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EASY CHART INTERPRETATION

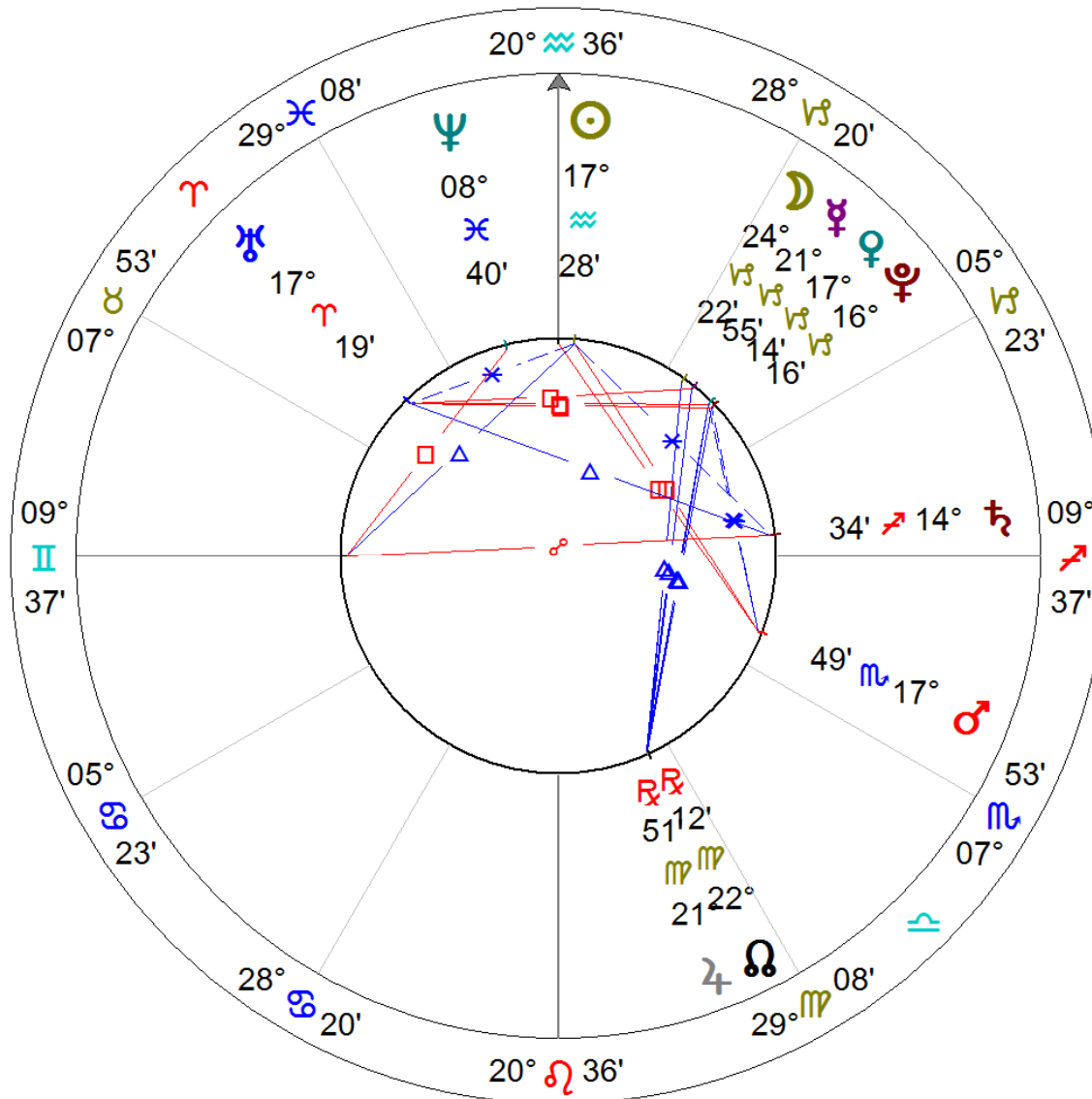
A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO
READING AN ASTROLOGY CHART

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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- A solid grasp of **astrology's basics**:
 - Signs
 - Planets
 - Houses
- **Helpful:**
 - Elements (fire, earth, air, water)
 - Modalities (cardinal, fixed, mutable)

An **astrology chart** can tell us so much...



but **CONTEXT** is everything.

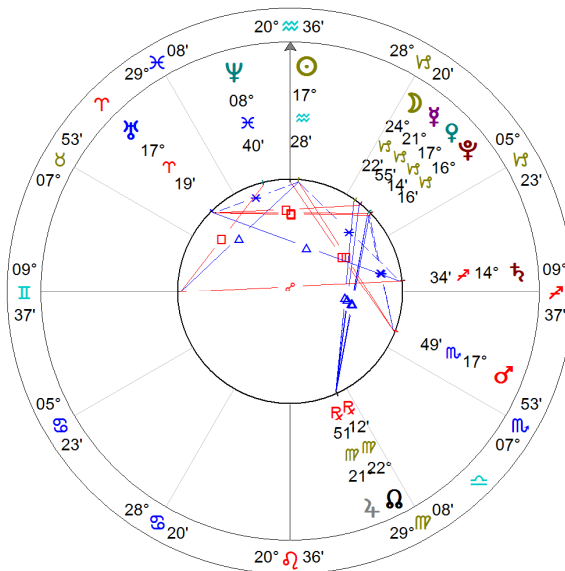
What a chart **can't** tell you

Is it the chart of...

- a person?
- an event?
- a wildebeest?

If a person, it can't tell...

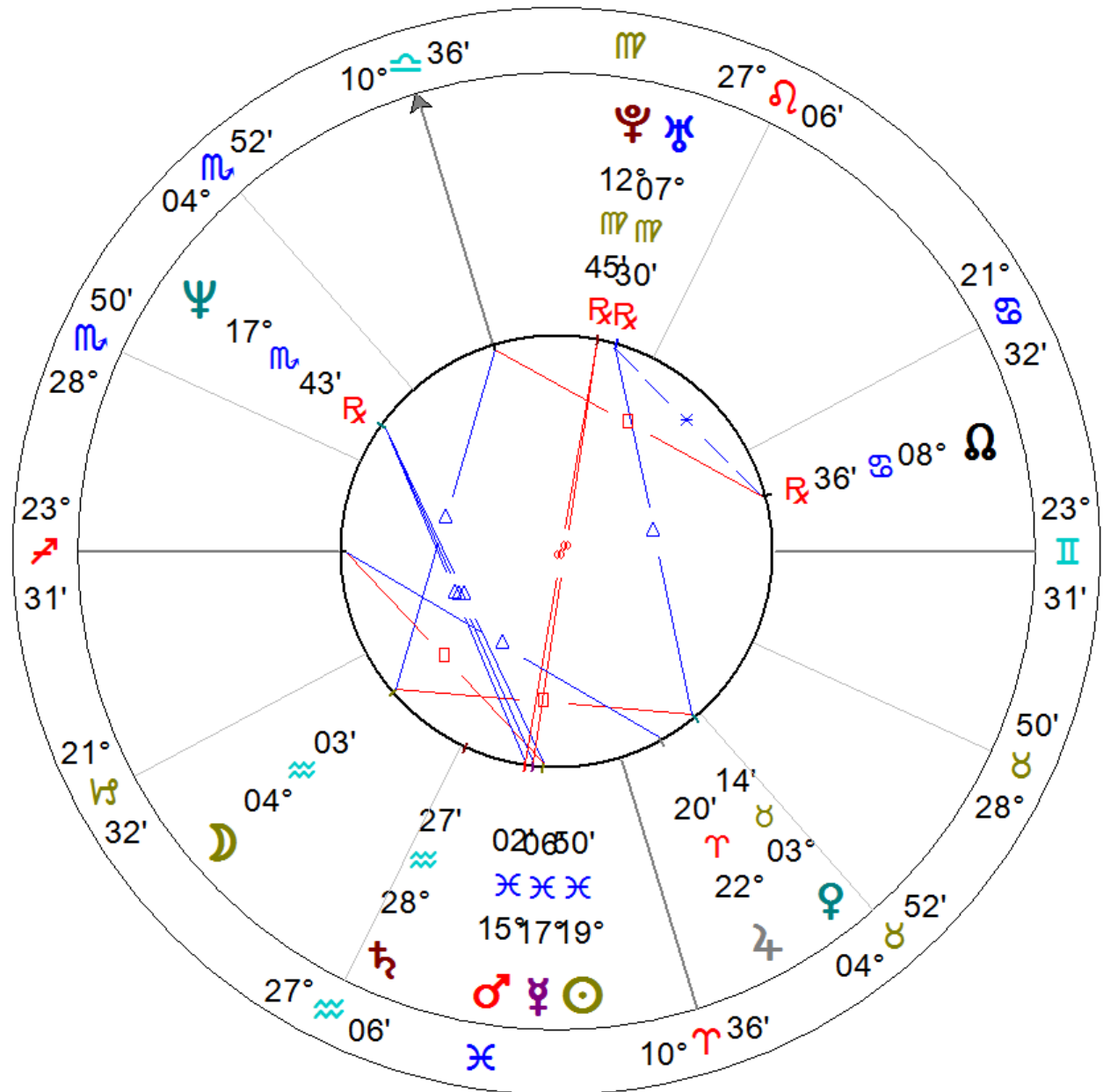
- Gender
- Whether living or dead
- sexual orientation
- marital status
- political beliefs
- Profession
- Religion



Ask.

CONTEXT

- Person
- Male
- Alive!
- 51 years old
- Born and lives in California
- Gay
- Engaged
- Works in social services

