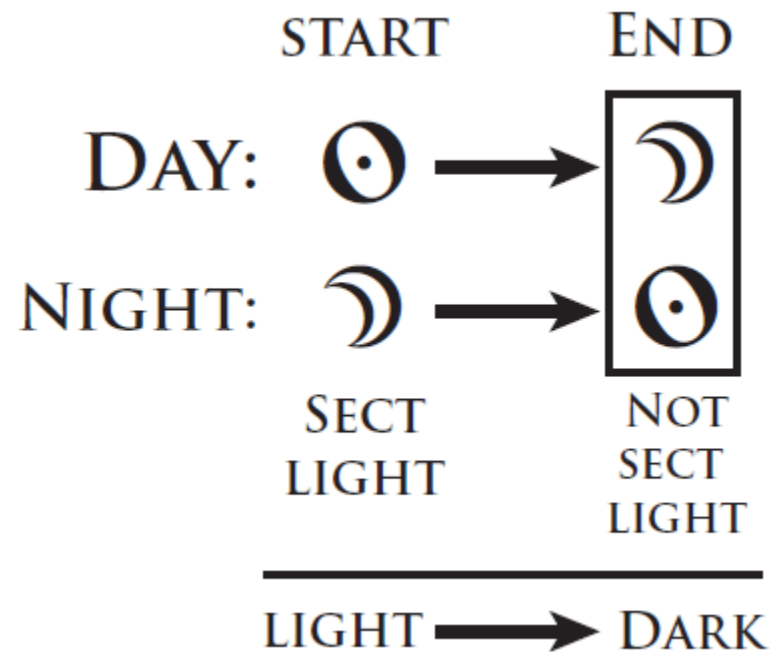
Night Rulers

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Calculating the Lot of Fortune

- The Arabic Parts are geometrical calculations.
- The Lot of Fortune is reversed by day and night.
- Has to do with sect light, and light/dark analogy.





The Master of the Nativity

- The overall ruler of the chart.
- To find the Master, you must first find the Predominator.
- Three candidates: **Sun, Moon, or Ascendant.**
 - Strongest luminary preferred.
- Domicile lord of predominator becomes Master.
- Interesting implications:
 - Many born during the day characterized by Sun-sign.
 - Many born at night characterized more by Moon-sign.
- See TAP #205 for more on this.



Annual Profections and Sect

- Profections is an ancient timing technique.
- Count one sign per year from the rising sign.
- Ruler of the sign you come to becomes activated.
- In the advanced method you also profect from sect light.
 - This often clarifies anything missing from ASC profections.
- See TAP #153 for more on profections.



An Important and Pervasive Concept

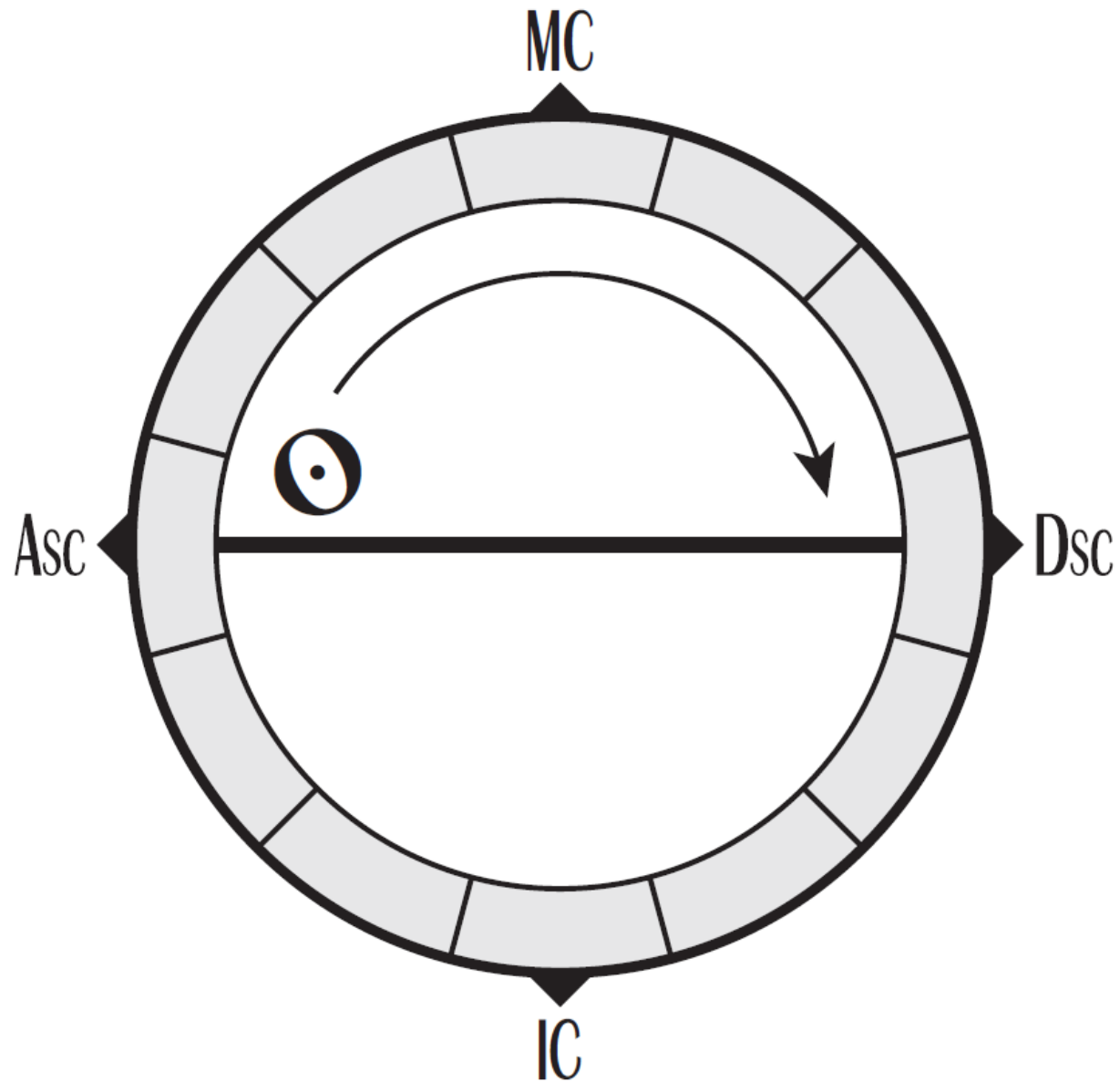
- Clearly it is an important concept.
- Fell out of the later tradition.
 - I suspect partially due to a misunderstanding.
- Let's talk about how to use it in practice.



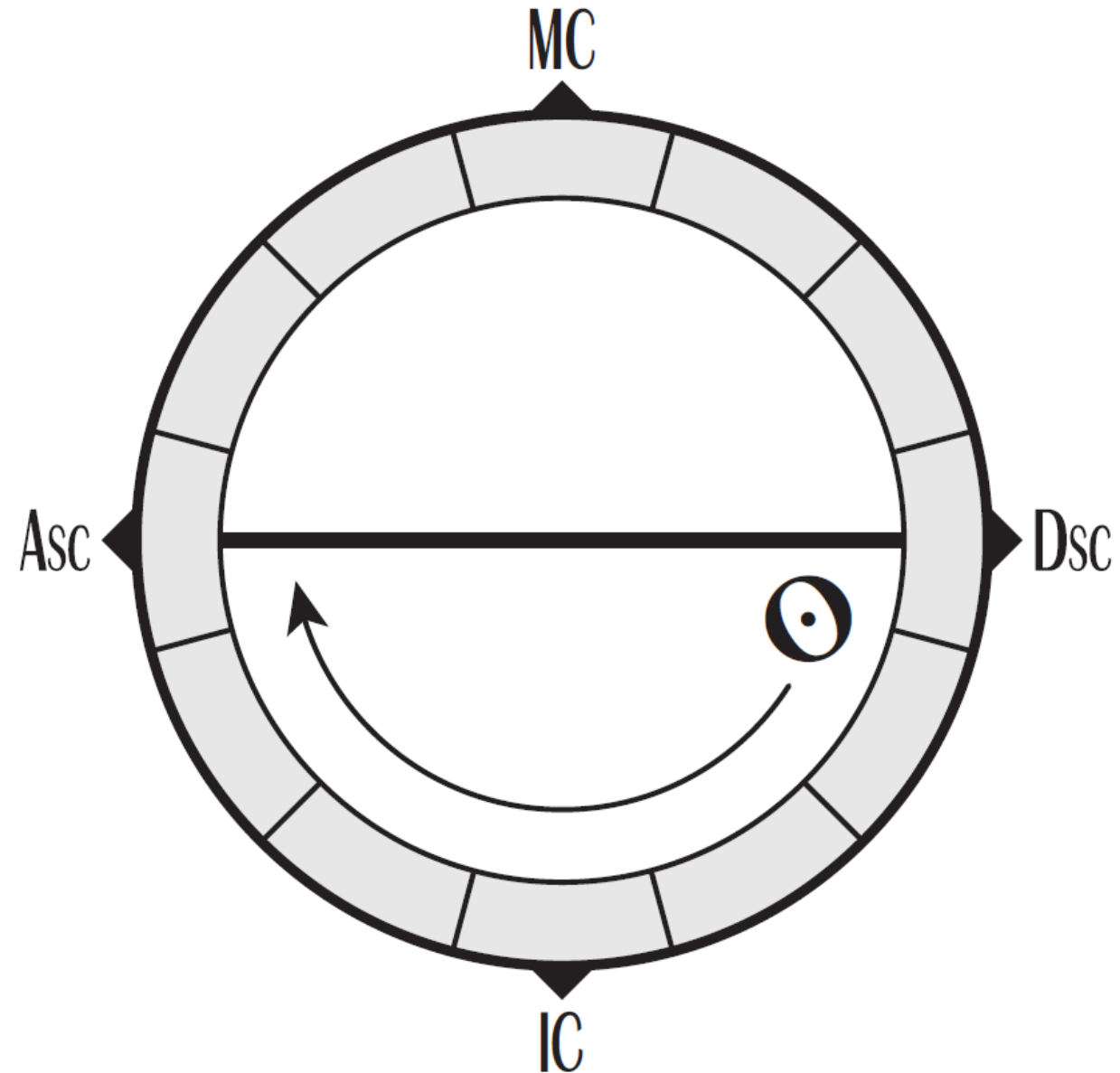
How do you tell if it is day or night?

- If the Sun is anywhere above the exact degrees of the Ascendant-Descendant axis, it is day.
- If anywhere below, it is night.
- If using whole sign houses still pay attention to the exact degrees of the ASC and DSC.
 - They mark where the horizon is.
- Go outside during sunrise and sunset
 - Use an app to look at the charts
 - Note where the sun is in relation to the ASC & DSC degrees
 - And how bright or dark it is at that time visually

Day Chart



Night Chart



Twilight

- Some ambiguity surrounding twilight.
- It gets bright out before Sun rises.
- Still bright right after Sun sets.
- There may be a range of degrees below the ASC and DSC where it still counts as a day chart .
- Up to 6 degrees below ASC.
- Possibly tighter orb around DSC.





Using Sect in Practice

- How is this used in interpreting charts?
- Sect is a *qualitative* distinction.
 - Not about strength.
- Primarily alters how the benefics and malefics function.
 - Benefics are not always fully benefic.
 - Malefics are not always fully malefic.
- Think of it as a mitigating factor.



Benefics and Malefics

- Two sets of planets:
 - Venus and Jupiter are the two benefics (good-doers).
 - Mars and Saturn are the two malefics (bad-doers).
- Benefics and malefics have special roles or powers:
 - Benefics can affirm, stabilize, or improve.
 - Malefics can negate, destabilize, or corrupt.
- Benefics say “yes,” malefics say “no.”
- Closely linked to the concept of sect.



Sect Alters the Mood of the Planets

- Each planet prefers to be in chart that matches its own sect.
- Each planet is “happier” when it is in its preferred chart.
- They are said to be “of the sect in favor.”
 - Benefics are more benefic.
 - Malefics are less malefic.
- Planets are unhappy or angry when not in preferred chart.
 - Benefics are less benefic.
 - Malefics are more malefic.
- Planets “on your team” are more helpful.
 - Planets “not on your team” are less helpful.

DAY

NIGHT

MOST POSITIVE PLANET:

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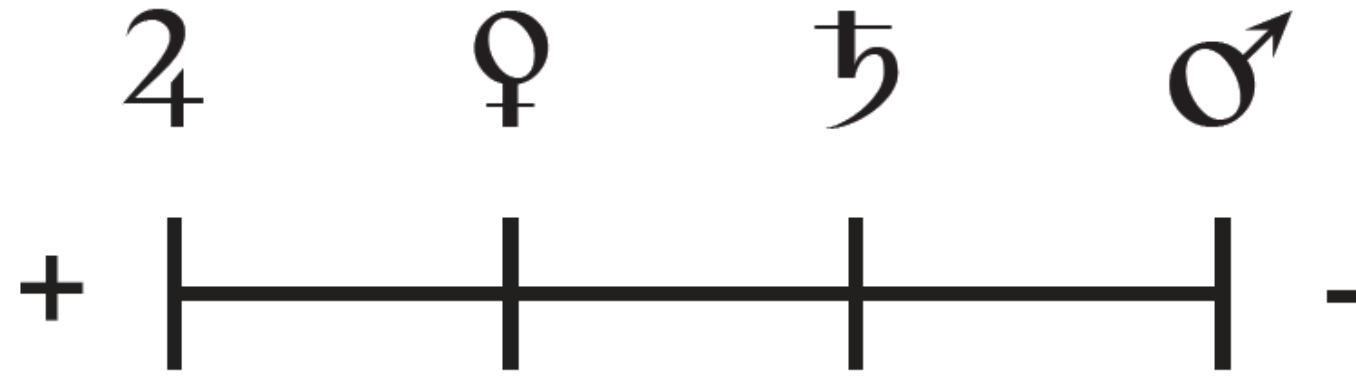
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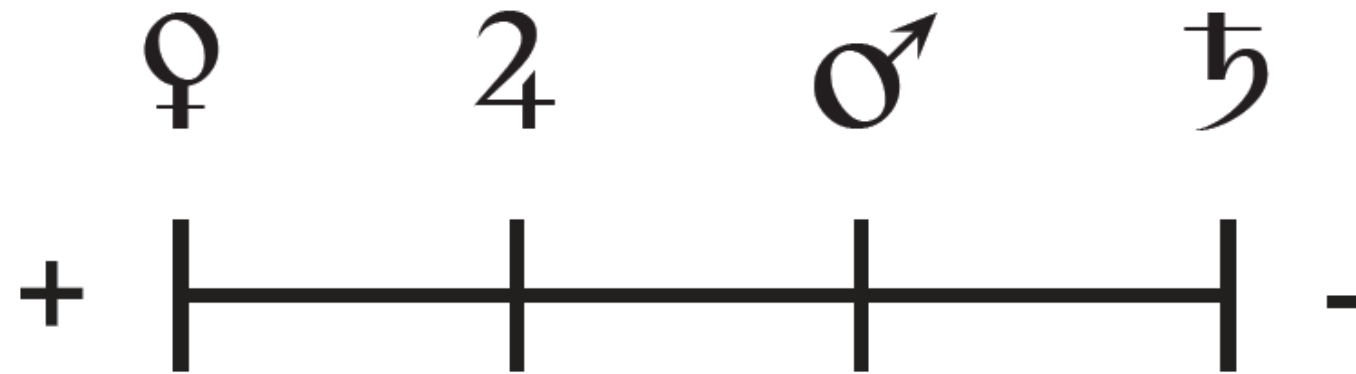
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DAY CHART