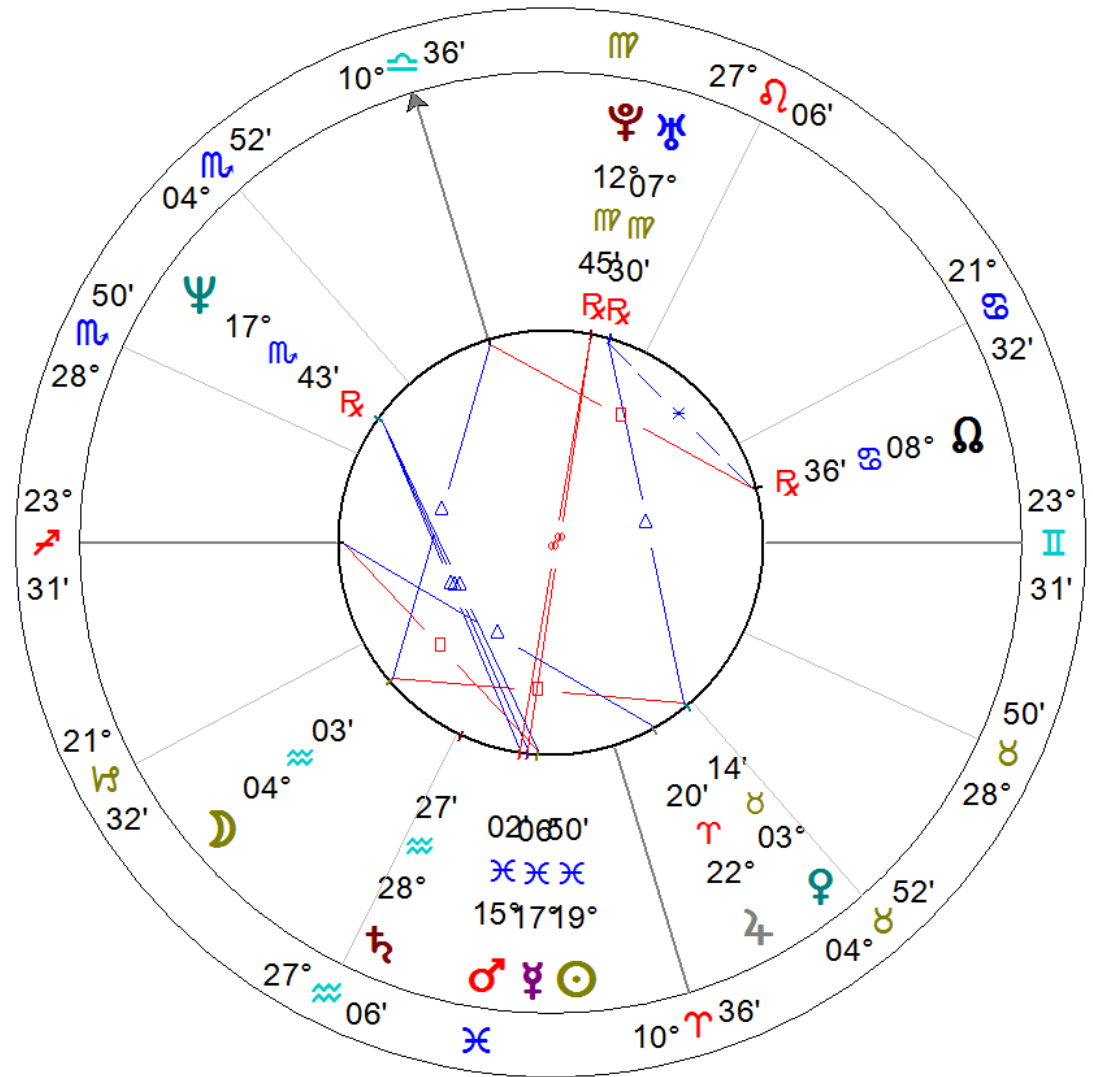




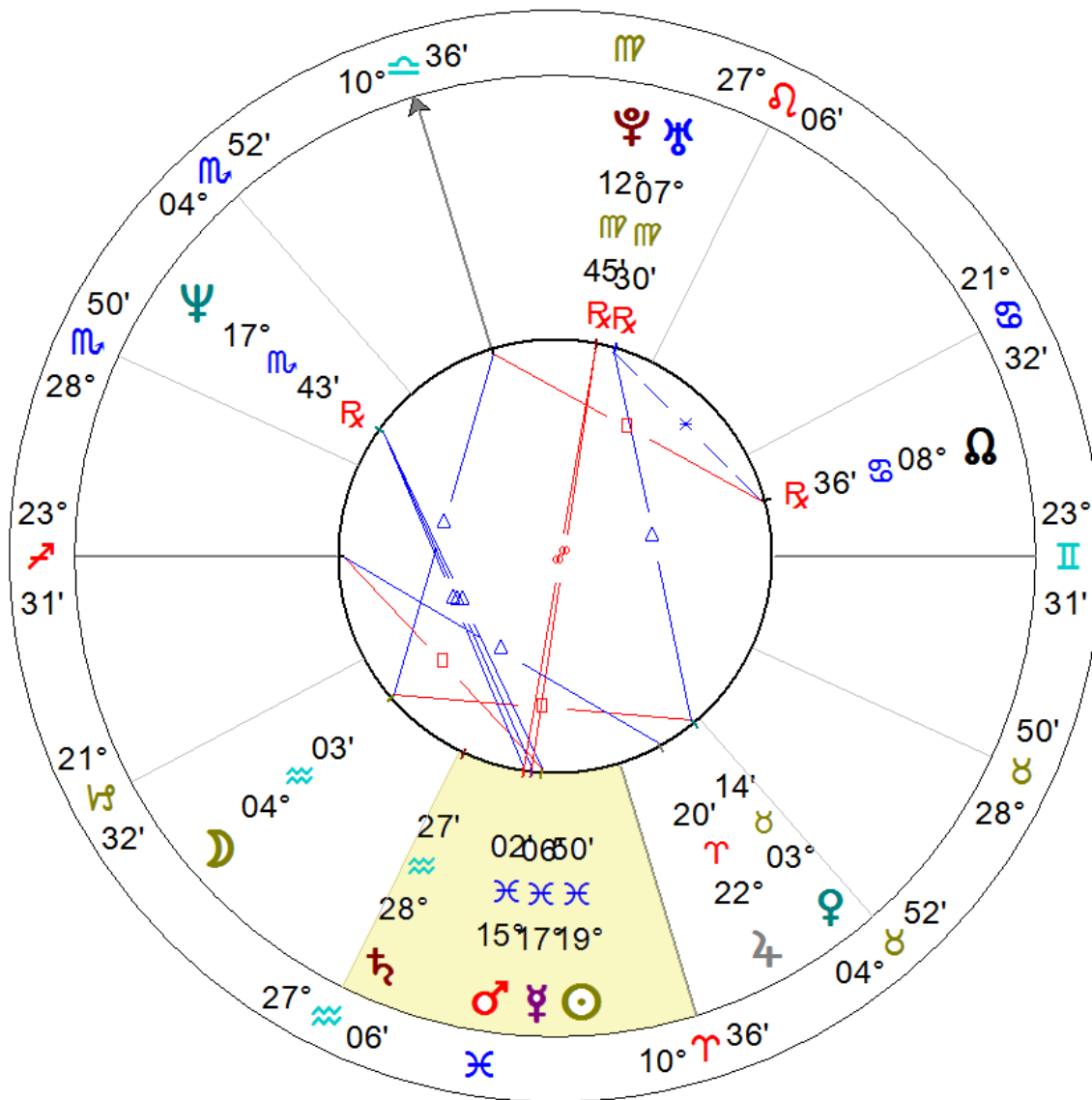
STEP #1:

- eyeball the chart •

what's the big picture?



SIGN/HOUSE EMPHASIS



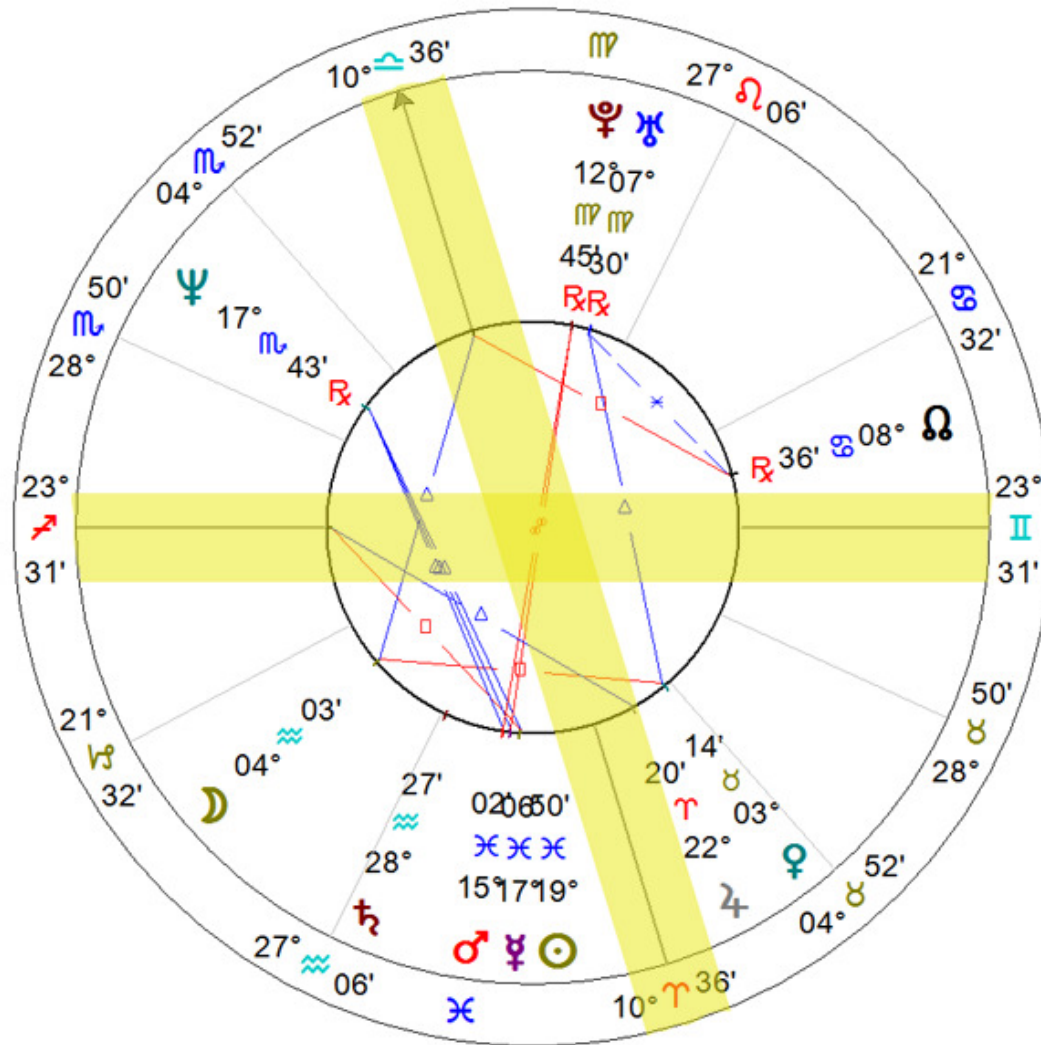
Sign

- Several planets in **PISCES**

House

- Numerous planets in the **3rd HOUSE**
- **Large 3rd and 9th houses**

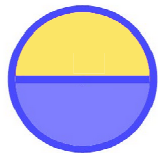
ANGULAR PLANETS



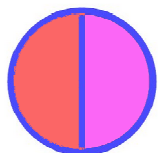
- Planets within **about 5 degrees** of **Asc/Desc, MC/IC** (conjunction, square)
- Striking, noticeable characteristics