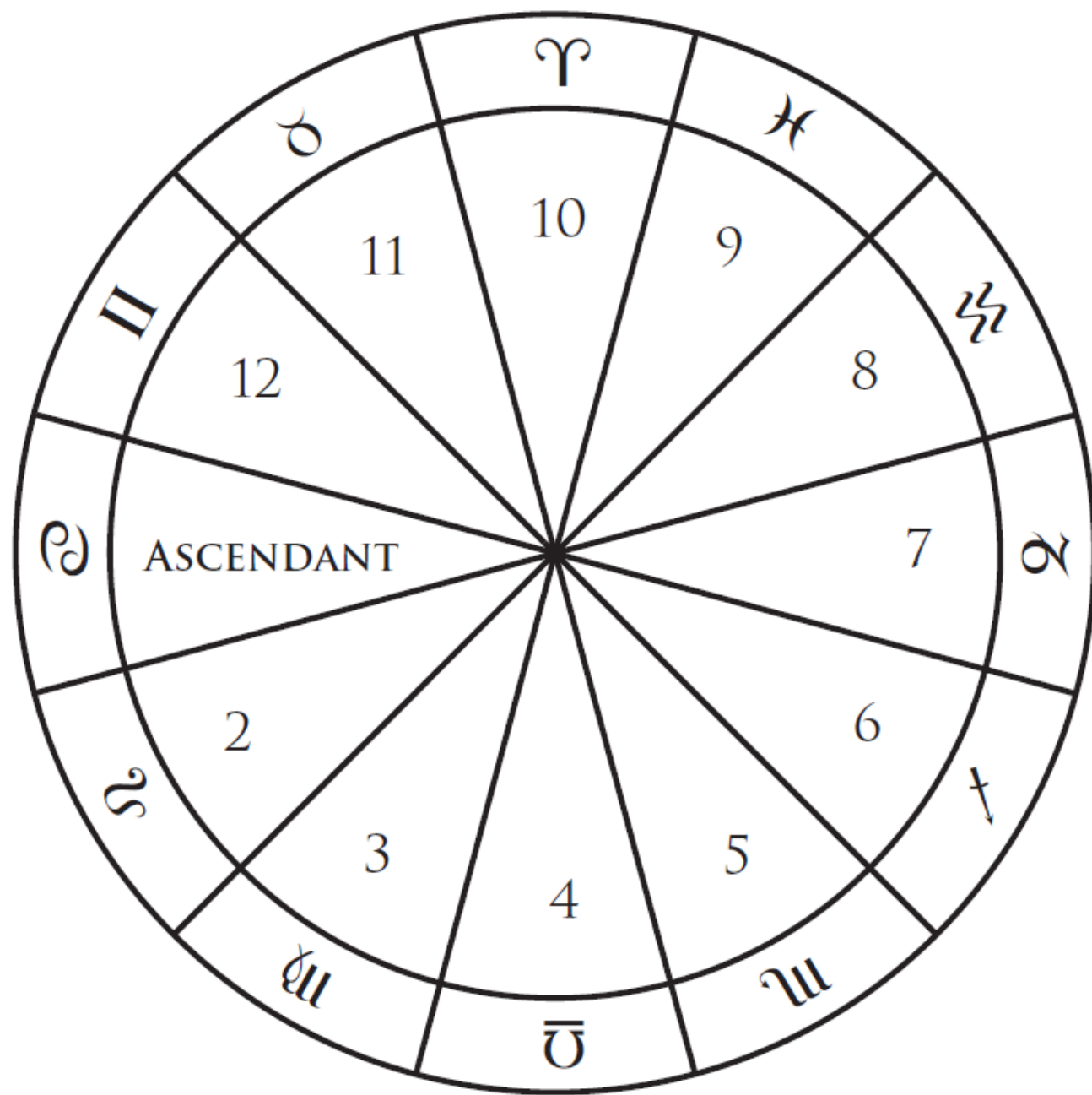
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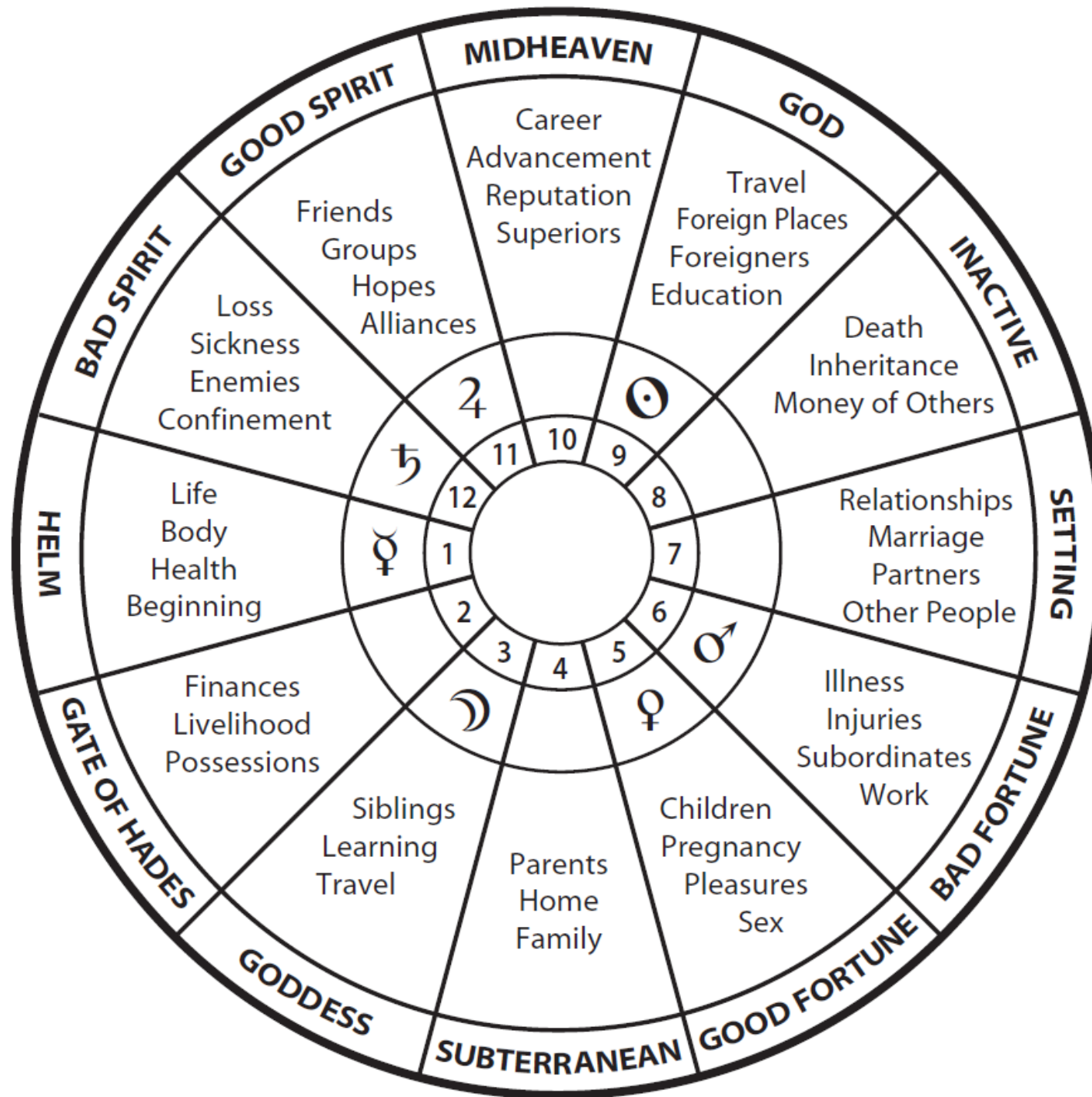




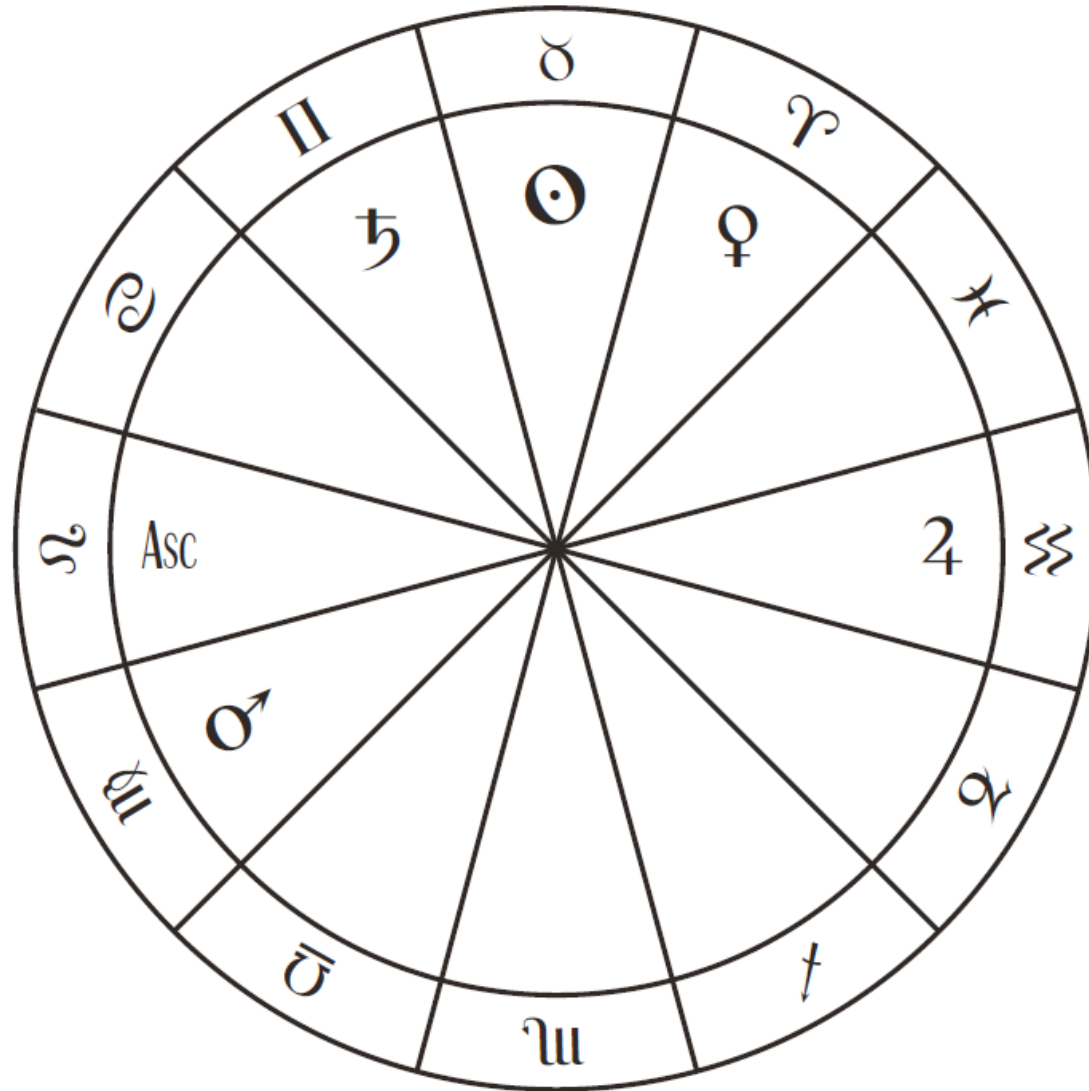
House Placement of the Most Positive and Negative Planets

- The house of the most positive planet will tend to be an area of good fortune and ease in the life of the native.
 - Jupiter by day or Venus by night.
- The house of the most negative planet will tend to be an area of difficulty, hardship and sometimes misfortune.
 - Saturn by night or Mars by day.
- This can be mitigated for better or worse based on other conditions, but it generally holds true.

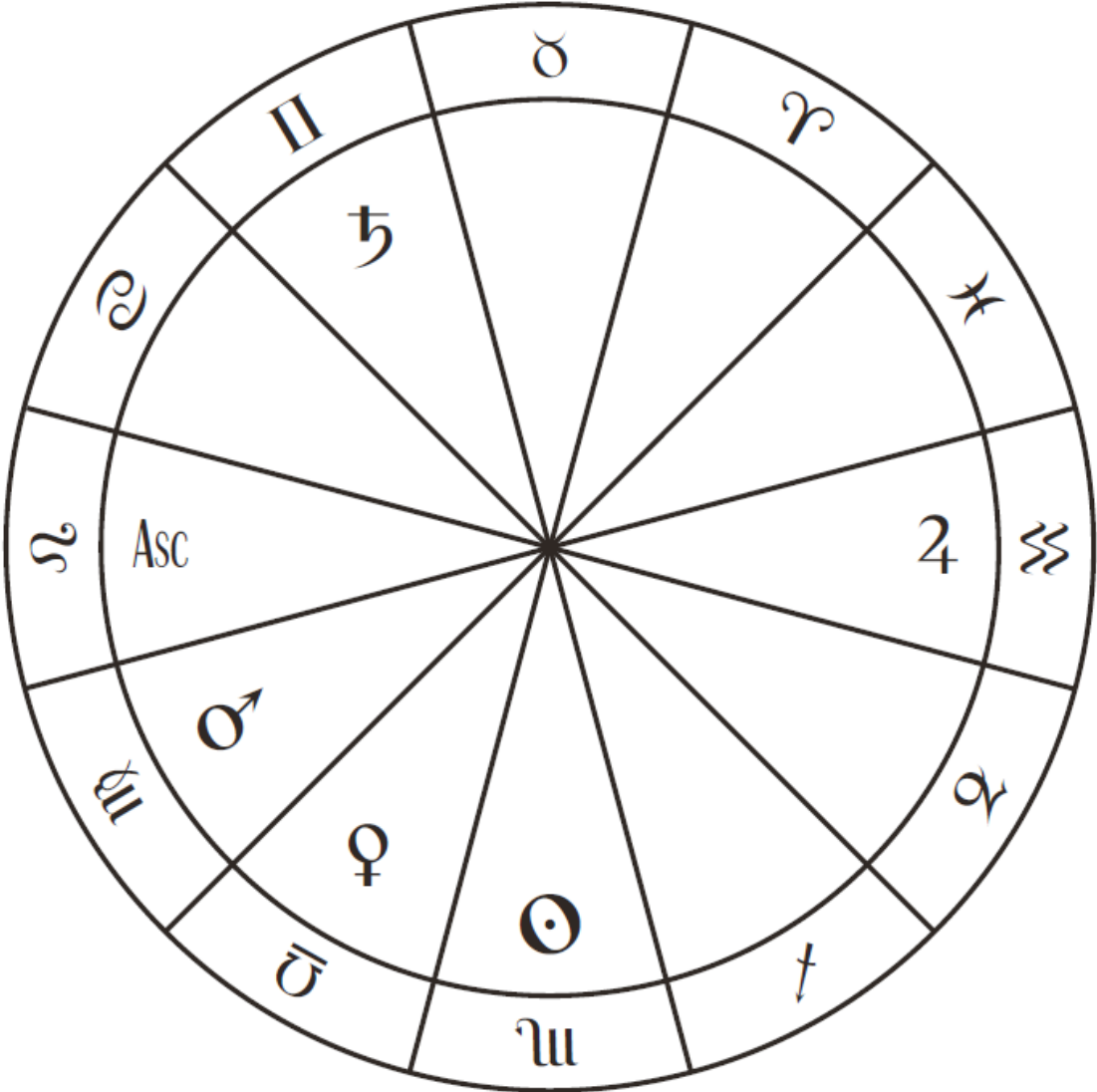




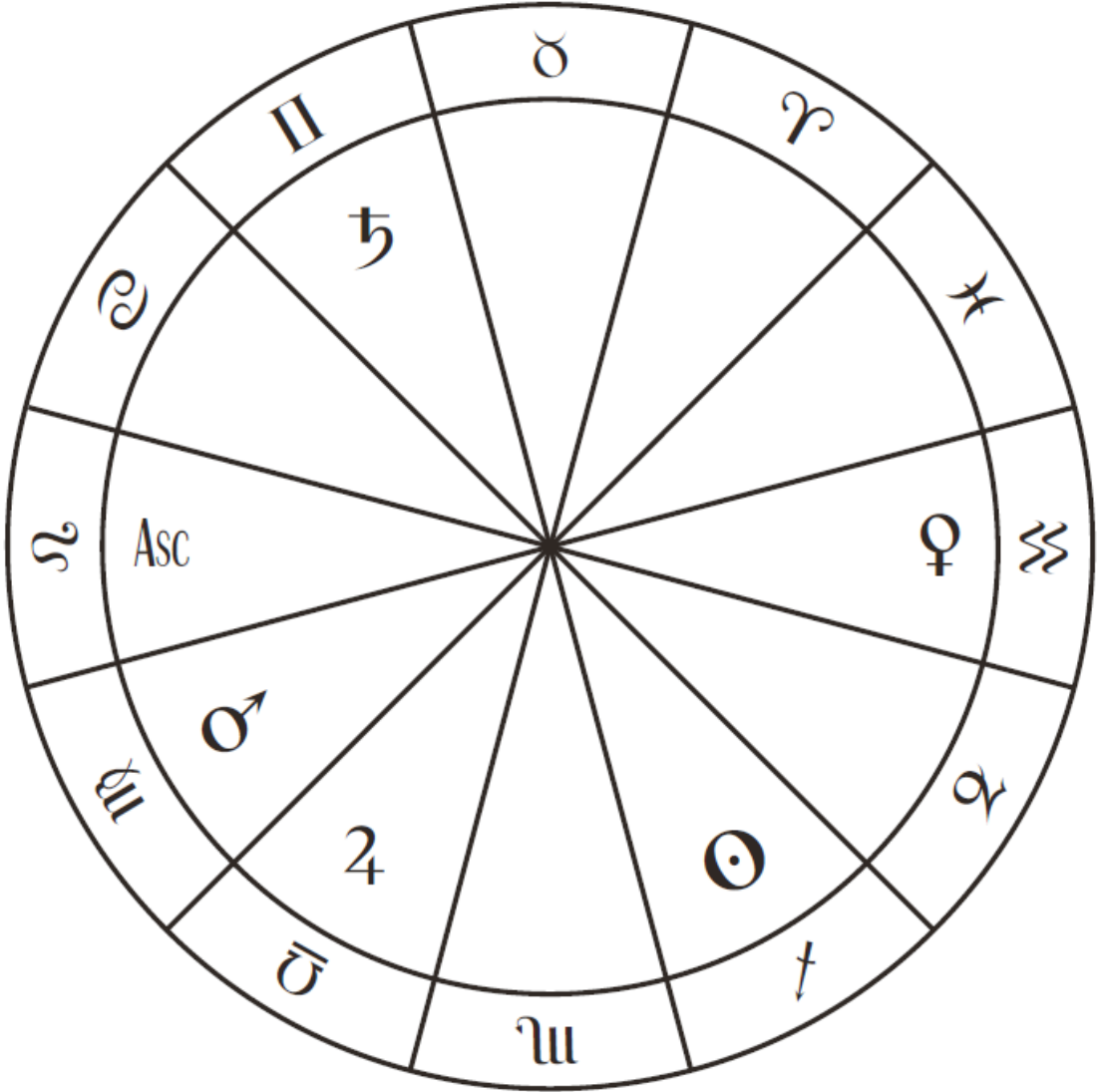
Day Chart With Jupiter in 7th and Mars in 2nd



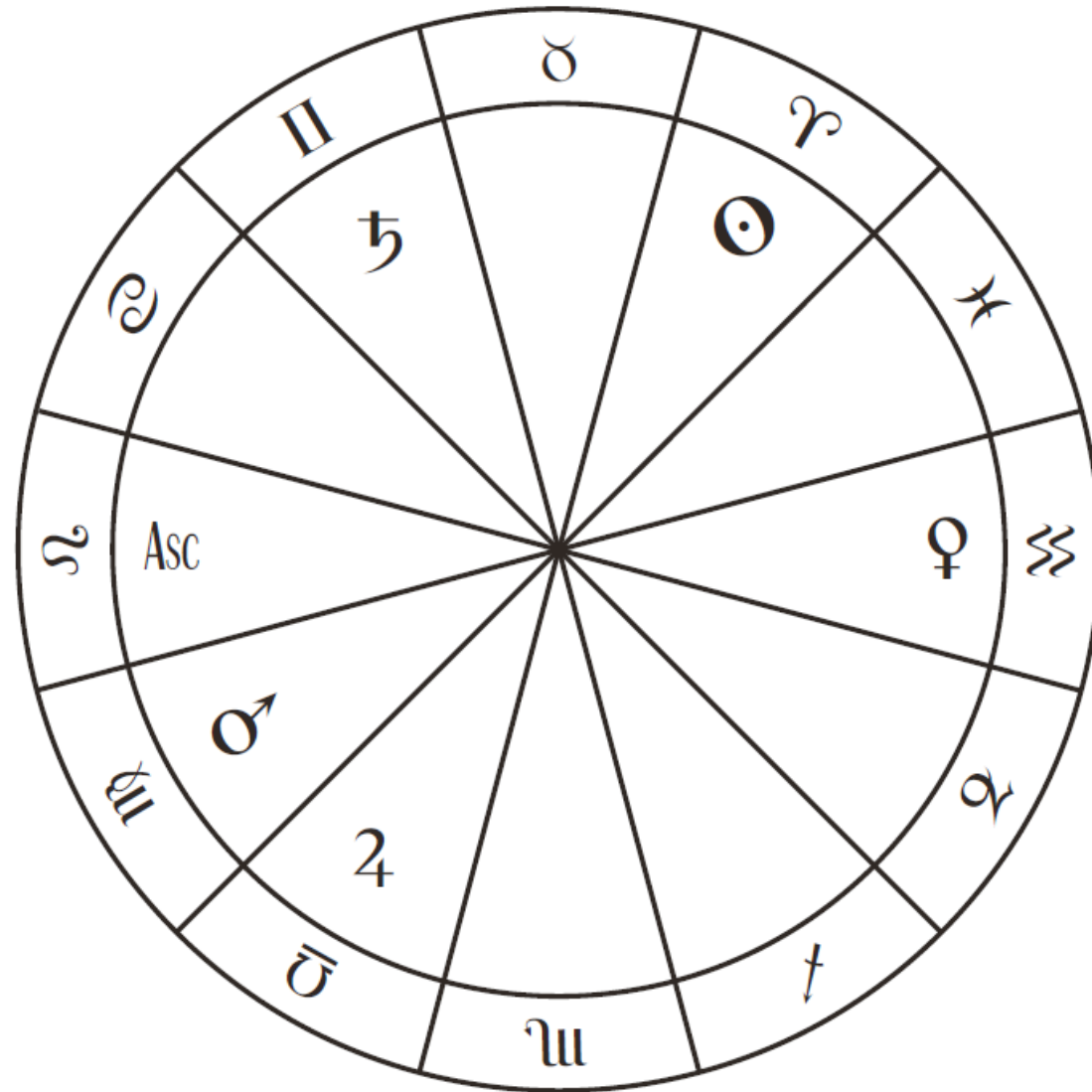
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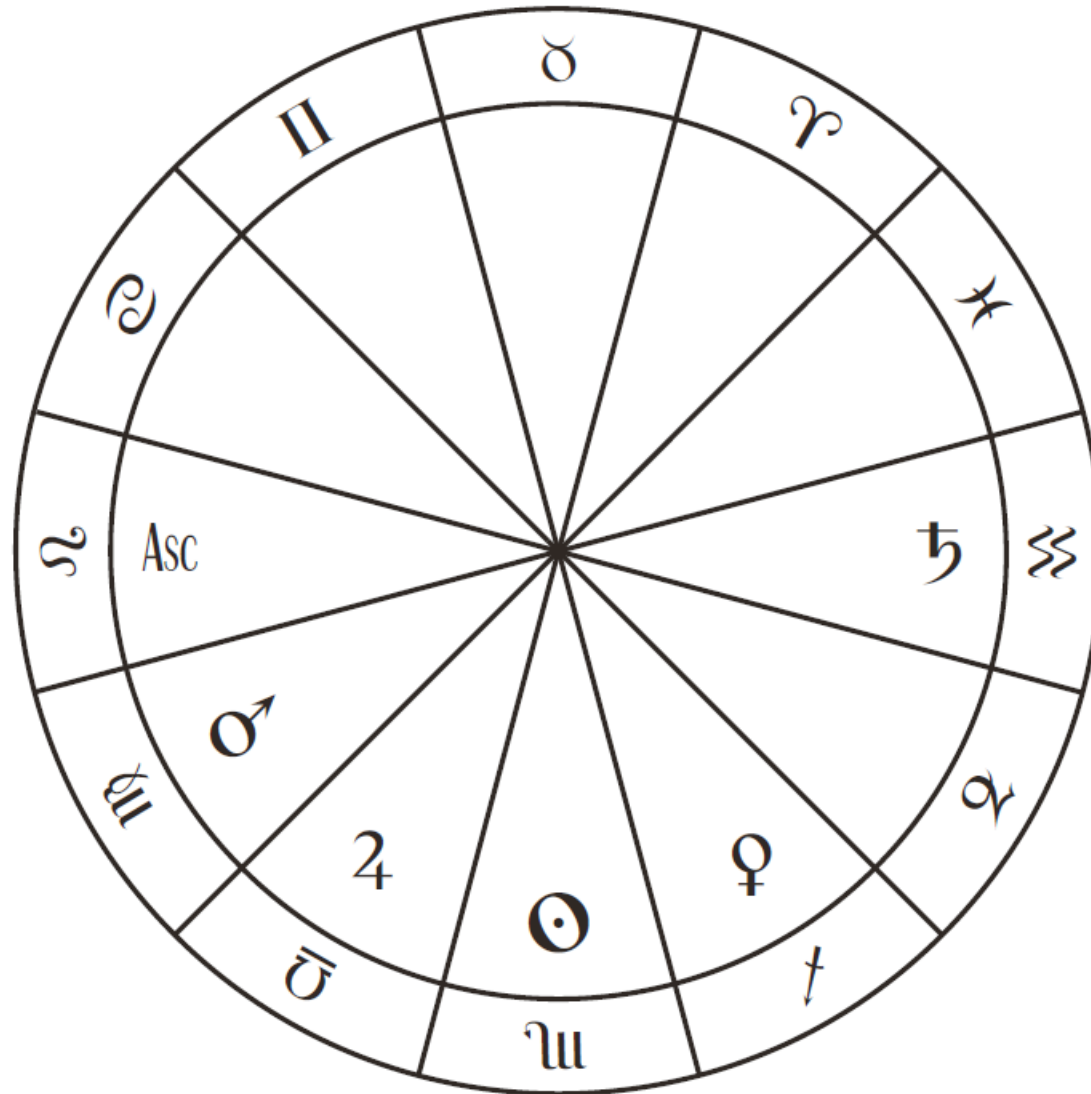
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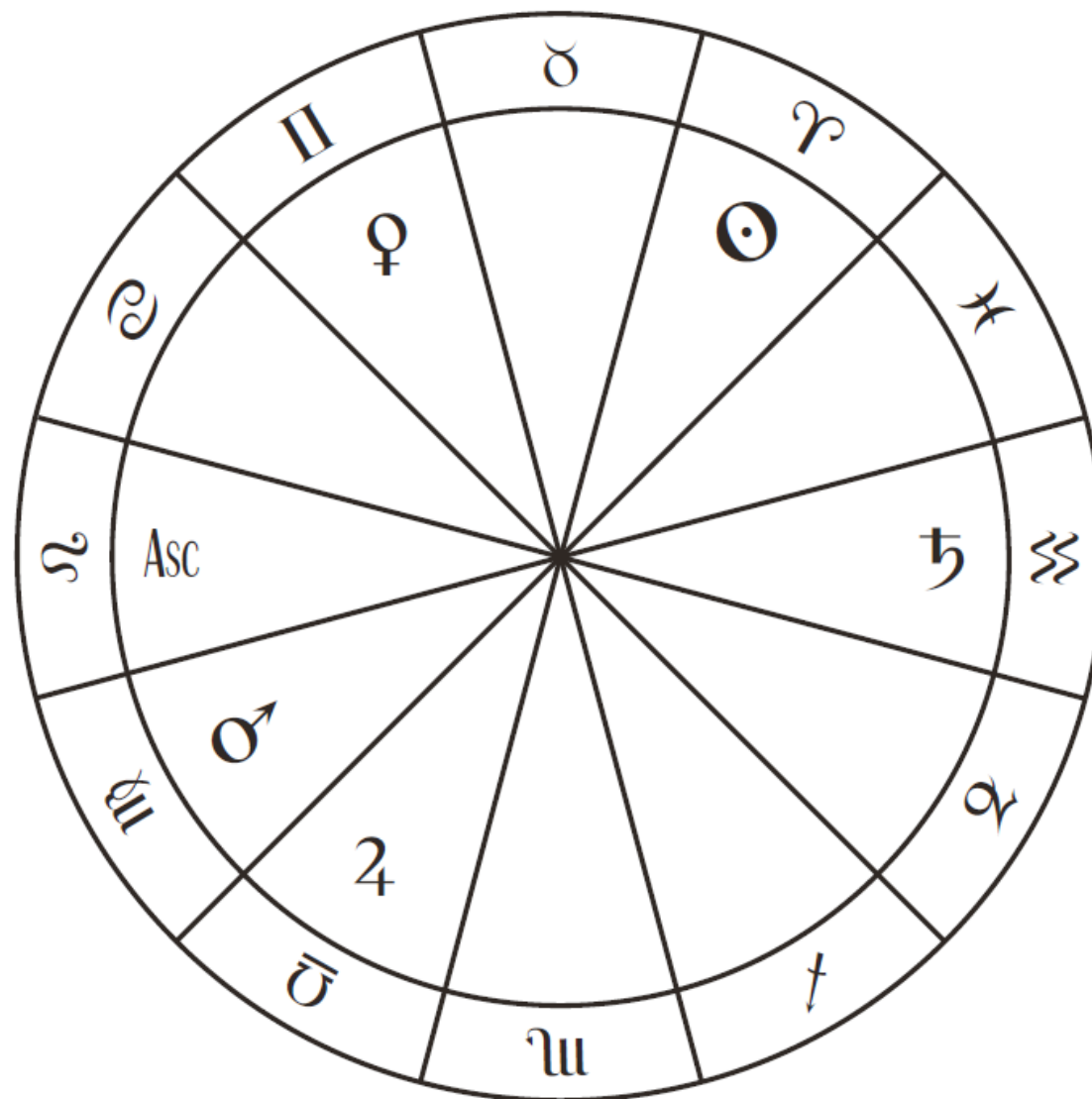
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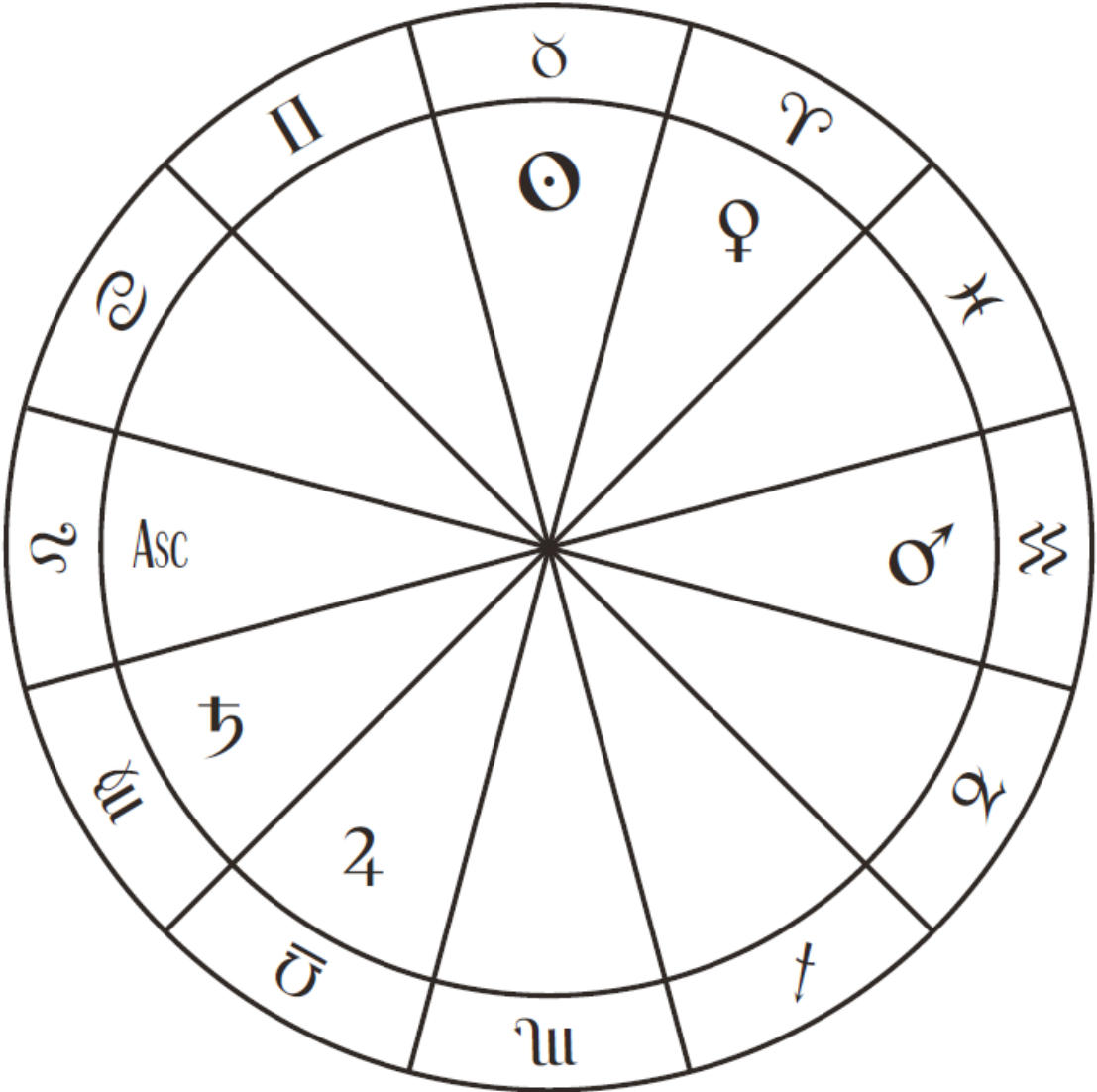
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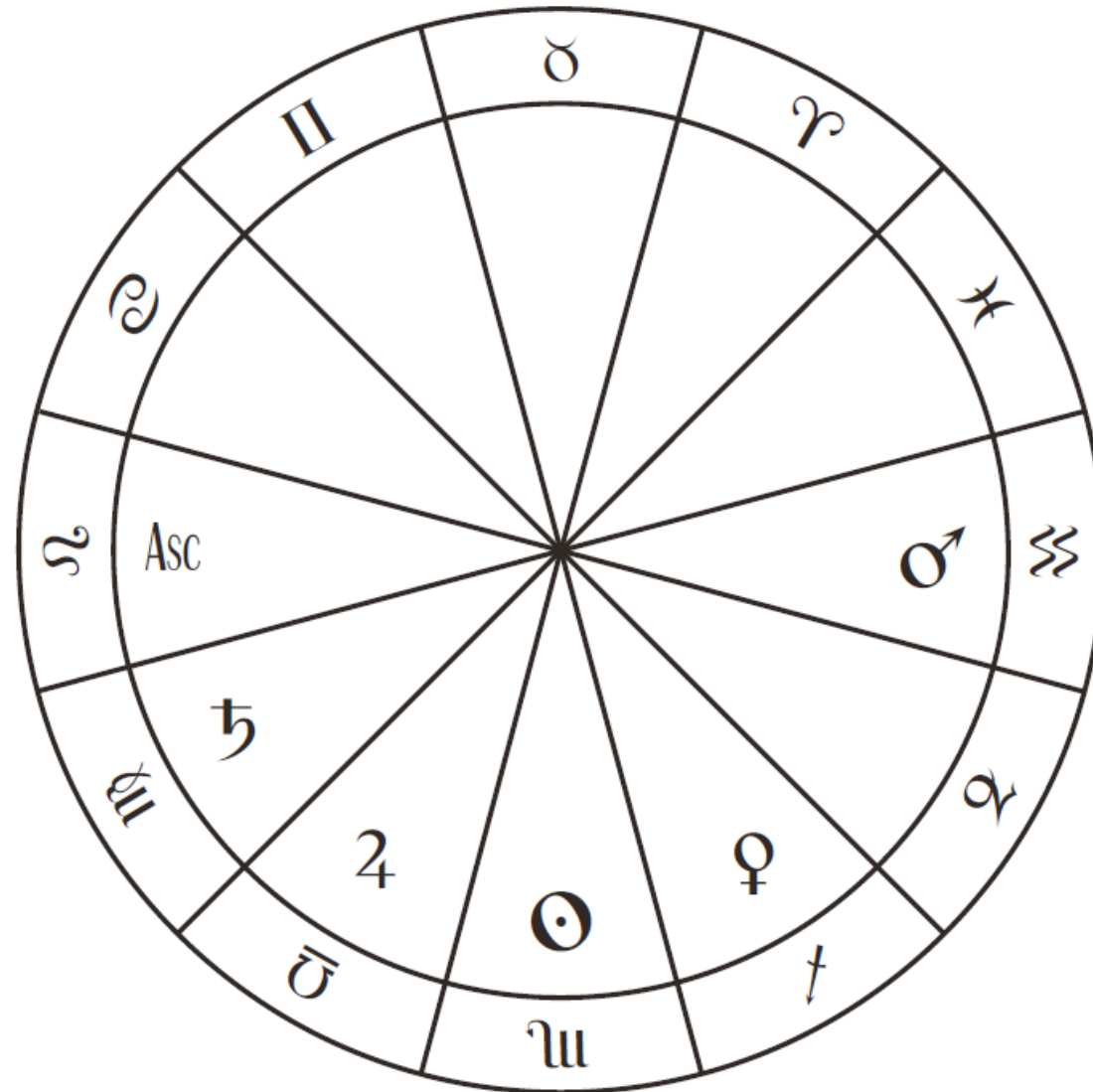
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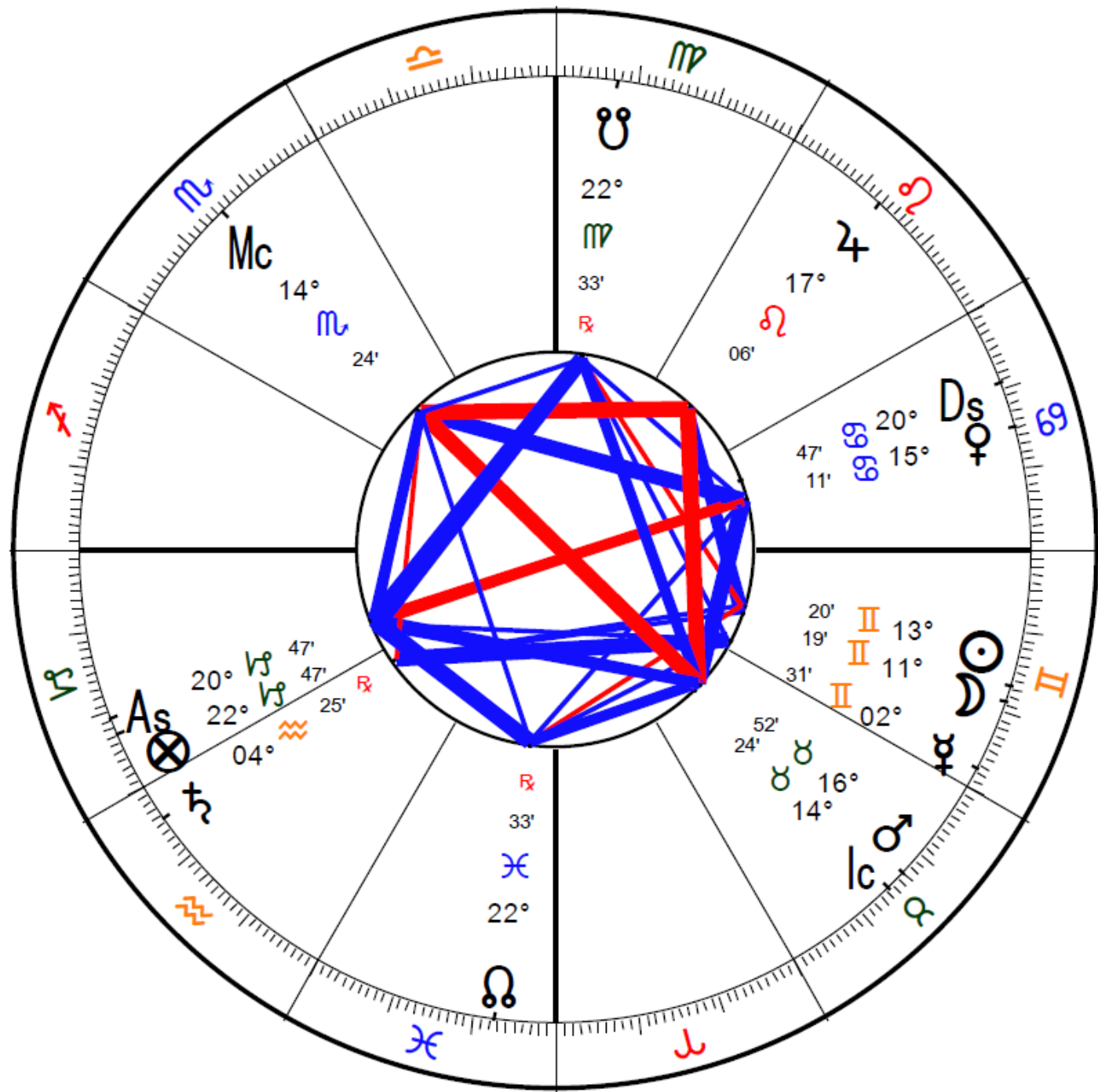
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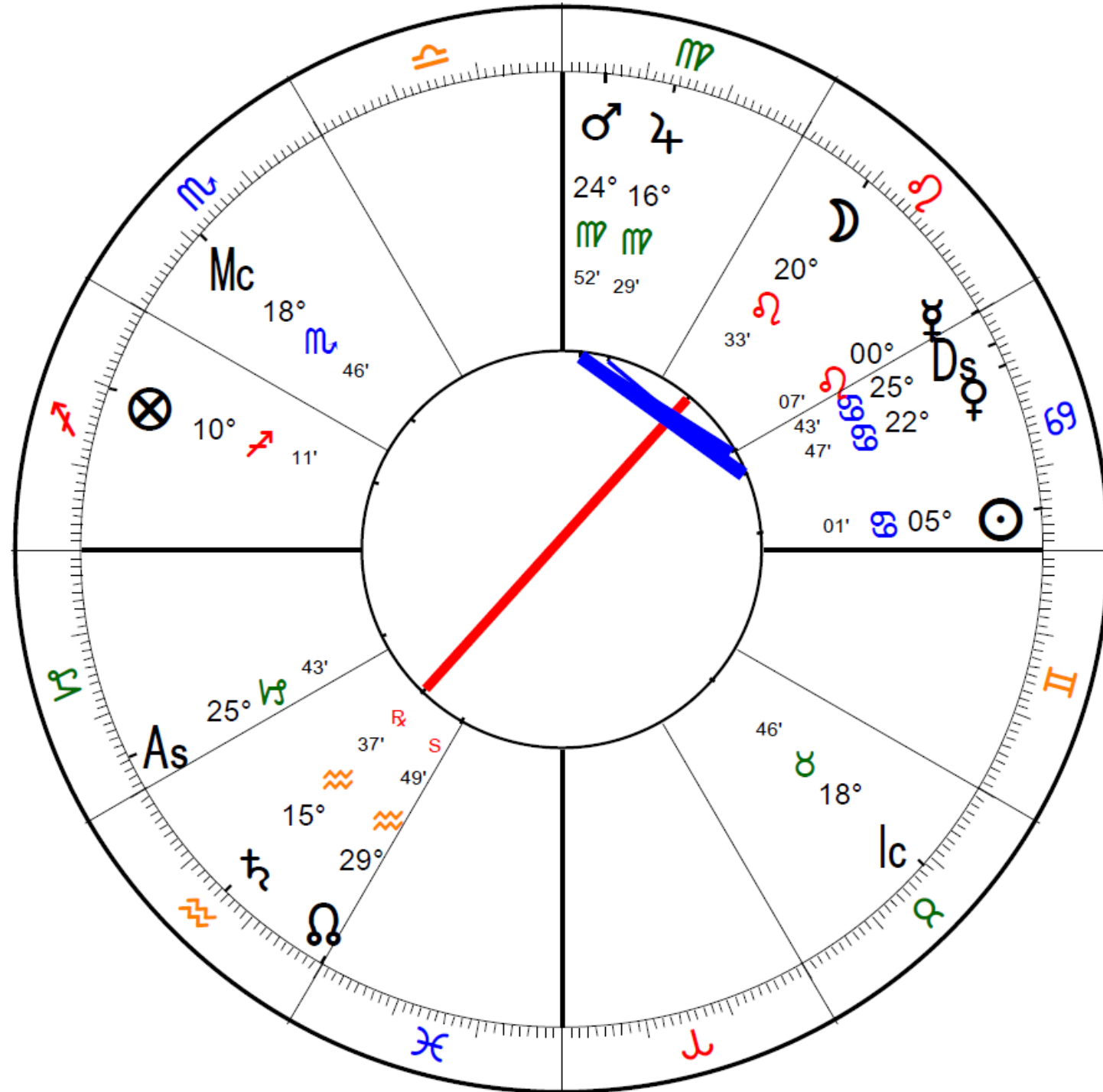
Night Chart with Saturn in 2nd and Venus in 5th