HEMISPHERES

Planets concentrated in **one half** of the chart is significant



- **Above and below horizon** -
1st/7th house axis



- **Left or right** of the vertical axis -
4th/10th house axis

MC

Experienced through
engaging with the world

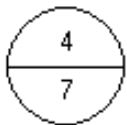
ambitious | plays to win

ASC

DSC

Experienced internally
and close to home

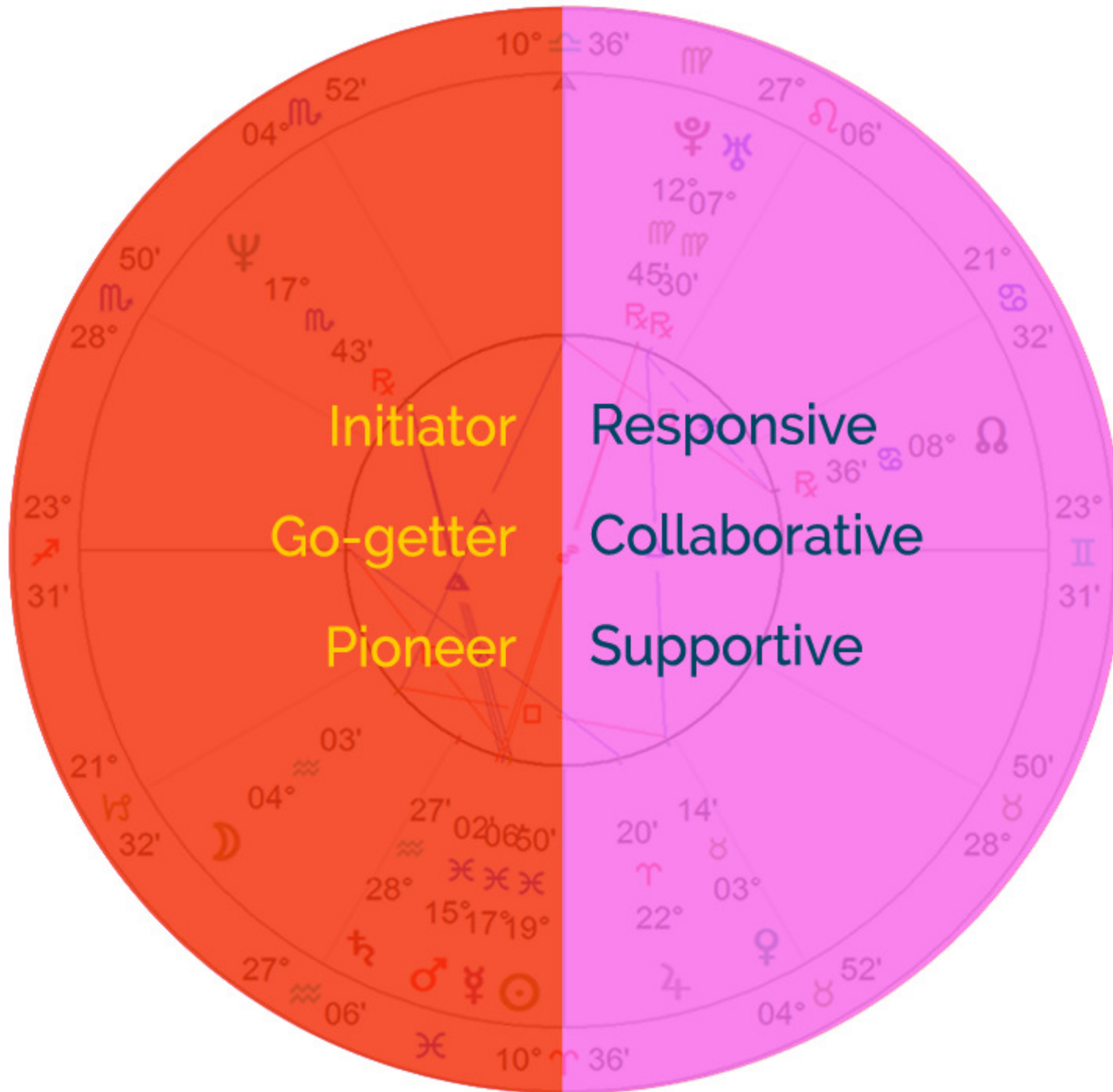
subjective | instinctual



MC

ASC

♈



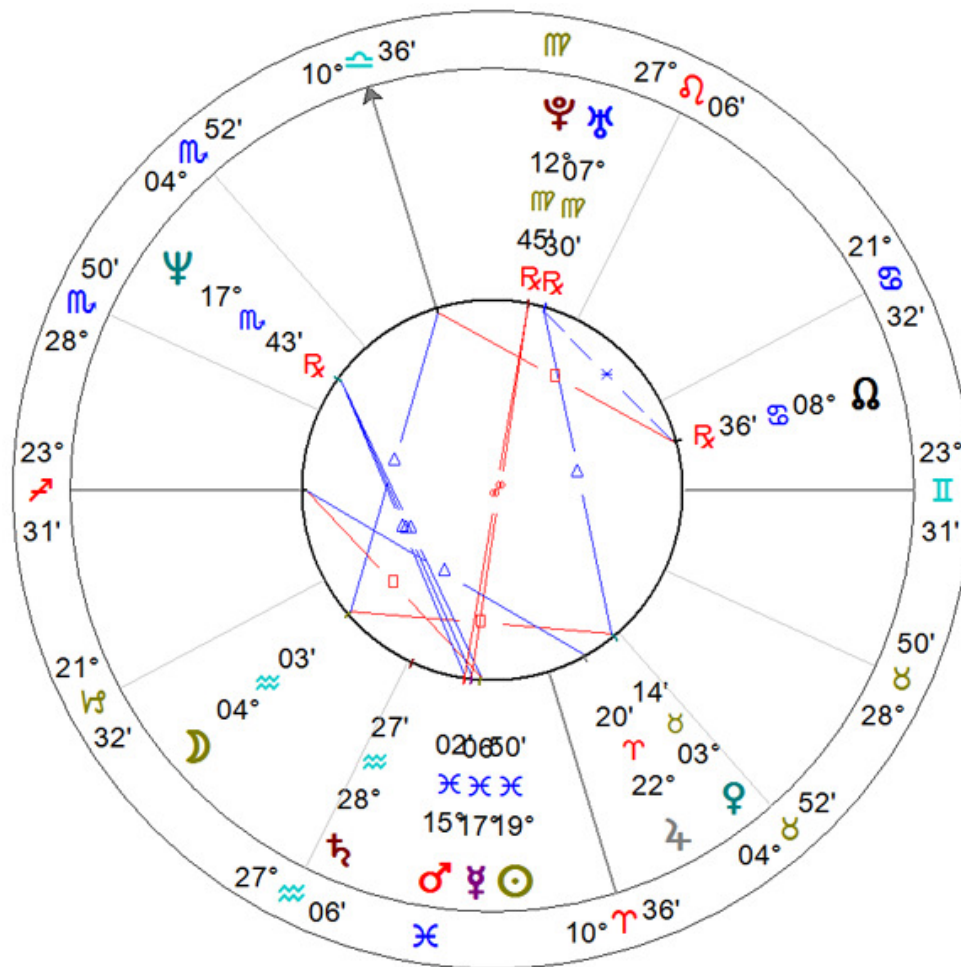
DSC

♑



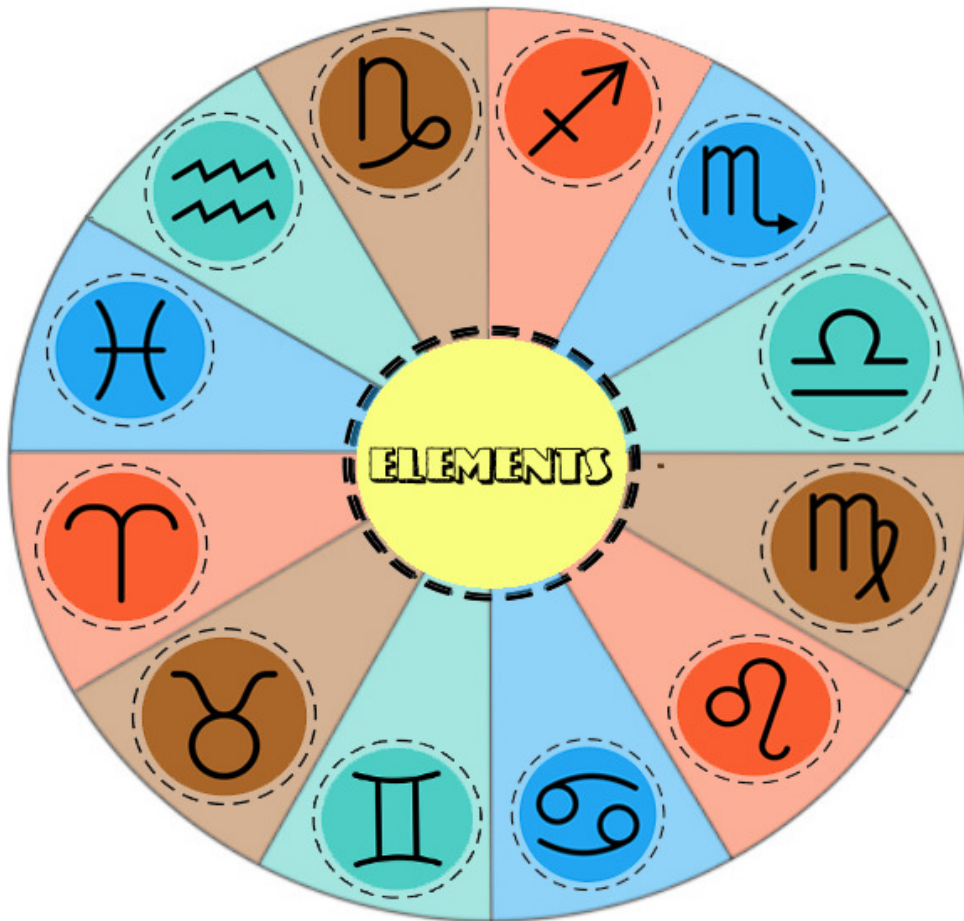
SUMMARY

Eyeballing the Chart



- Groupings of Planets in **PISCES** and the **3rd HOUSE**
empathetic, artistic; emphasis on learning, siblings, communication
- **large 3rd and 9th houses**
learning, teaching, education
- The **SUN** is angular
charismatic; performer
- More planets **BELOW** the horizon
more than meets the eye
- More planets on the **EASTERN** (left) side of the vertical axis
a go-getter; Aries-ish