- Night chart.
- Saturn in the 2nd.
- Venus in the 7th.
- Family really had a hard time financially growing up.
- Raised very frugally.
- Family phrase “that’s all we have.”
- As a result of that he was aware of every penny he had, to the point of being somewhat obsessive.
- Very cautious about spending.
- He had a long and successful marriage for 64 years.
- Wife had Venus in the 7th by night.

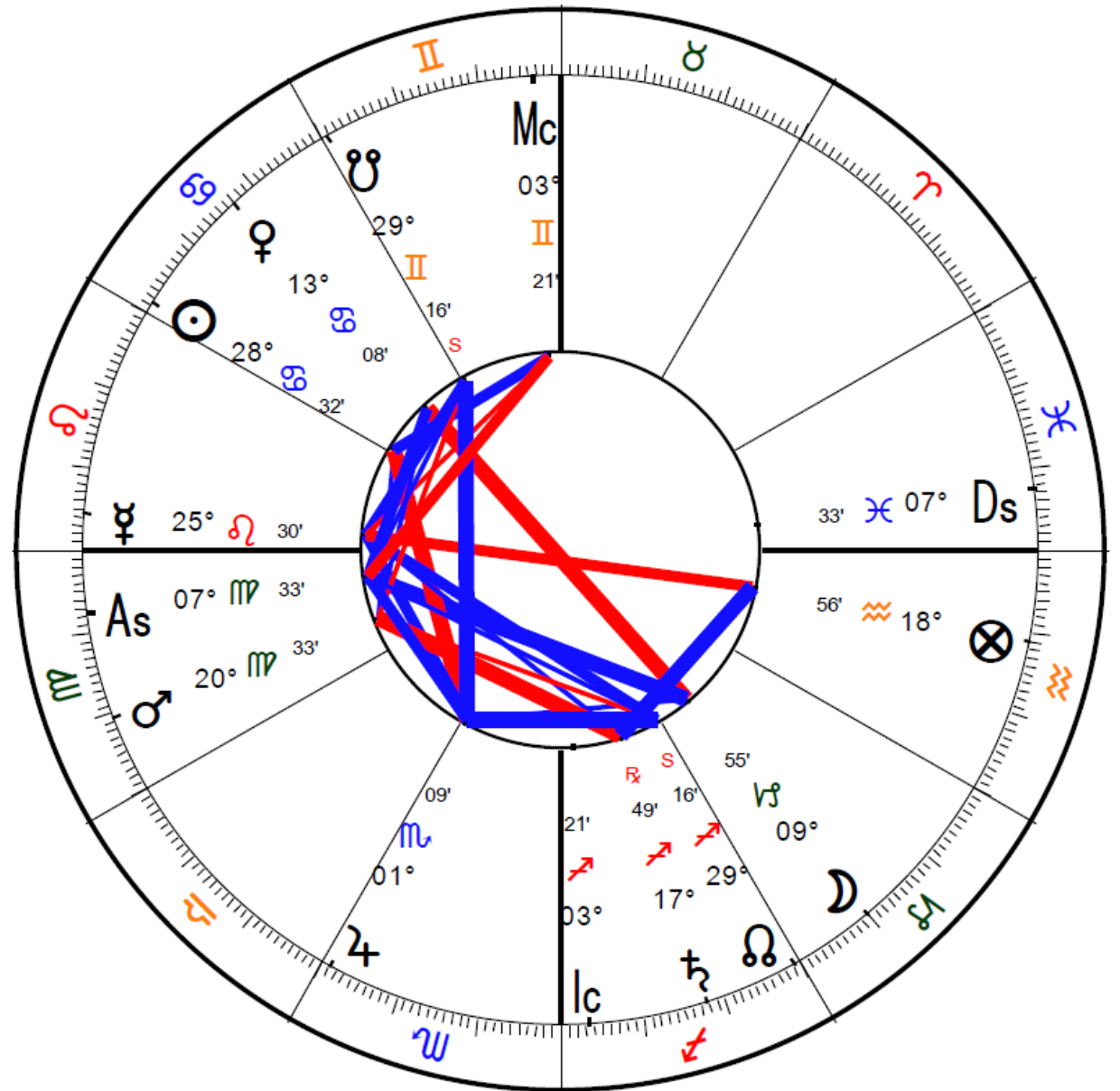


- Night chart.
- Venus in the 7th.
- Married for 64 years.