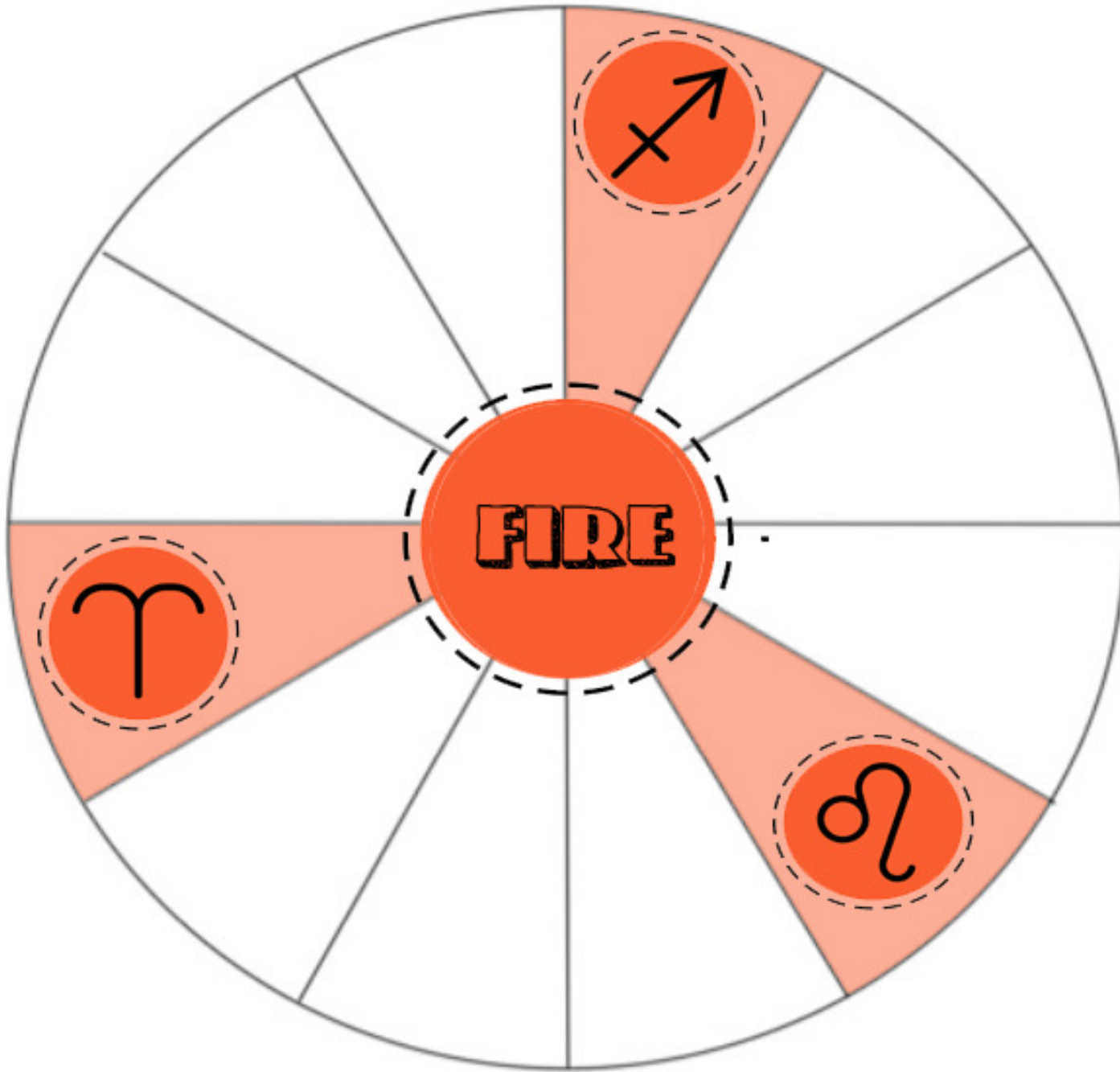
ELEMENTS



- **Four groups of 3 signs** each

- **Fire** (Aries, Leo, Sagittarius)
- **Earth** (Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn)
- **Air** (Gemini, Libra, Aquarius)
- **Water** (Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces)

- Describe **Qualities of Temperament**



FIRE Signs

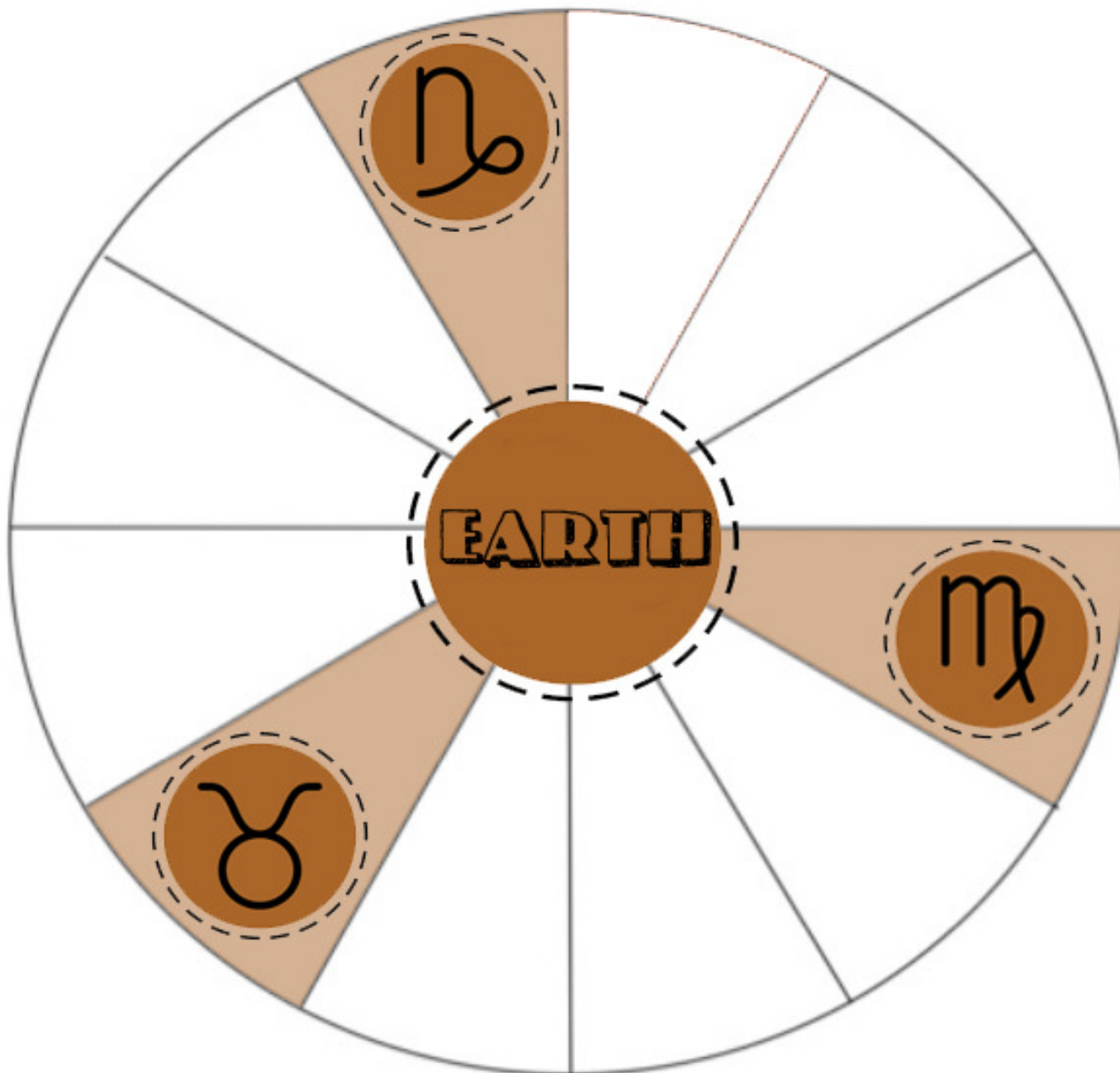
♈ Aries

♌ Leo

♐ Sagittarius

Characteristics of Fire Signs

- Enthusiastic
- Leaders
- Dynamic



EARTH Signs

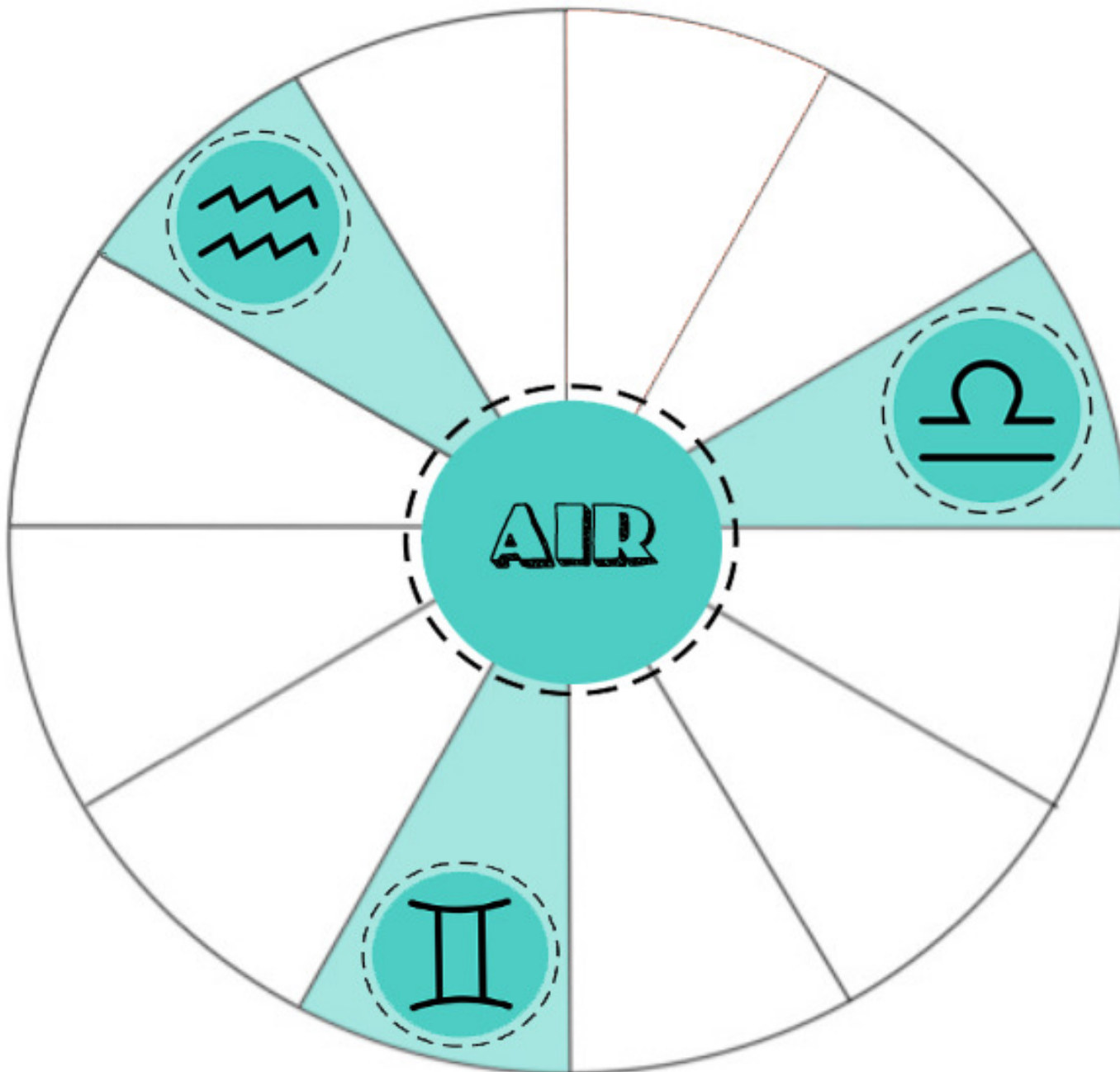
♉ Taurus

♍ Virgo

♑ Capricorn

Characteristics of EARTH Signs

- Pragmatic
- Reliable
- Do-ers



AIR Signs

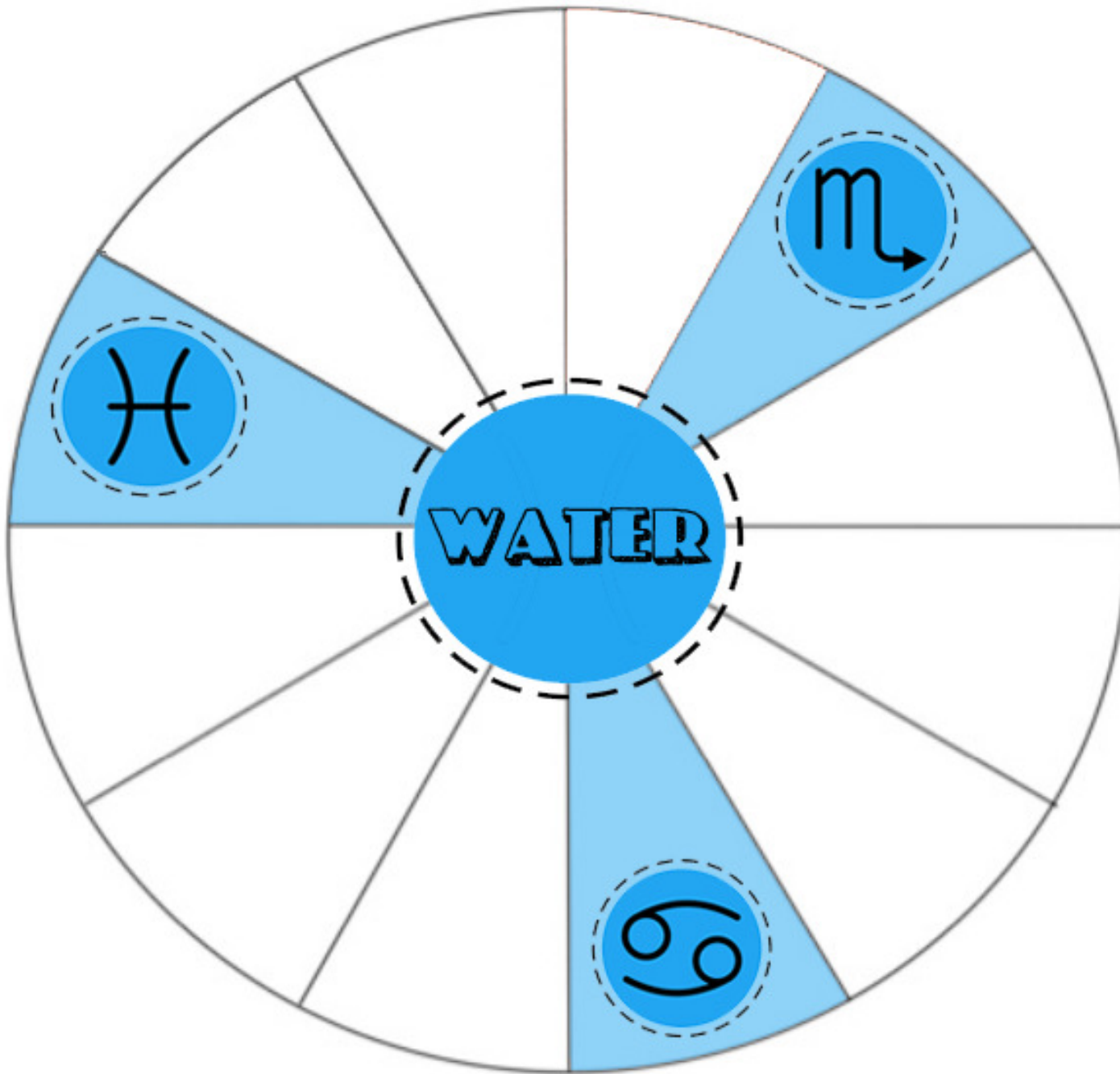
♊ Gemini

♎ Libra

♒ Aquarius

Characteristics of AIR Signs

- Sociable
- Thinkers
- Communicative



WATER Signs

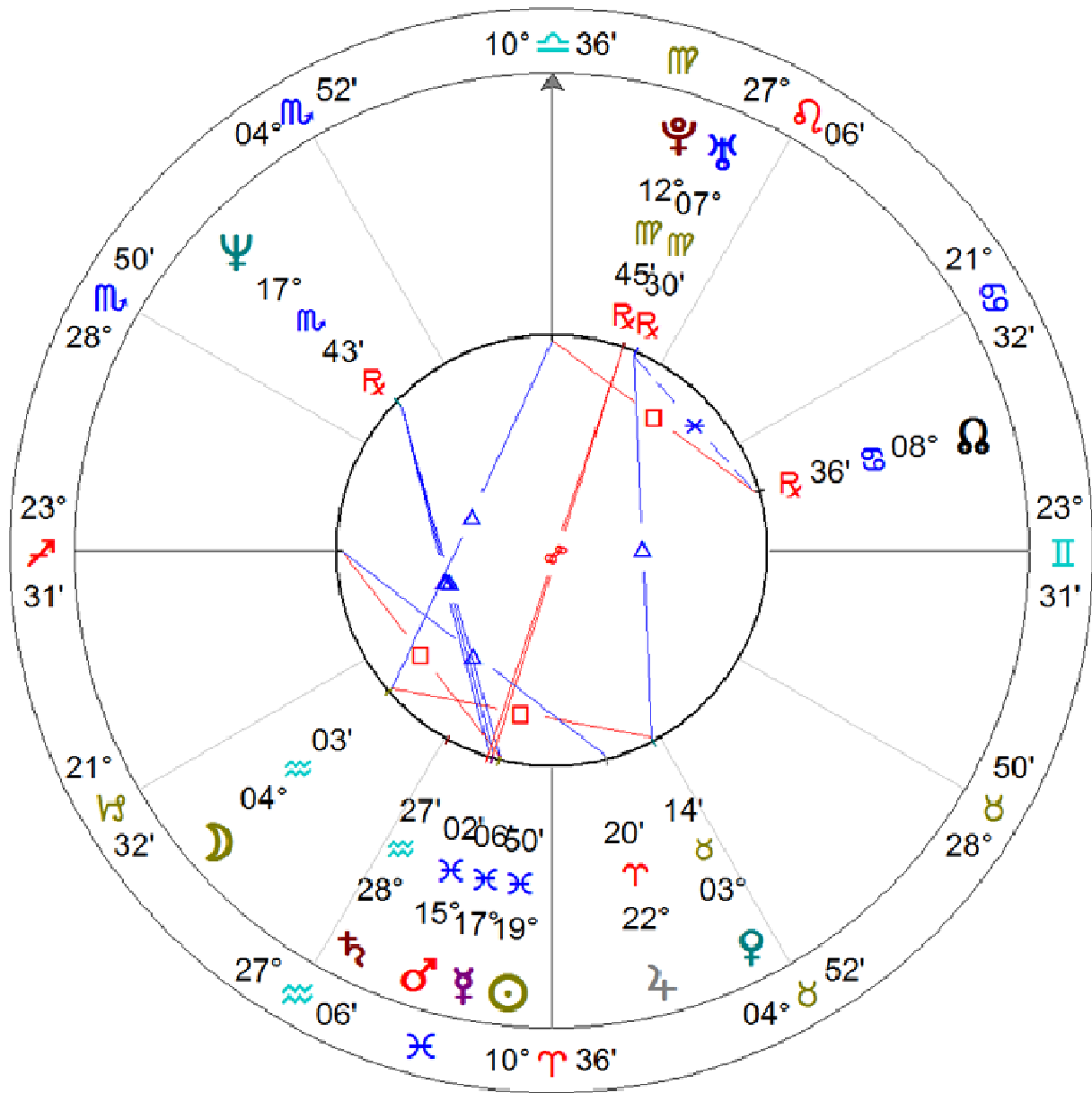
♋ Cancer

♏ Scorpio

♓ Pisces