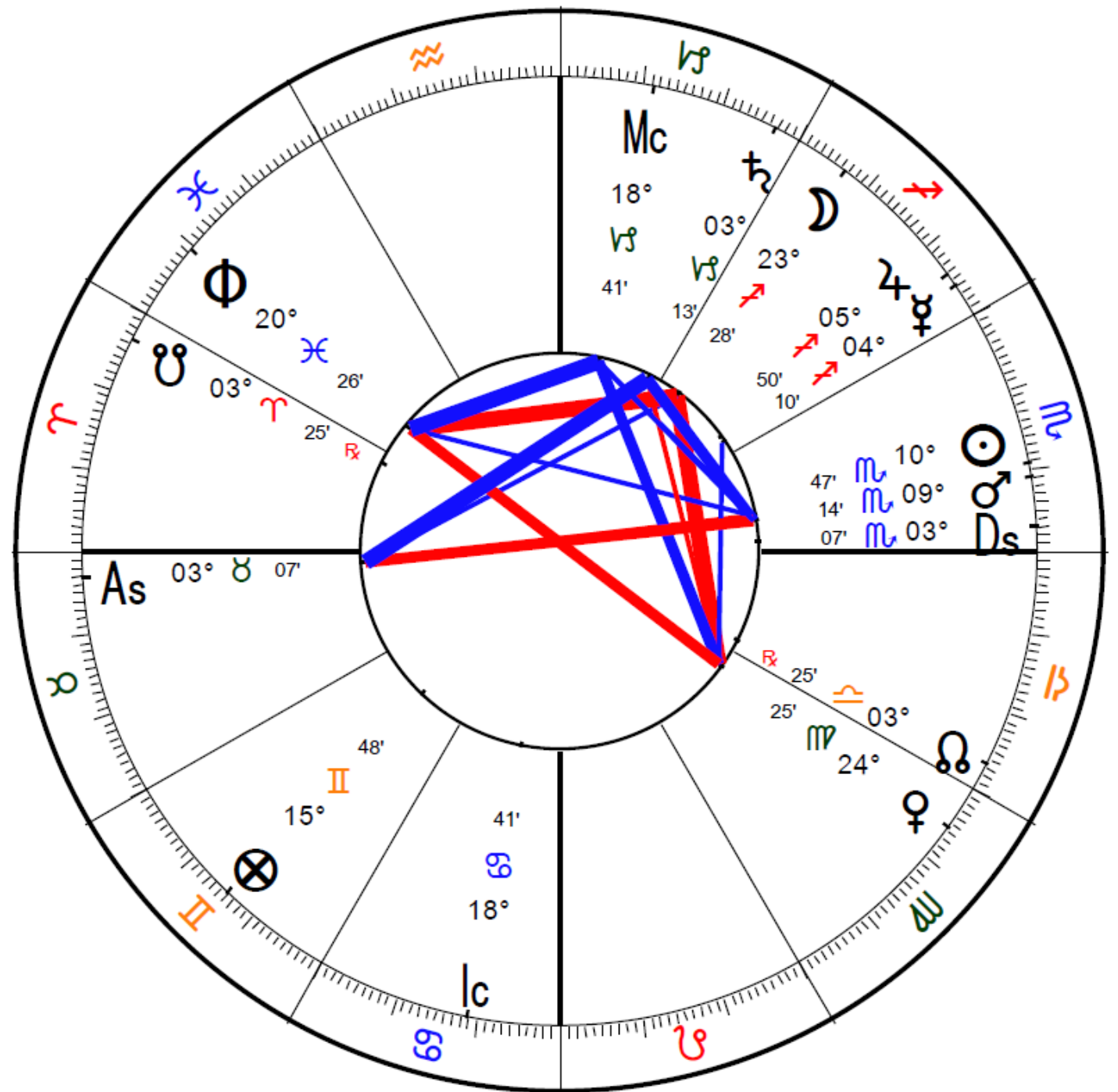


Ernest Hemingway

- Day chart.
- Mars in the 1st.
- Jupiter in the 3rd.
- Gifted writer, with Jupiter in 3rd.
- Characterized as having a strangely accident-prone life.
- Wounded by mortar fire in WWI.
- Was in two successive plane crashes.
- Serious head injury.
- Mental and physical deterioration later in life.
- Later committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

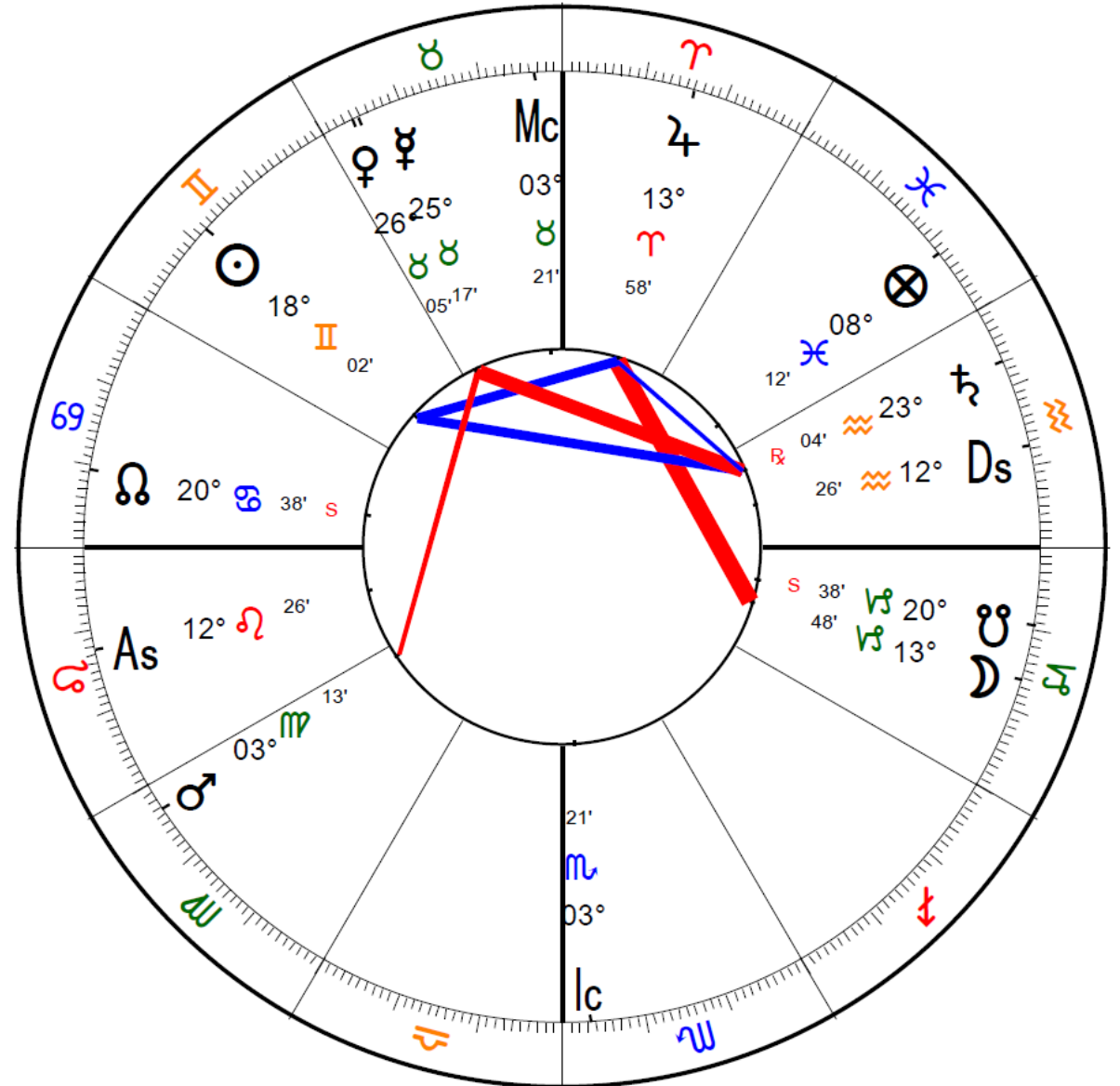


- Day chart.
- Mars in the 7th.
- Jupiter in the 8th.
- Her husband died of cancer early in their marriage, leaving her with 2 children to raise.
- He had signed up for a life insurance policy shortly before becoming sick.
- She inherited a decent bit of money after he died.
- Allowed her to raise their children and put herself through college.



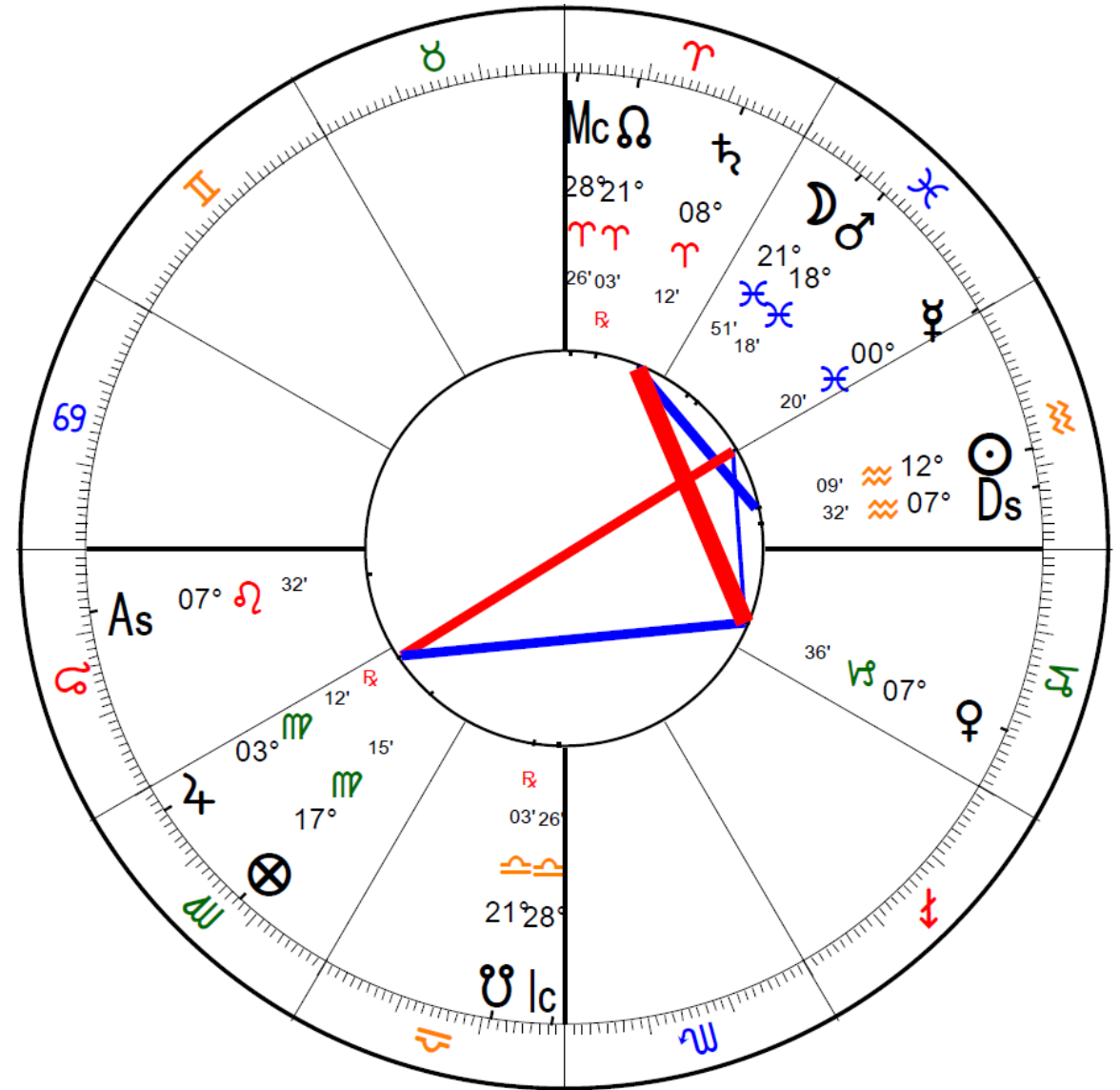
Johnny Depp

- Mars in the 2nd house by day
- June 21, 2018 Rolling Stone article titled "The Trouble With Johnny Depp."
- "...it appears that Depp may suffer from a compulsive-spending disorder..."
- "...Depp's situation was all about "Hollywood math," where the star spends what they think they've made, not taking into account taxes and agent and manager fees."
- "The suit suggests that Depp has a \$2-million-a-month compulsory-spending disorder, offering bon mots like "Wine is not an investment if you drink it as soon as you buy it."



- Daughter of Elvis.
- Inherited his estate worth millions at 25.
- Day chart with Jupiter in 2nd.
- Mars in day chart opposing from 8th.
- “Elvis’ Daughter’s Spending Out Of Control!
Lisa Marie Accused Of Squandering \$100M”

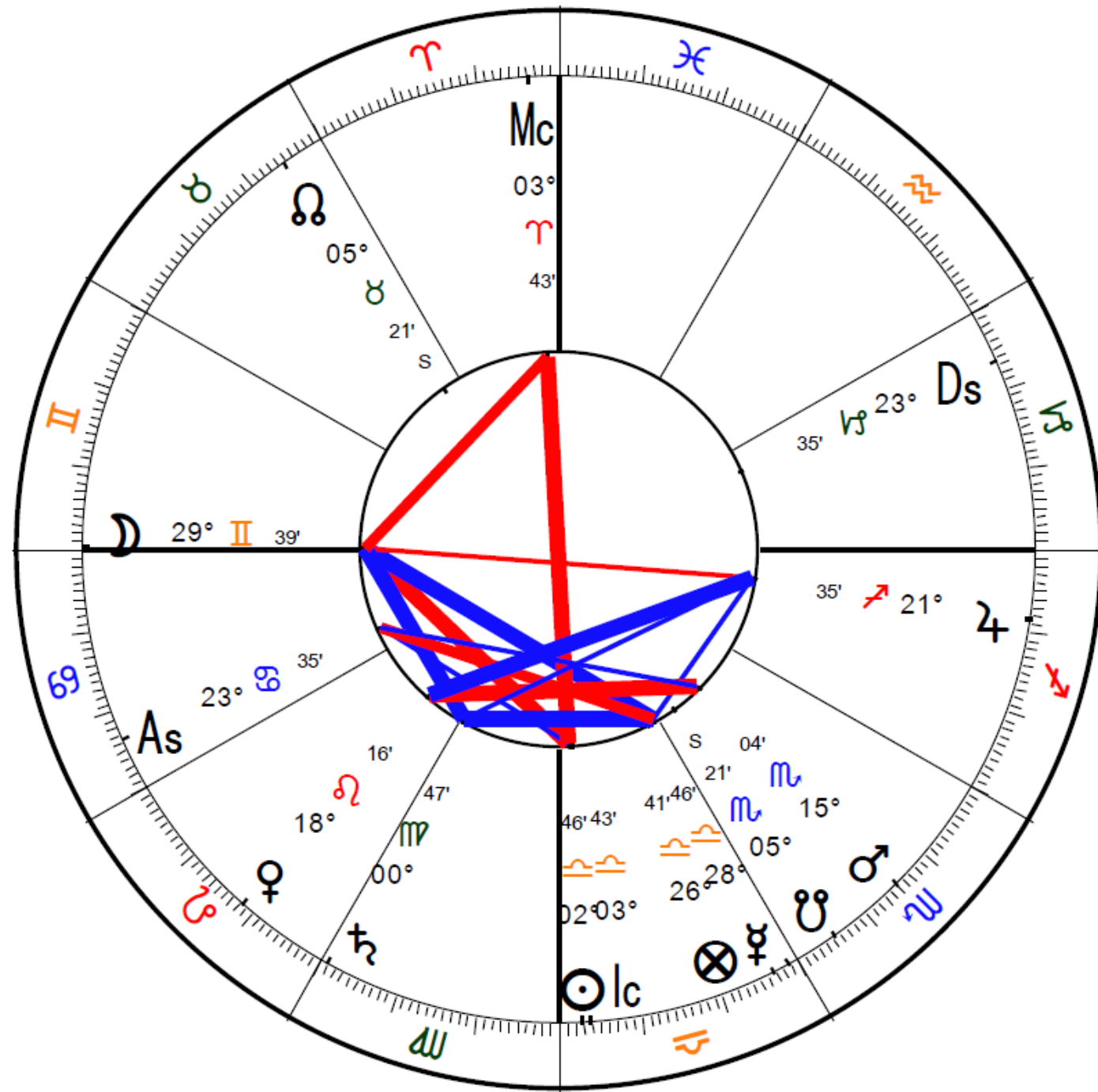
Lisa Marie Presley



Maurizio Gucci

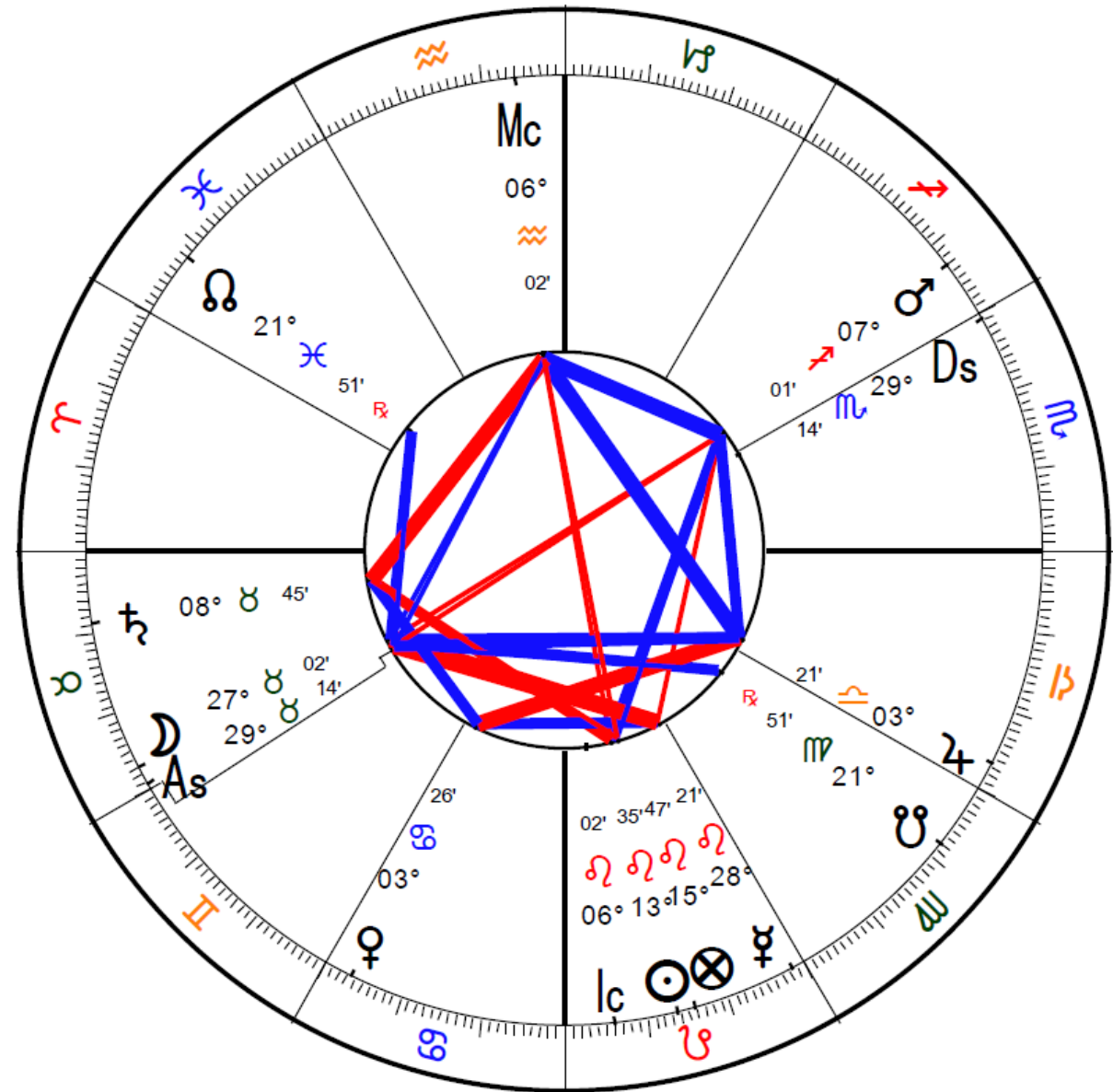
Ruler of 4th in 2nd

- Grandson of the founder of Gucci.
- He inherited his father's 50% of the business on May 16, 1983.
- Night chart with Venus in 2nd.
- Venus ruler of 4th.



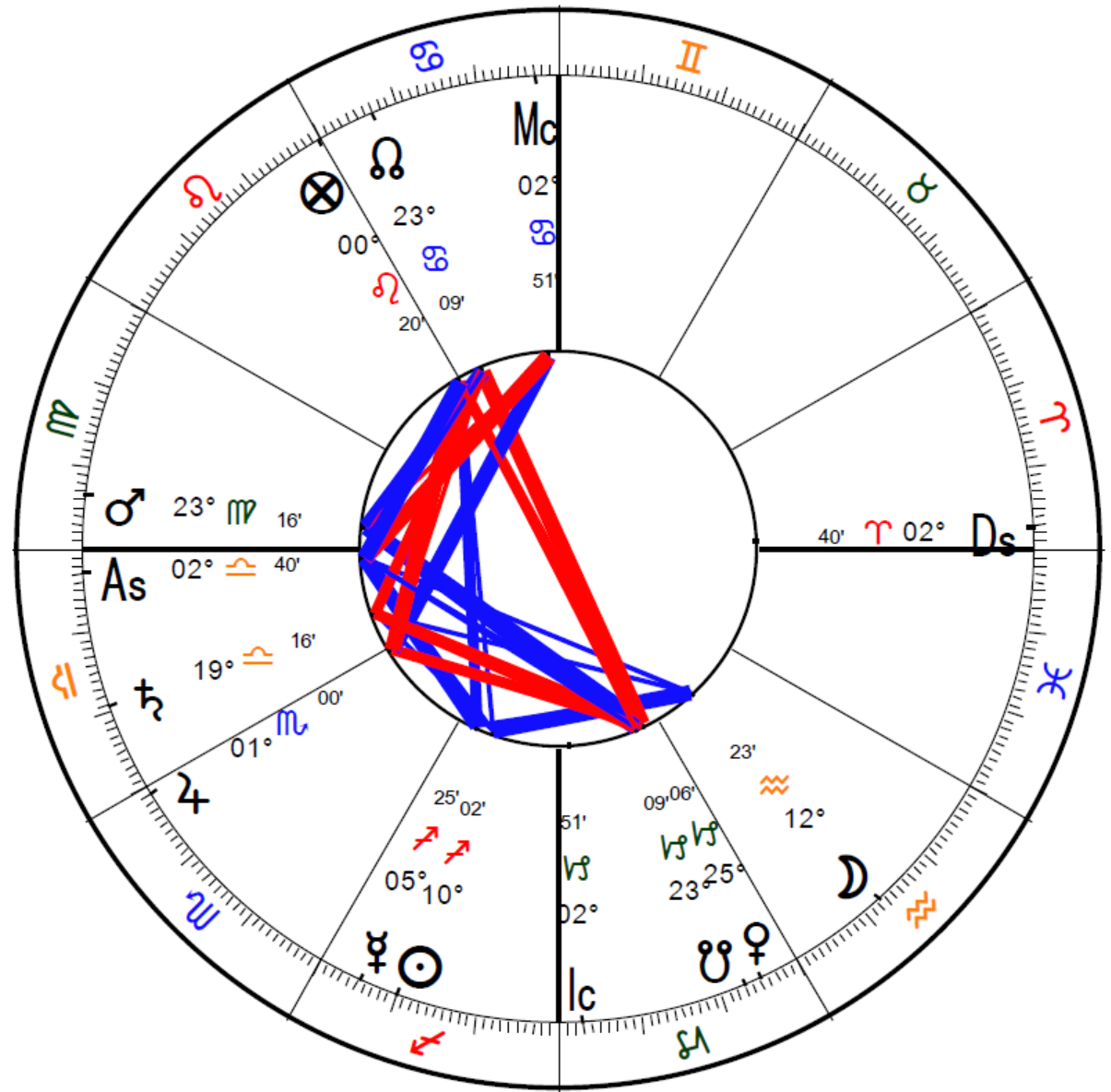
Elliott Smith

- Night chart.
- Venus in the 3rd.
- Saturn in the 1st.
- Semi-famous musician who died at the age of 34, probably of suicide.
- Had several siblings who he had very positive relationships with.
- Was a musician.
- His most prized possession was his car.
- He would test out songs he had recorded by driving around in his car first.
- Suffered from depression, alcoholism and drug dependence.
- Committed suicide at the age of 34 by stabbing himself twice in the chest.



Britney Spears

- Night chart.
- Venus in the 4th.
- Saturn in the 1st.
- In 2007 she suffered a mental breakdown after a tumultuous period in her life.
- She was committed to the psychiatric ward, and then the courts placed her under temporary conservatorship of her father.
- He has been her conservator since 2008.
- This gives him complete control over all her assets, as well as control over other aspects of her life such as what she does with her career, who she spends time with, etc.



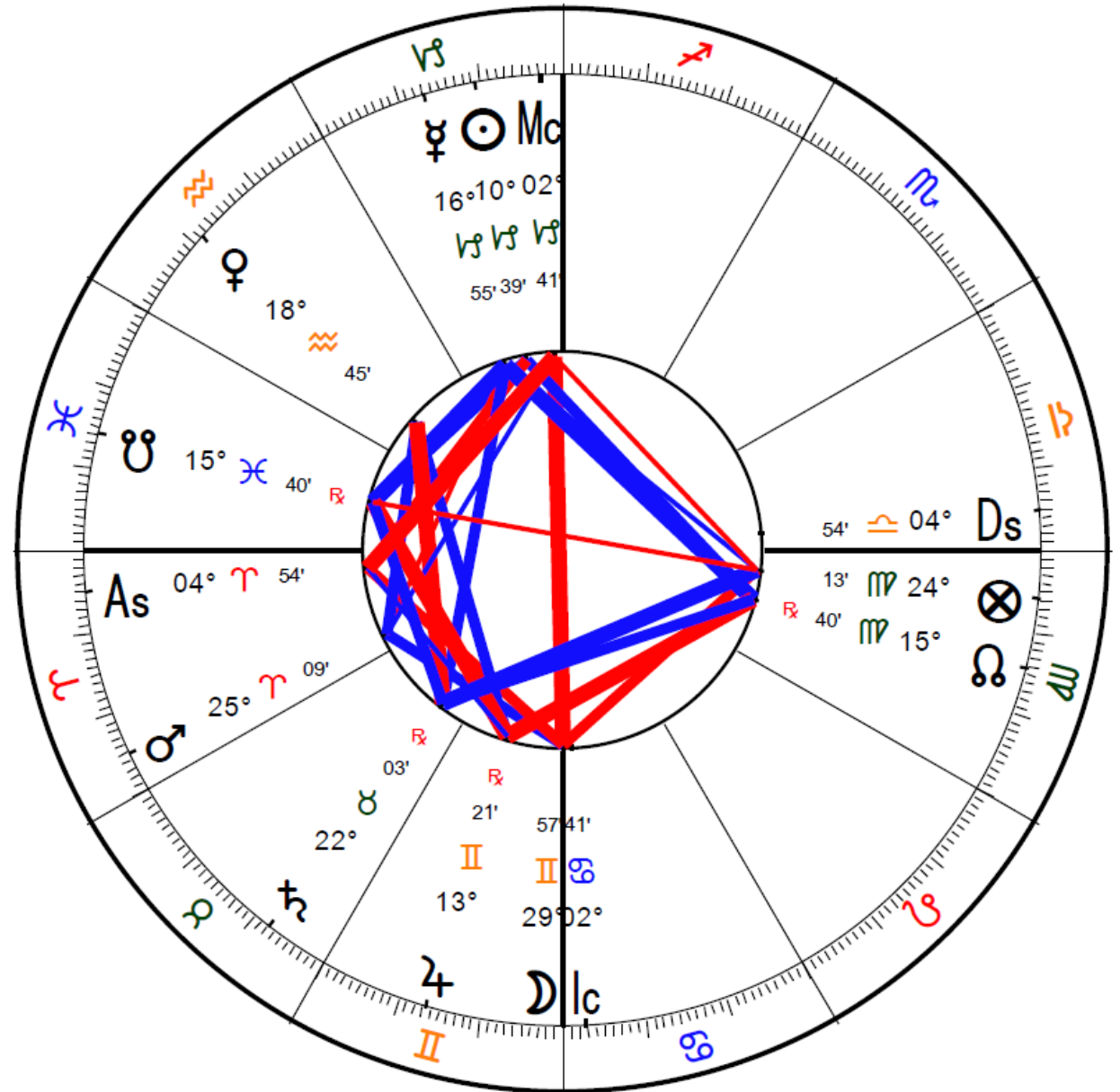


Planets Ruling the Ascendant

- Native takes on the agency of the planet that rules the Ascendant.
- If a malefic, sometimes they can cause or become the source or problems in their own life.
 - Native takes on the agency of the malefic.
- Sometimes native's own actions become problematic.
- Other times the problems come from the native, but not as a result of deliberate action.

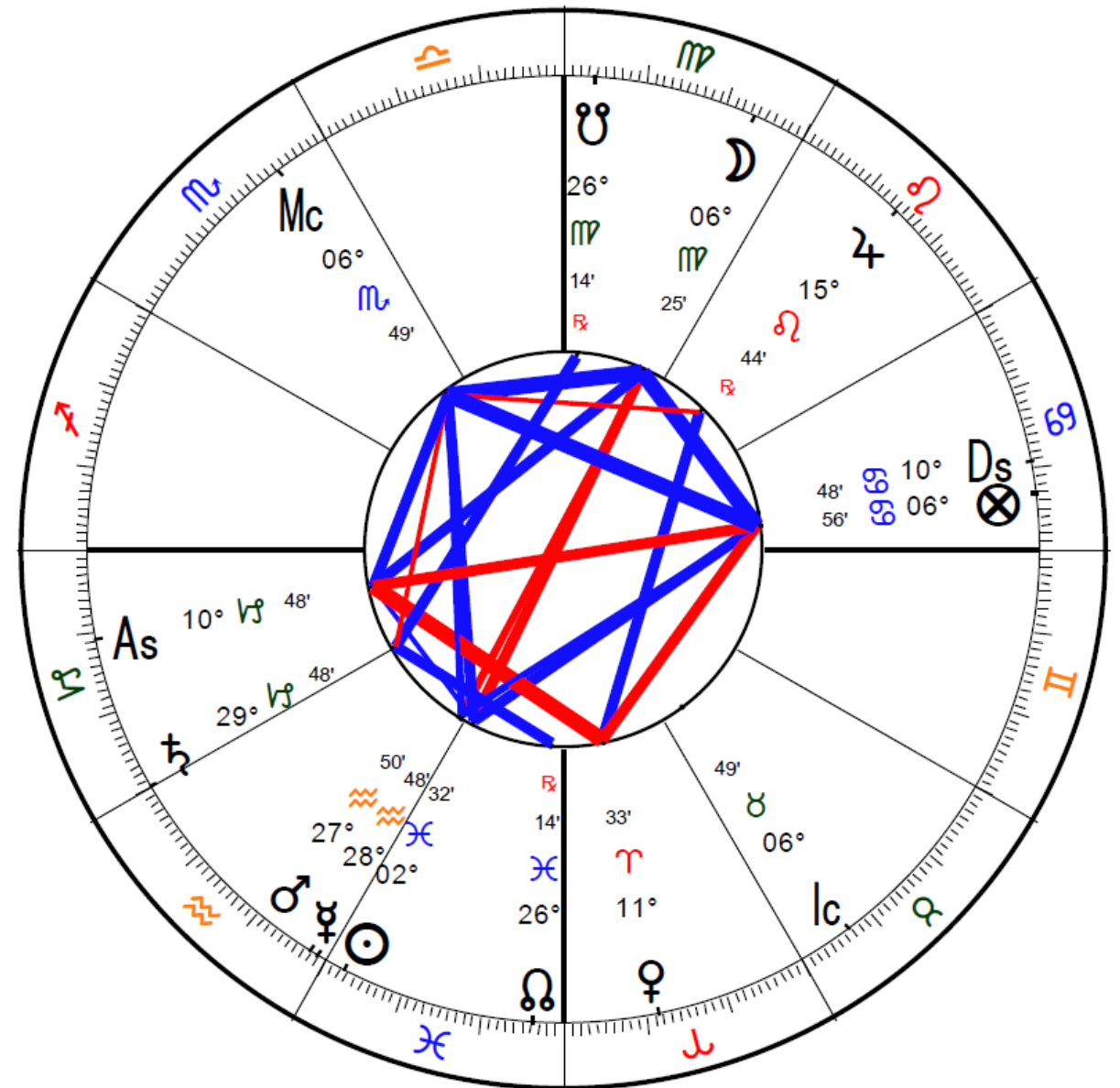
Alan White

- Day chart.
- Mars in the 1st.
- Jupiter in the 3rd.
- He was a Green Beret in the United States Army Special Forces. A soldier. Was involved in the war in Vietnam.
- The native was gruff, direct, assertive, sometimes combative, sometimes coarse, rude or vulgar, but honest and forthright.
- He was also an astrologer, and good at teaching basic concepts by breaking them down.



- Capricorn rising, with Saturn in late Capricorn in the 1st place in a night chart.
- He could and probably would have been President of the United States after the assassination of his two brothers, John and Robert.
- The opportunity was ruined due to a car crash while he was driving, probably while intoxicated, which killed a woman who was with him.
- He still went on to have a long and successful career in the United States Senate, but he never became President.