Characteristics of WATER Signs

- Intuitive
- Empathetic
- Vulnerable

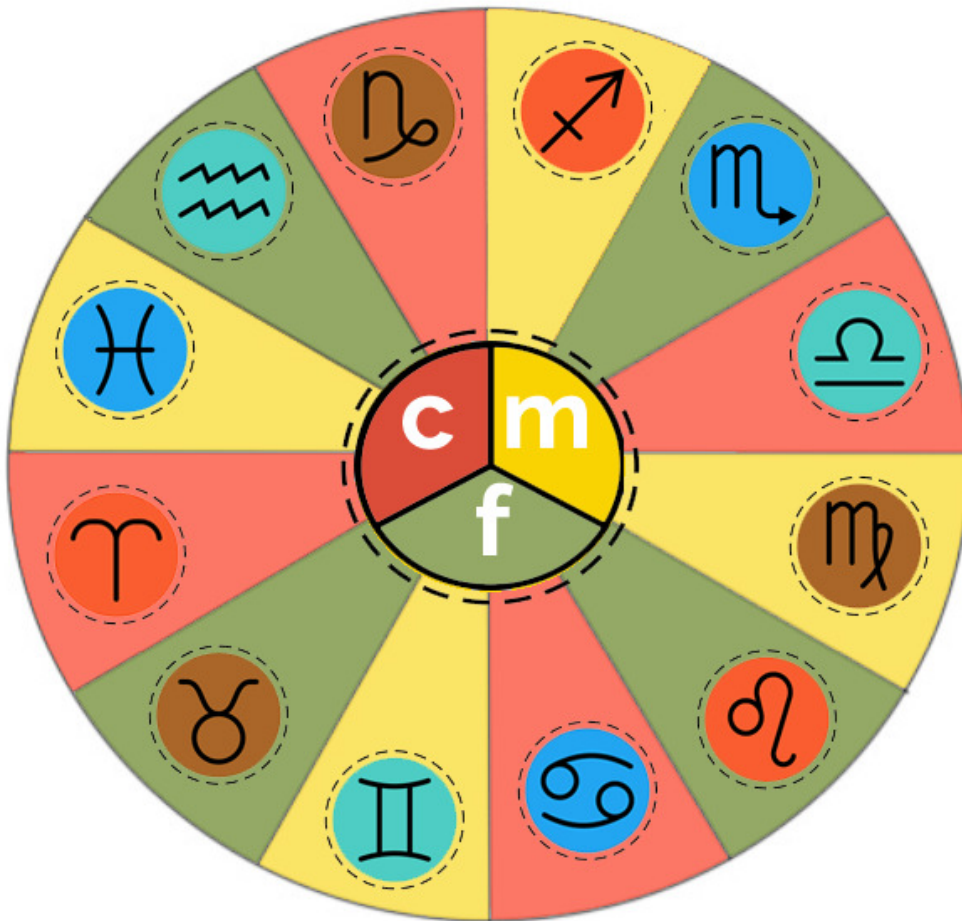


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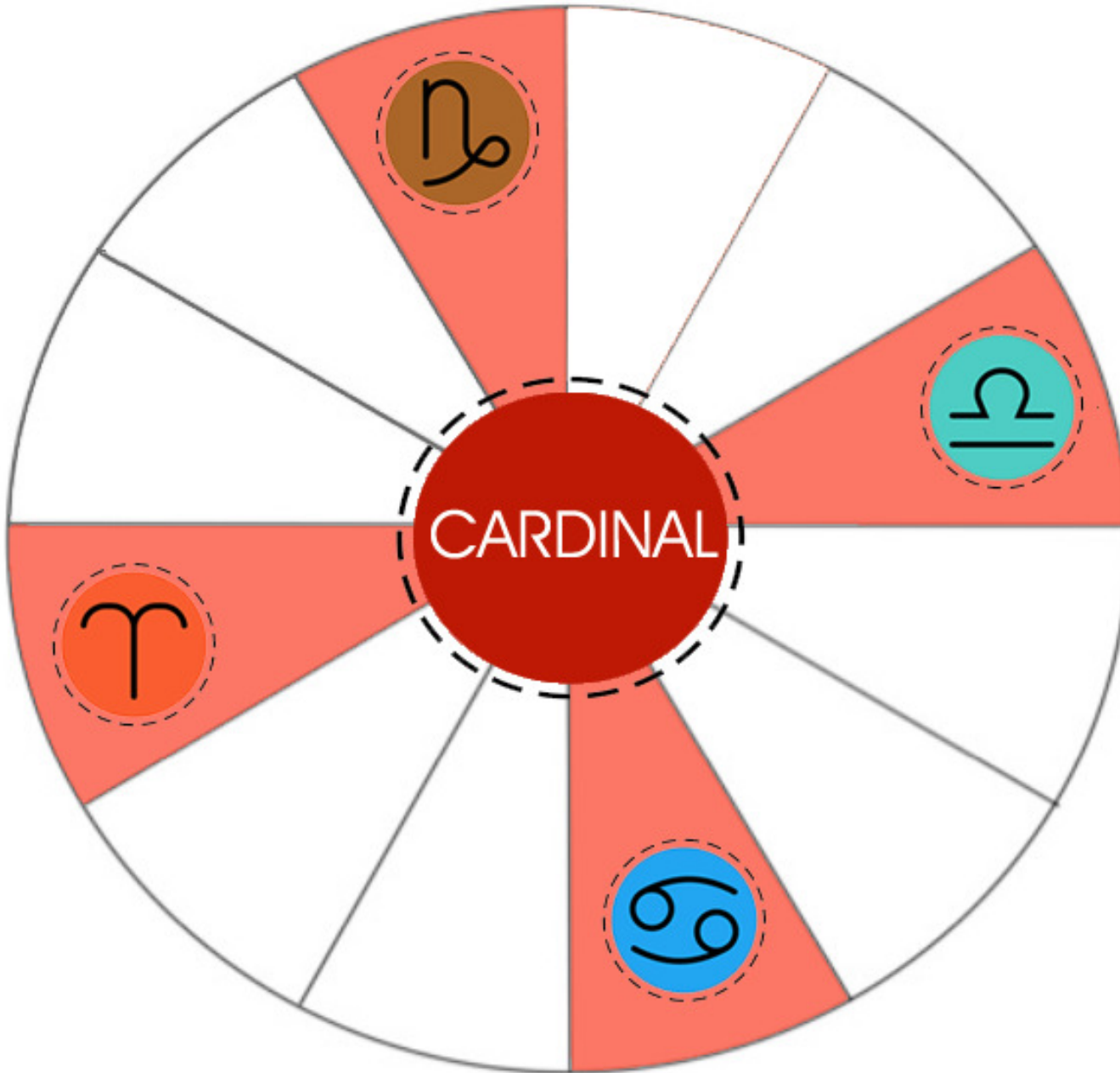
PLANETS BY ELEMENT

- Fire** A♄ ♃
- Earth** ♀ ♄ ♁
- Air** ☾ ♅ ♁
- Water** ☉ ♀ ♂ ♃

MODALITIES



- **Three groups of 4 signs** each
 - **Cardinal**
Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn
 - **Fixed**
Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius
 - **Mutable**
Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces
- Describe **general approach to getting things done**