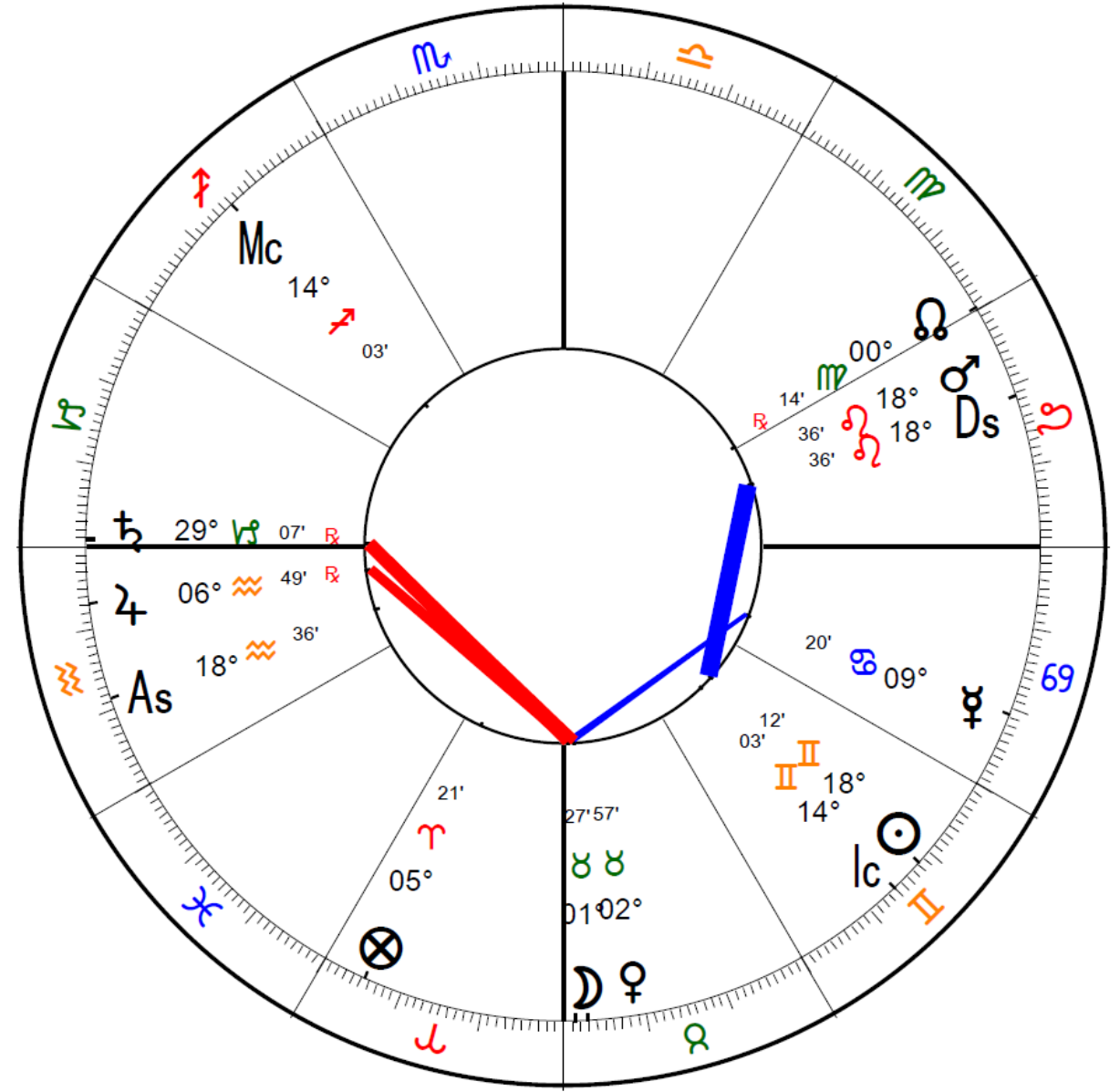
Ted Kennedy



- Aquarius rising.
- Saturn ruling Ascendant in night chart.
- Placed in the 12th house.

- Successful actor who developed Parkinson's disease at the height of his career.
- Developed during his Saturn return.
- The issues came from within, but due to no fault of his own.

Michael J. Fox



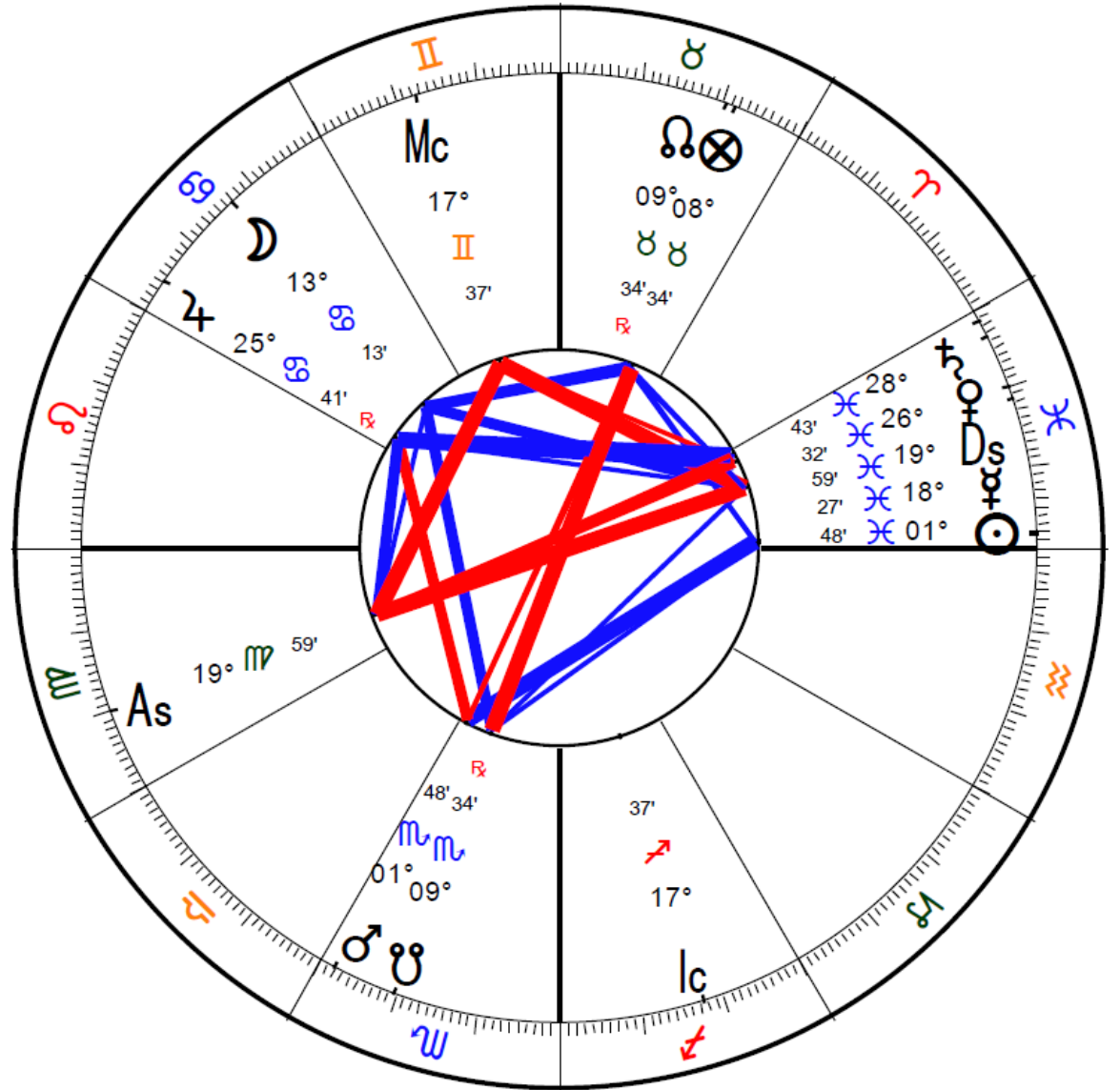


Benefic and Malefic in Same Sign

- When most positive and negative planet in the same sign:
- Great highs and lows in that area of the person's life.
- Mixture of good and bad fortune, success and failure, etc.

Kurt Cobain

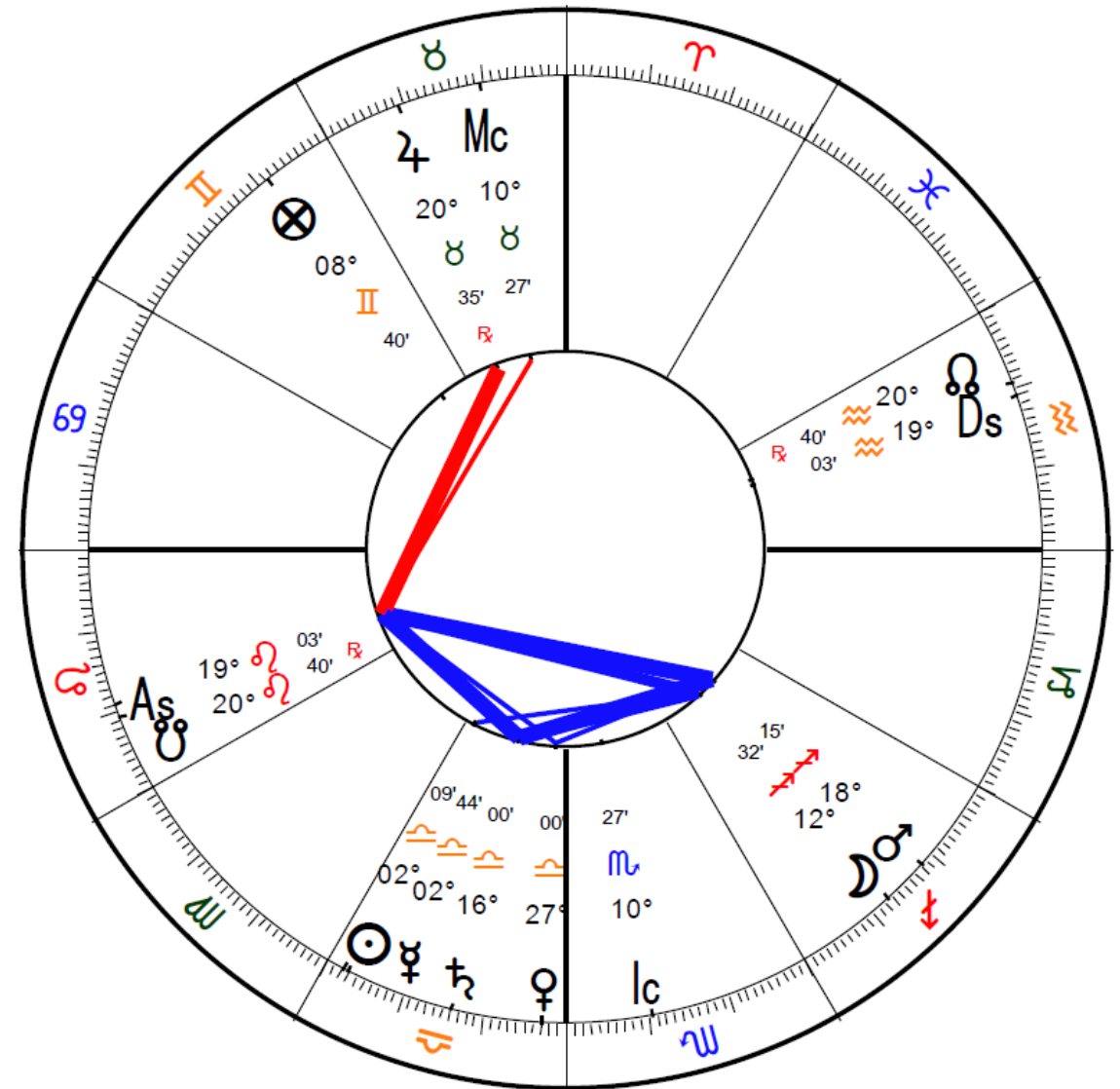
- Night chart.
- Venus in 7th.
- Saturn in 7th.
- A large part of his adult life was focused on relationships, as he desperately wanted a partner, although he encountered several major disappointments in relationships.
- On the one hand he drew much inspiration from his relationships when writing certain songs.
- On the other hand he and his wife were said to have “bonded through drug use,” which eventually contributed to his suicide.



- Night chart.
- Saturn in 3rd.
- Venus in 3rd.

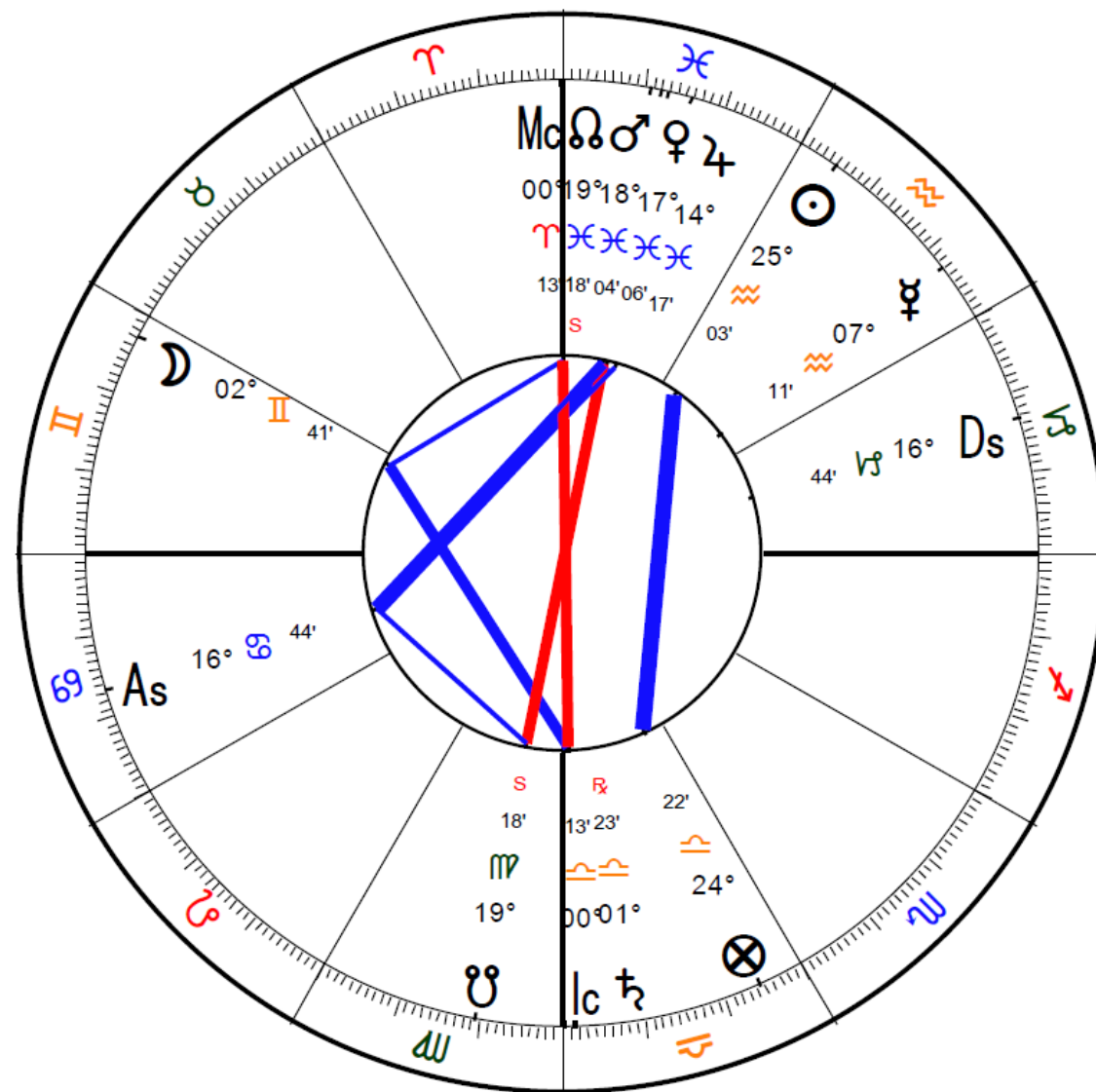
- Became a quadriplegic after a horse-riding accident, and he was paralyzed from the neck down.
- Used his fame to draw attention towards people with spinal cord injuries and disabilities.
- Founded the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, which is “dedicated to curing spinal cord injury by funding innovative research, and improving the quality of life for people living with paralysis through grants, information and advocacy.”
- “...in the years following his injury, Christopher did more to promote research on spinal cord injury and other neurological disorders than any other person before or since.”

Christopher Reeve



- ADB: "French businessman, former director of Pommery Champagnes.
- In 1993 he became quadriplegic after a paragliding accident, shortly after his wife had been diagnosed with a terminal illness.
- He fell into a deep depression from which he was saved due to the help of his caretaker of Algerian origin, Abdel Yasmin Sellou."
- Injury from the paragliding accident coming from Mars in the 9th.
- Help coming from a foreigner with Jupiter in the 9th as well.

Philippe Pozzo Di Borgo



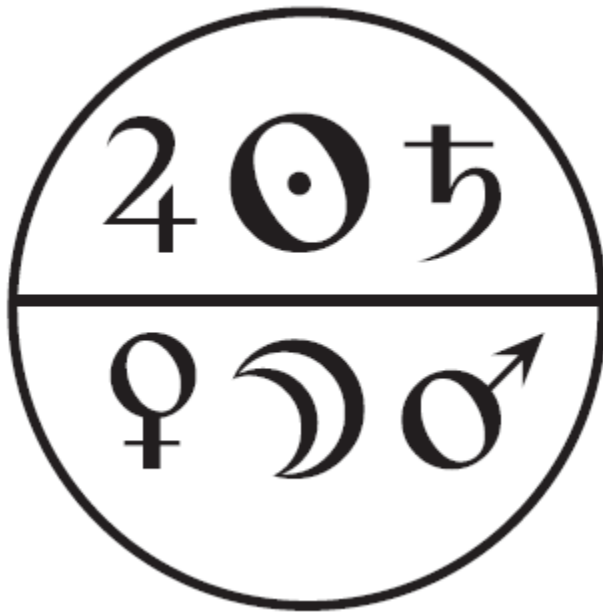


Mitigating Factors

- Mitigating factors can offset things.
 - Rejoicing conditions related to sect.
 - A planet being in its own sign, exaltation, or mutual reception.
 - A planet being bonified or maltreated.
 - Reception
- Outcome becomes more moderate or extreme depending the presence of mitigations.
- Many charts will have multiple factors present, which is an issue for researching and demonstrating the techniques.
- See TAP #28: Mitigating Factors in Traditional Astrology.