CARDINAL signs

♈ Aries

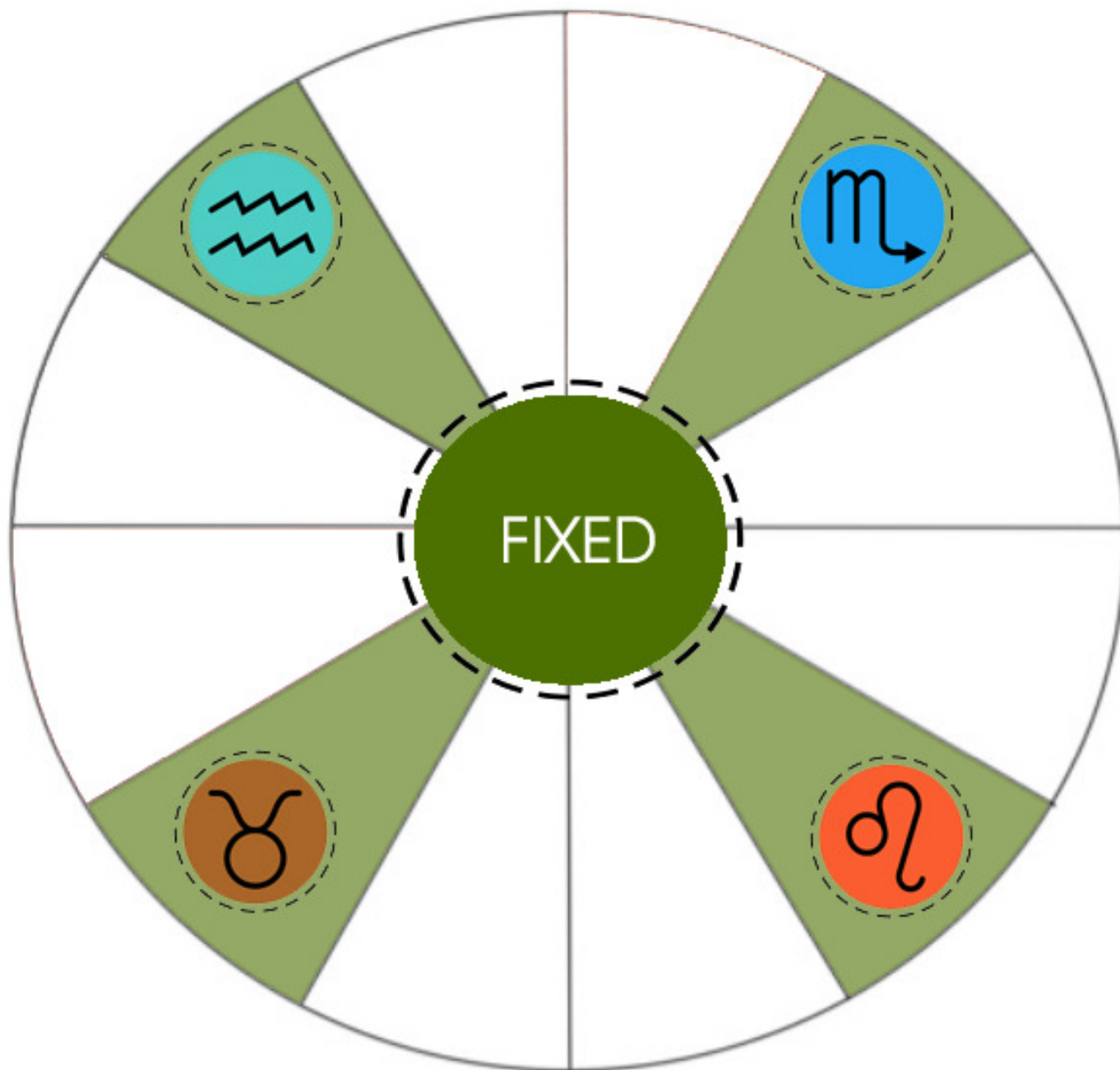
♋ Cancer

♎ Libra

♏ Capricorn

Characteristics of CARDINAL Signs

- Initiators
- Impatient
- Keep things moving forward



FIXED signs

♉ Taurus

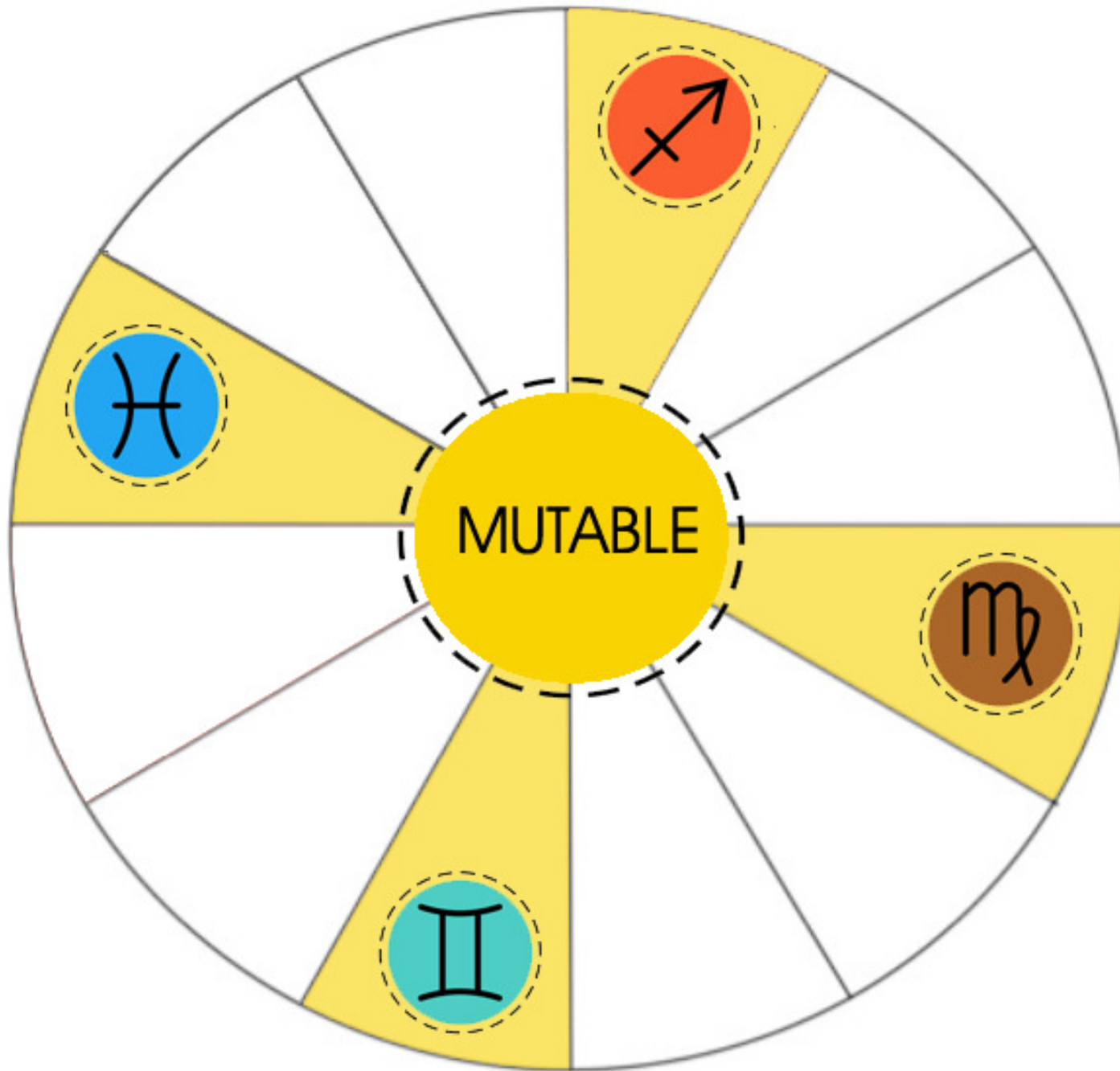
♌ Leo

♏ Scorpio

♒ Aquarius

Characteristics of FIXED Signs

- Builders
- Managers
- Keep things going



MUTABLE signs

♊ Gemini

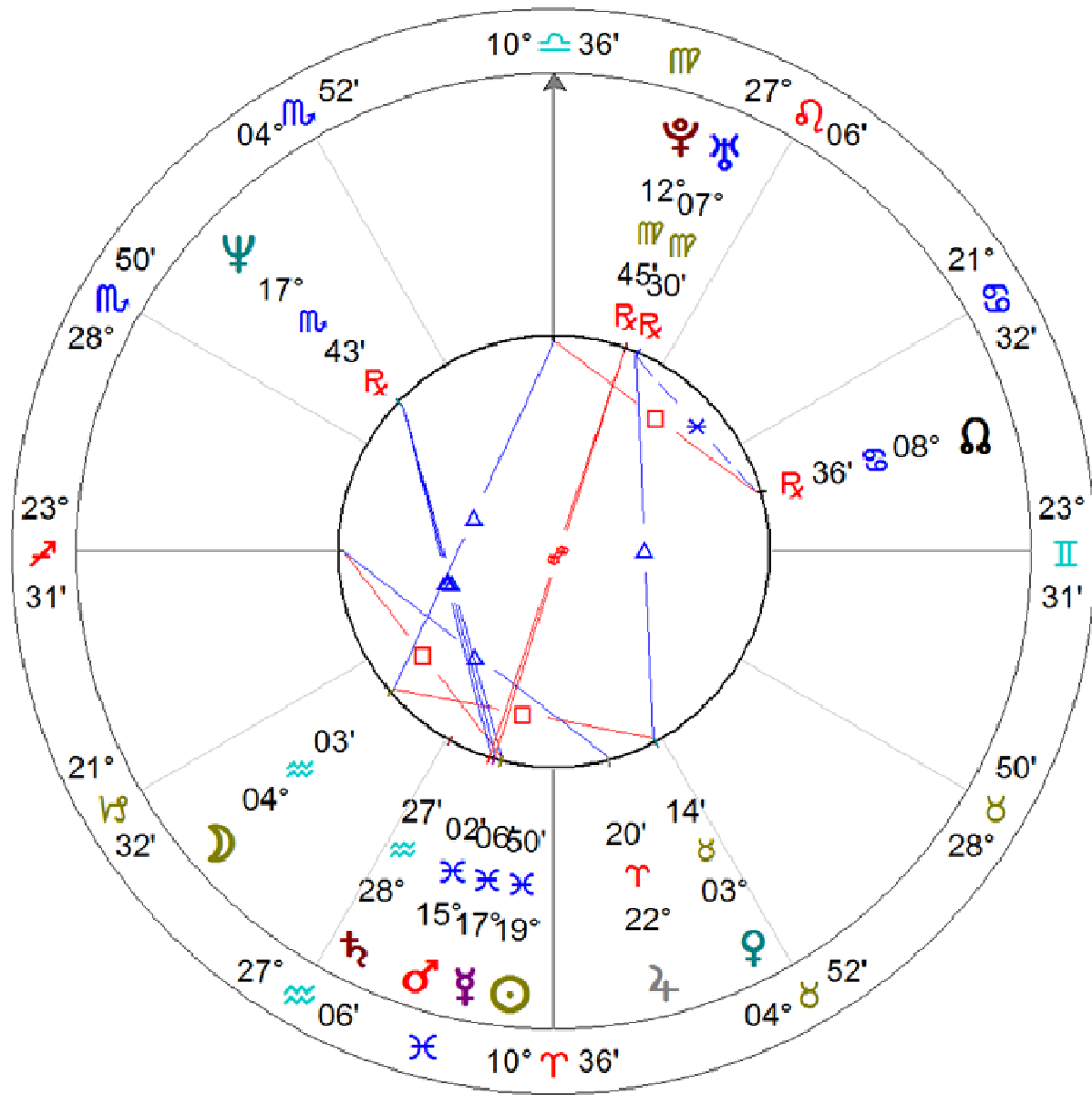
♍ Virgo

♐ Sagittarius

♓ Pisces

Characteristics of MUTABLE Signs

- "Idea" people
- Adaptable
- Manage information



MODALITIES

PLANETS BY MODALITY

Cardinal ♈ M^c

Fixed ♄ ♀ ♁ ♃

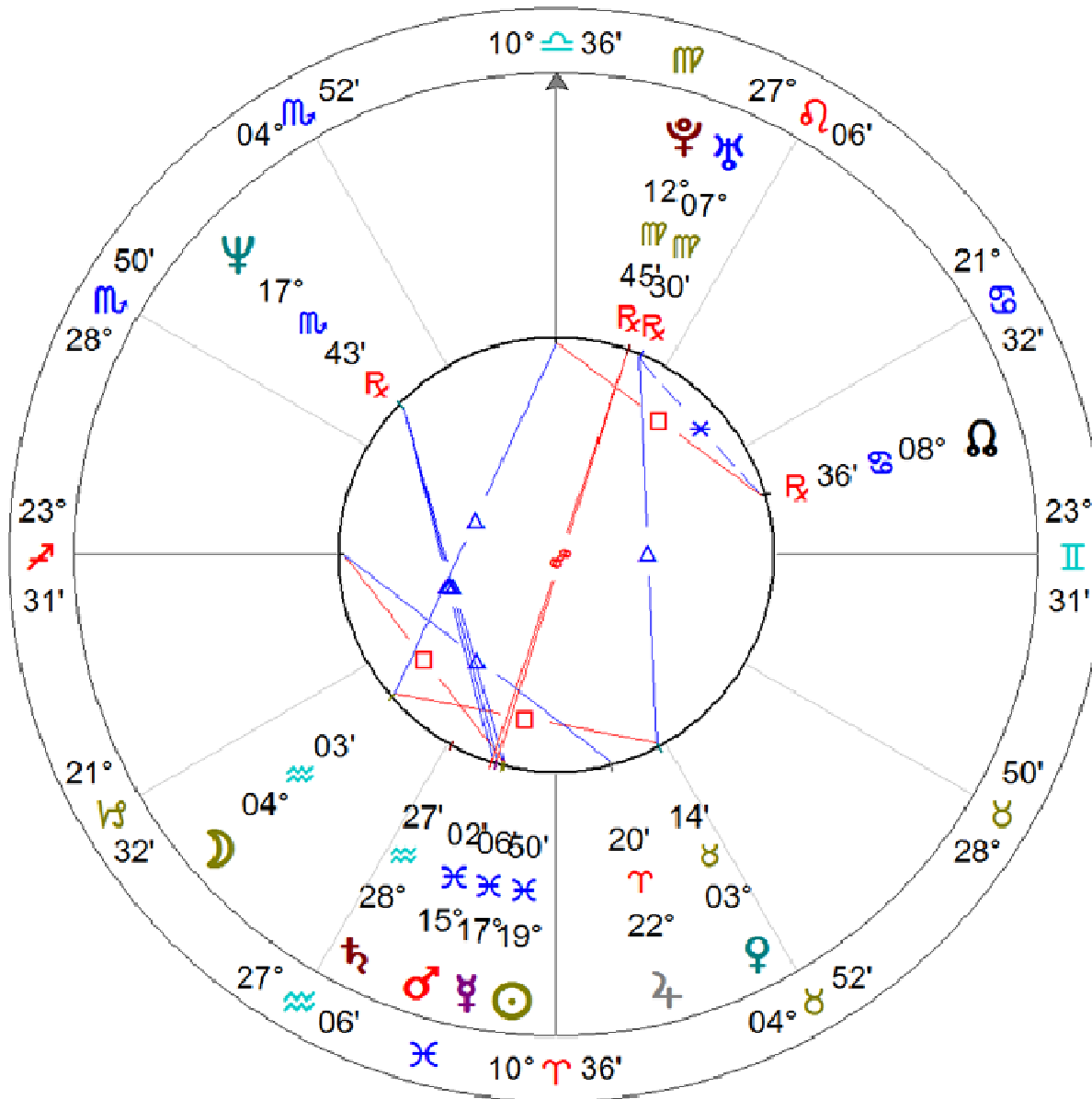
Mutable A^s ☉ ☽ ☿ ♂ ♆ ♅

Adaptable, flexible, lots of ideas, manages information

ESSENTIAL DIGNITIES

Planet	Rulership	Exaltation	Detriment	Fall
☉ Sun	Leo	Aries	Aquarius	Libra
☾ Moon	Cancer	Taurus	Capricorn	Scorpio
☿ Mercury	Gemini/Virgo	Aquarius	Sagittarius/Pisces	Leo
♀ Venus	Taurus/Libra	Pisces	Scorpio/Aries	Virgo
♂ Mars	Aries/Scorpio	Capricorn	Taurus/Libra	Cancer
♃ Jupiter	Sagittarius/Pisces	Cancer	Gemini/Virgo	Capricorn
♄ Saturn	Capricorn/Aquarius	Libra	Cancer/Leo	Aries
♅ Uranus	Aquarius	Scorpio	Leo	Taurus
♆ Neptune	Pisces	<i>Not determined</i>	Virgo	<i>Not determined</i>
♇ Pluto	Scorpio	<i>Not determined</i>	Taurus	Not determined