Rejoicing Conditions

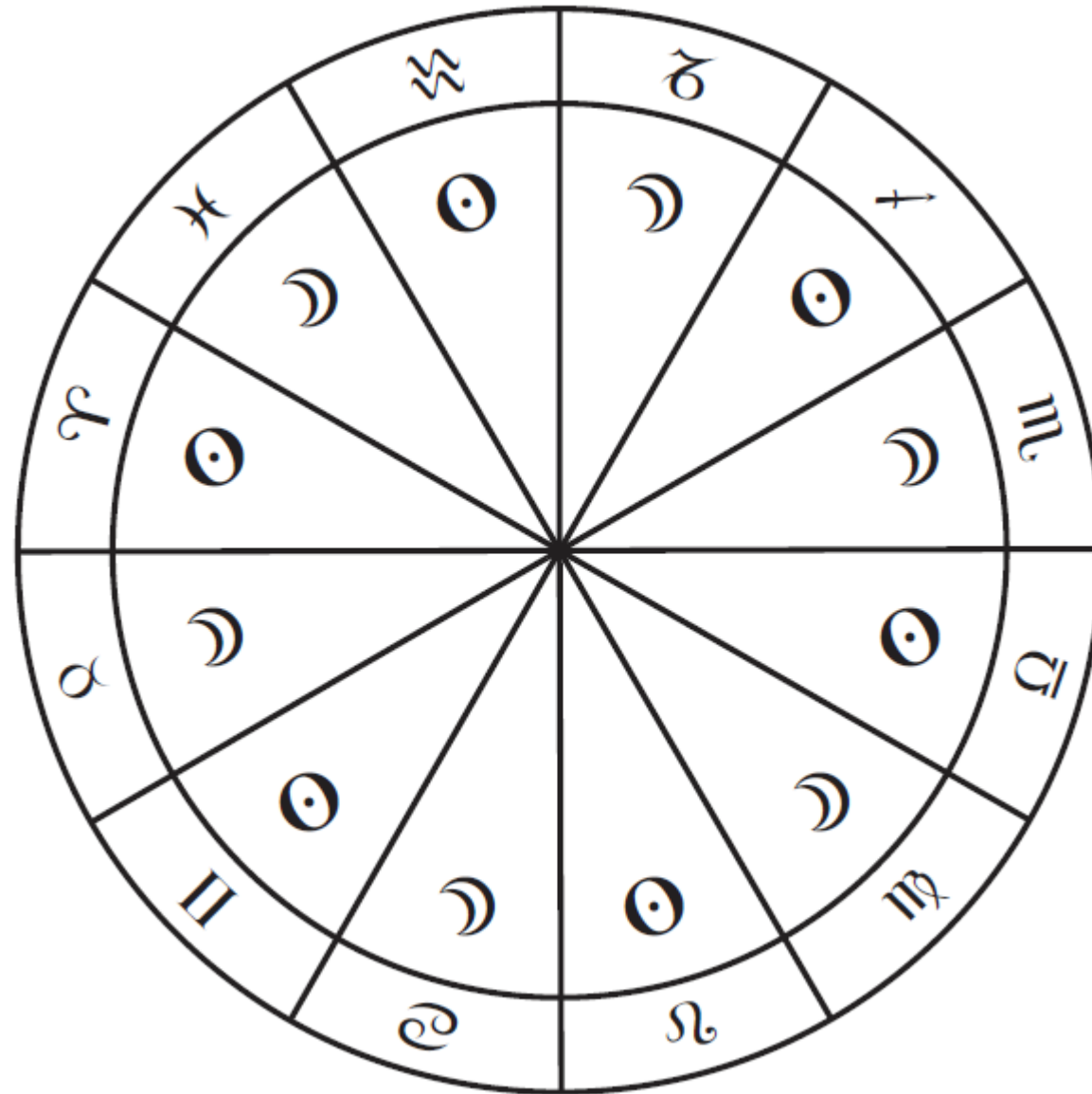
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Diurnal & Nocturnal Signs



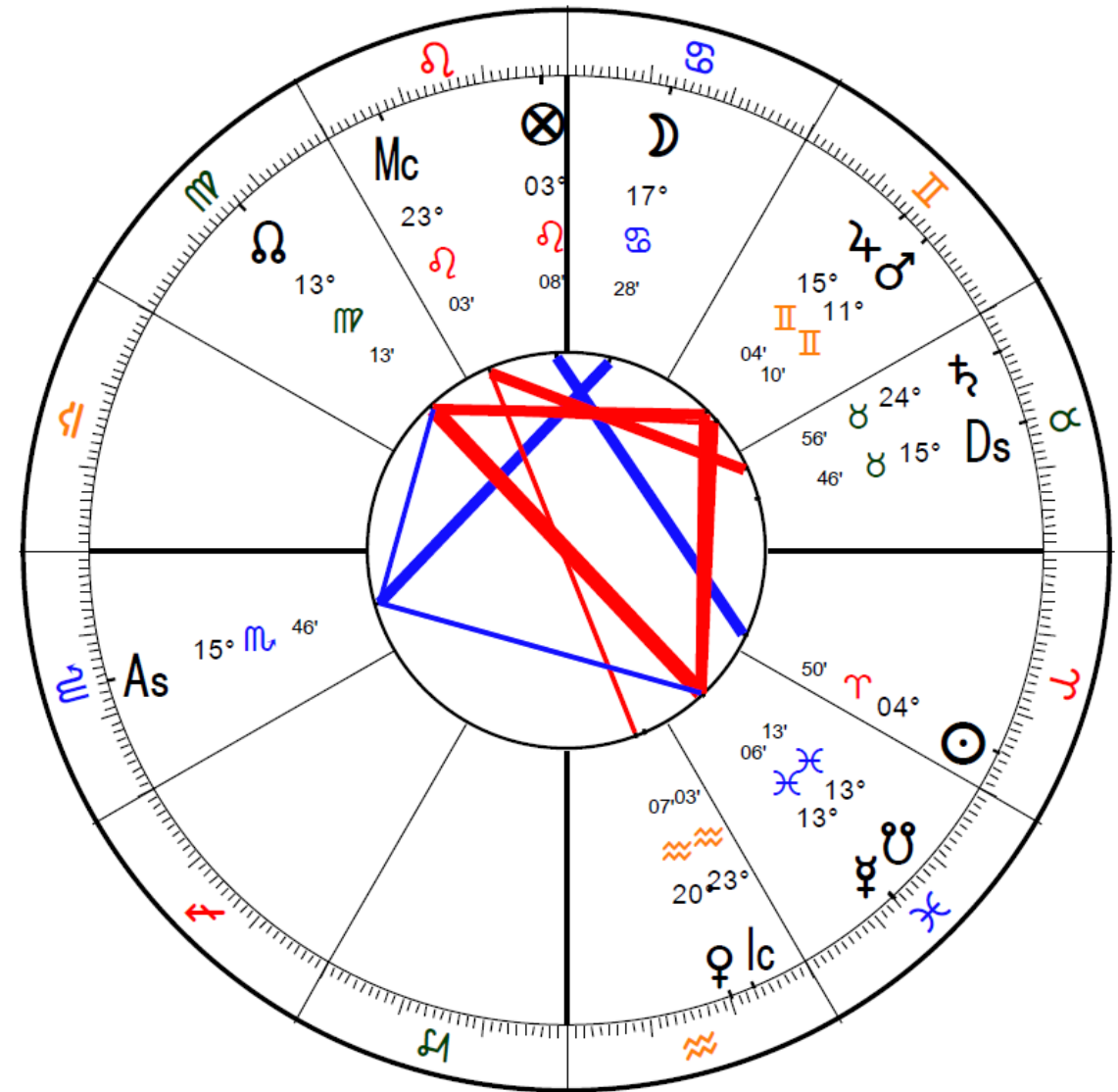


Don't Overuse Rejoicing Conditions

- Not as important as the primary consideration.
- Misapplication may have led to a decline in the use of sect as tradition progressed.
- Later medieval astrologers gave one point to each, treating them as equal in power.
- Overlooks that the primary consideration is dominant one.

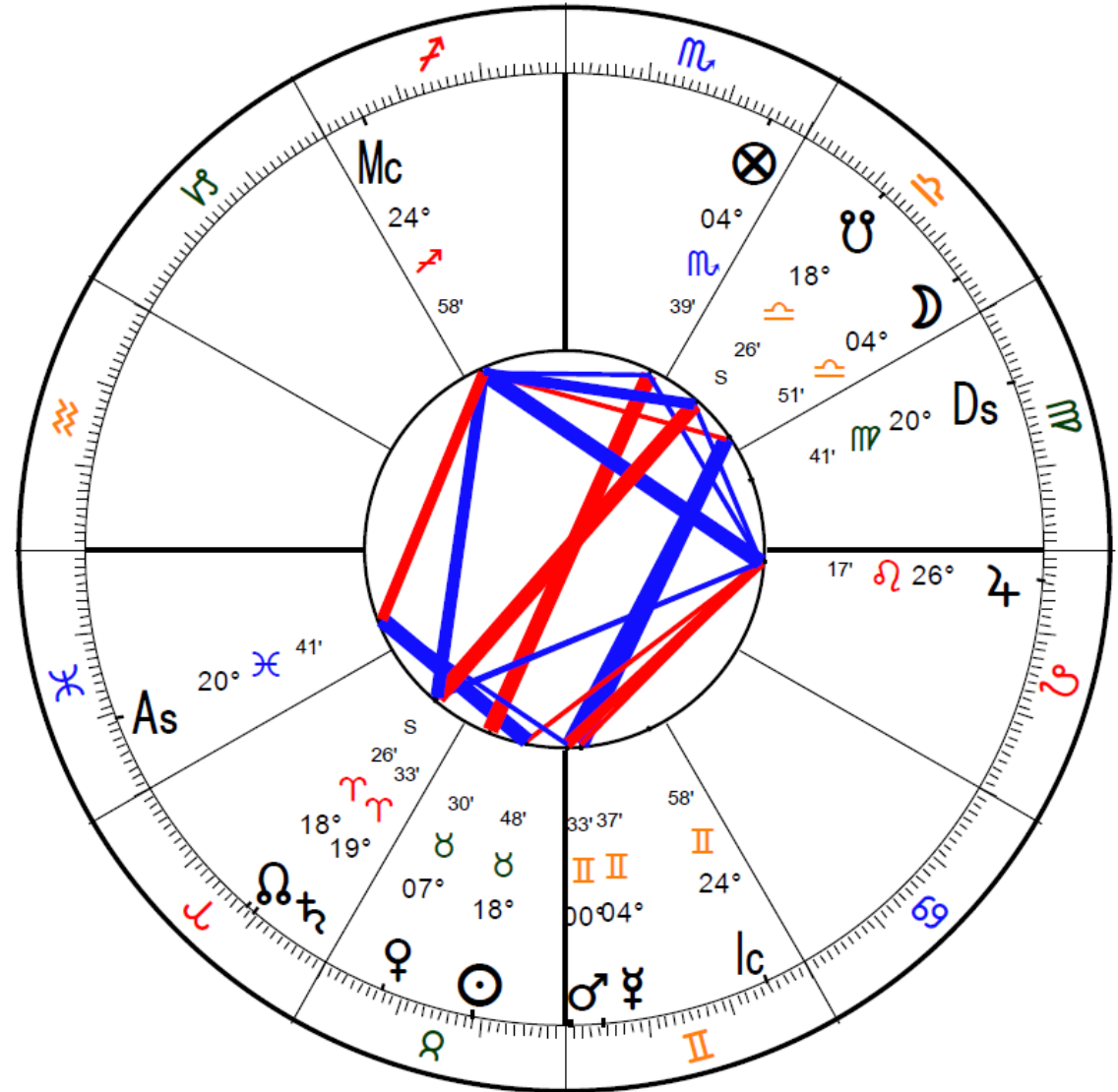
- Venus overcoming Saturn in the 7th in a night chart, in a mutual reception.
- She has been married twice, and both ended in divorce.
- Had two children with two different men as a teenager, but the fathers did not stick around.
- Married a much older man in 1961 who became her manager, but her father was against the relationship and she suffered domestic abuse during it, eventually divorcing him in 1969.
- Had a third child during an affair with her road manager in 1970.
- Second marriage in 1978. They split in 1982, and divorced in 1984.
- Announced plans to wed longtime companion in 2012, but called the wedding off several weeks later.

Aretha Franklin



A Doctor, Head of a Hospital

- Sagittarius on the 10th, with Jupiter in Leo in the 6th.
- The native is a doctor, and later became the head of a hospital.
- Interested in enhancing patient care, and gravitates towards a physician leadership role.
- Venus overcoming Jupiter via superior sign based trine in a night chart.





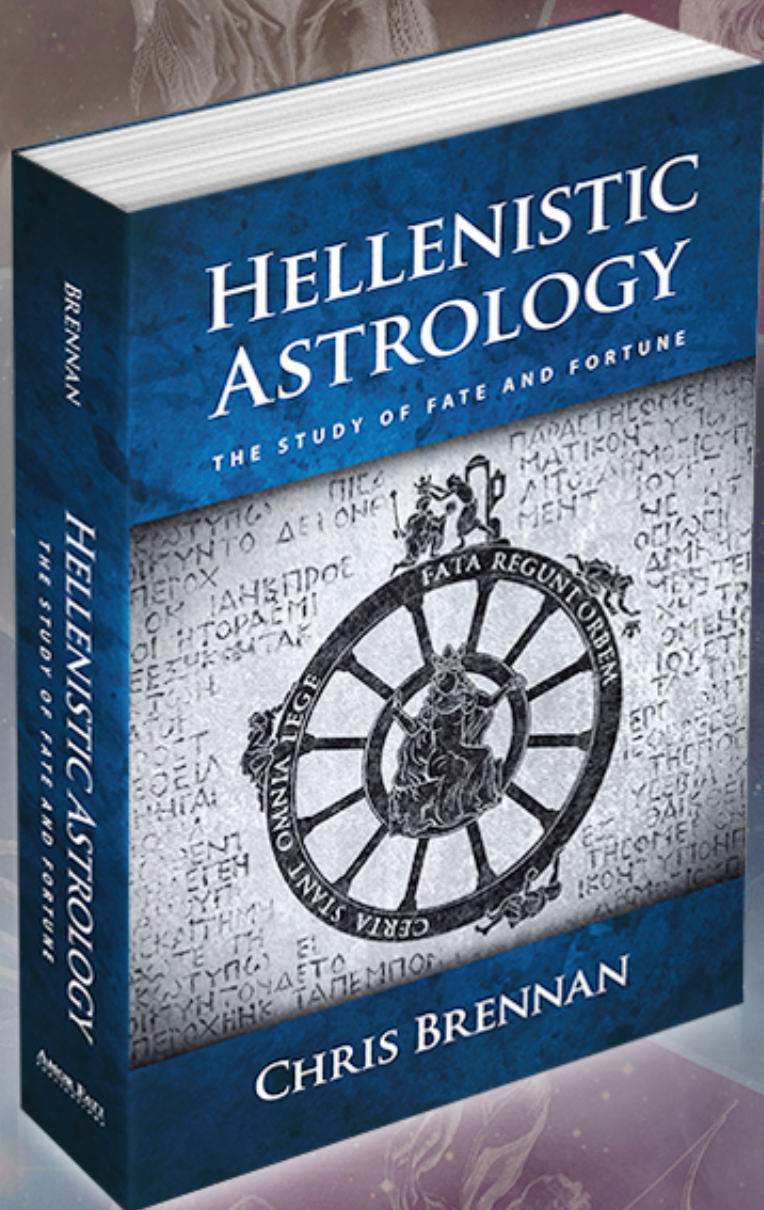
Other Ways Sect is Useful

- Helpful when studying transits.
 - Can identify ones that will be more difficult or easy.
- Useful in electional astrology as a filtering tool.
 - Emphasize the most positive planet
 - Downplay the most negative planet.
- Can be used in synastry for seeing crucial connections.



Concluding Remarks

- Sect is a powerful tool.
- Can be used to get additional information about a chart.
- Complements modern techniques.
- Demonstrates the importance of looking back into older texts to see what we lost.
- By looking back into the past...



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