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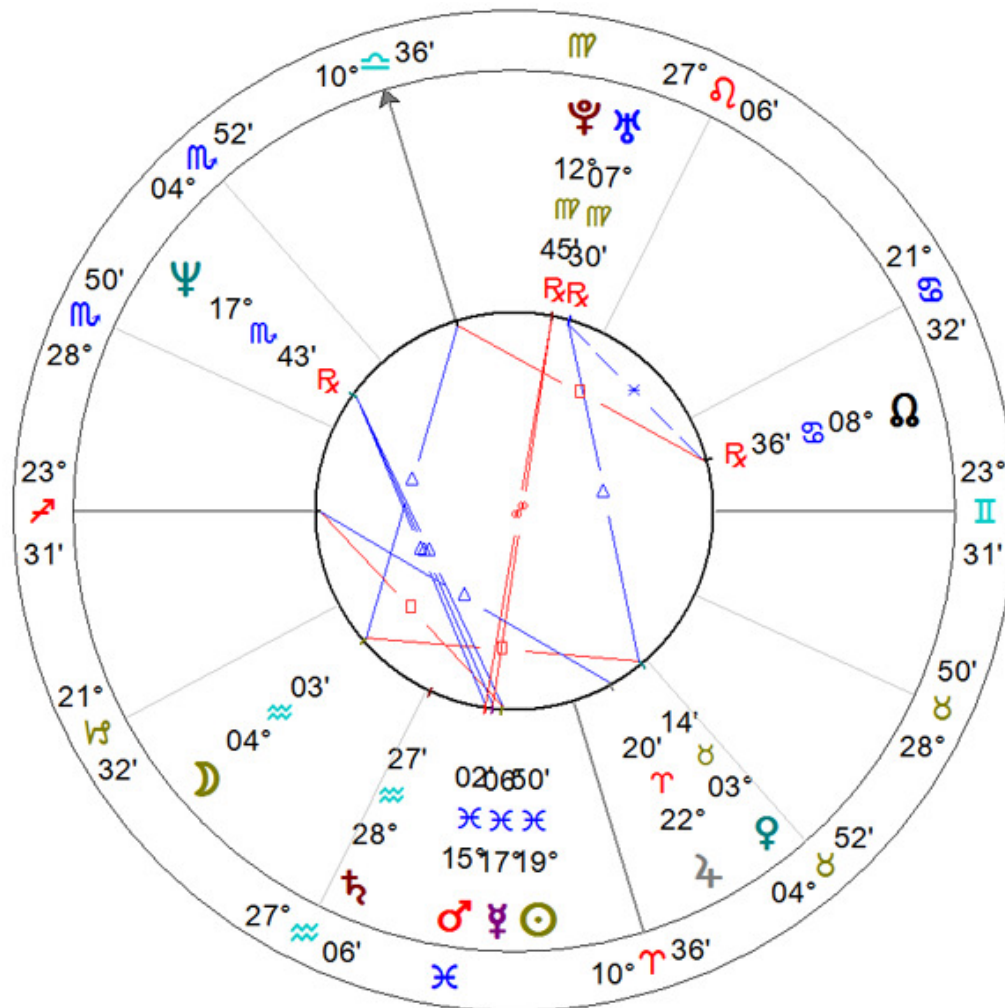


☉ Sun	♋ Pisces	
☾ Moon	♊ Aquarius	
☿ Mercury	♋ Pisces	Detriment
♀ Venus	♉ Taurus	Rulership
♂ Mars	♋ Pisces	
♃ Jupiter	♈ Aries	
♄ Saturn	♊ Aquarius	Rulership
♅ Uranus	♍ Virgo	
♆ Neptune	♏ Scorpio	
♇ Pluto	♍ Virgo	



SUMMARY

Elements, Modalities, Dignity



- Emphasis on planets in the **WATER** signs – intuitive, sensitive
- Emphasis on the **MUTABLE** signs – flexible, lots of ideas
- **Mercury in DETRIMENT** – doesn't think in a straight line, can be artistic and creative
- **Venus and Saturn in RULERSHIP** – strong desire nature, natural authority in group settings

“THE PRIMAL TRIAD”

Astrologer Steven Forrest uses this term to refer to the Sun, Moon, Ascendant – the core of the personality.

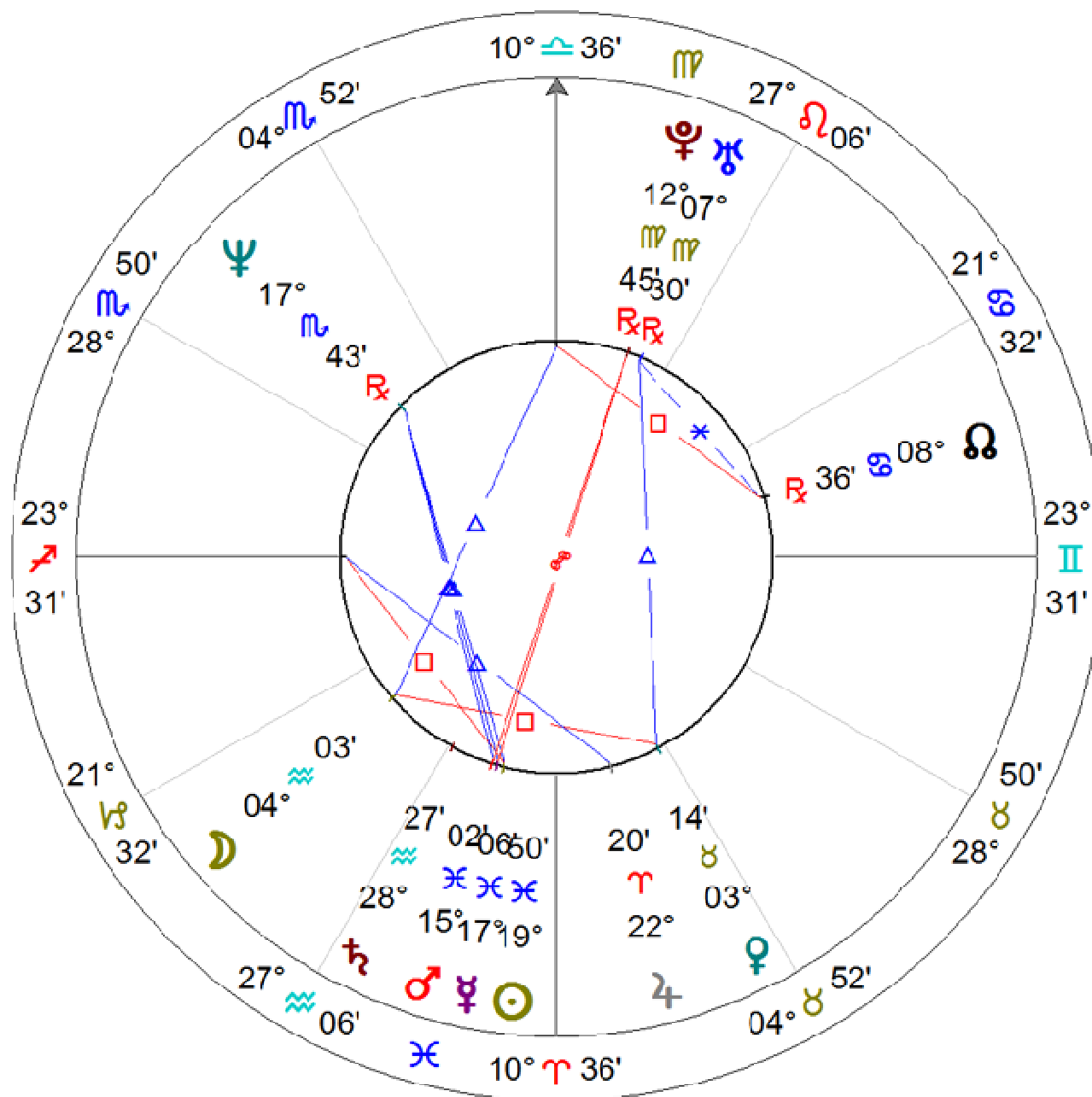
- ☉ The Sun:
Who I am
- ☾ The Moon:
What I need
- A^s Ascendant:
How I let you see me



- **Sign:** How I find myself
- **House:** Where I find myself
- **Aspects:** Forces that help or challenge me to find myself

The Sun

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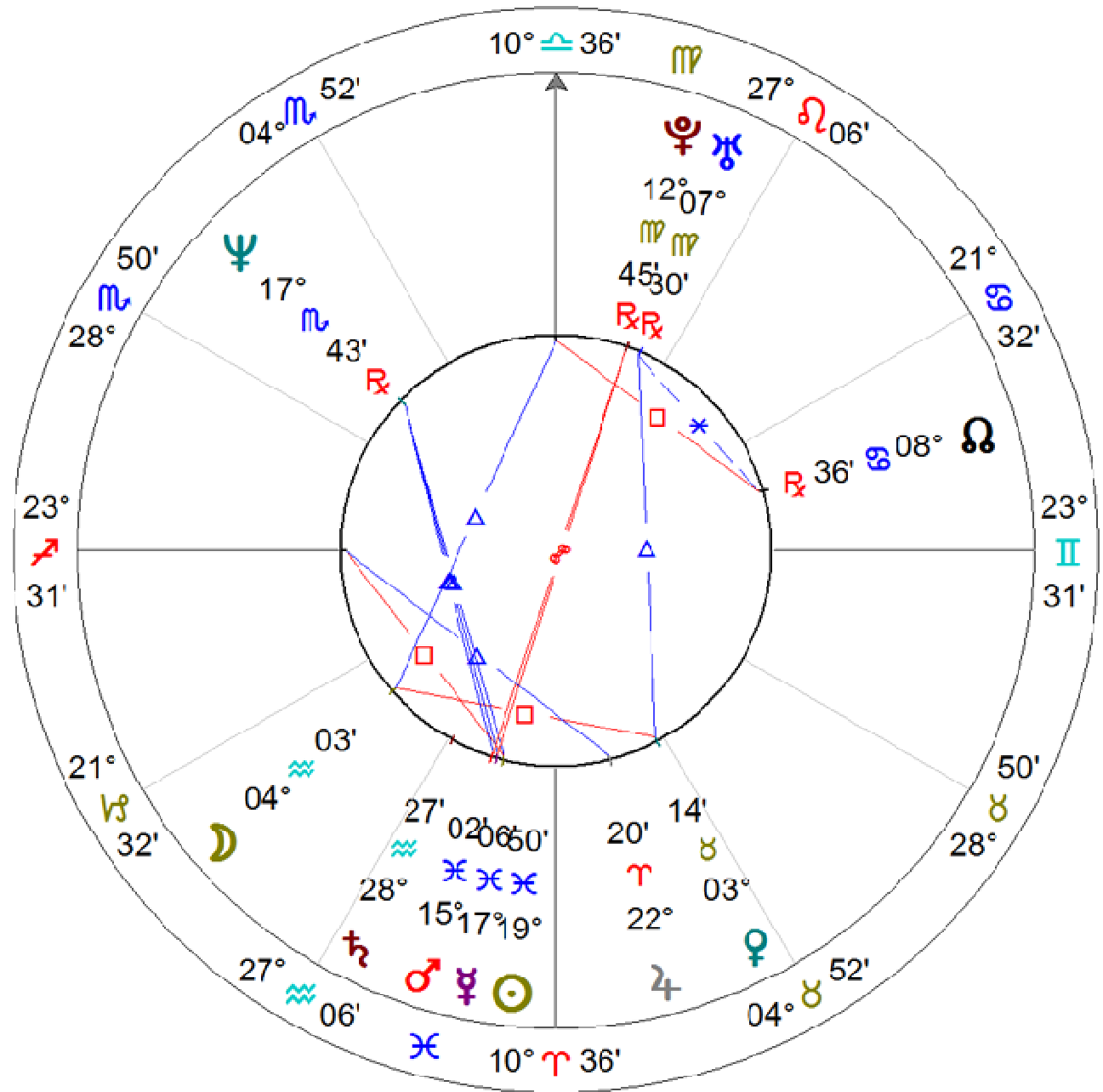




- **Sign:** What I need to be safe and comfortable
- **House:** Where I seek safety and comfort
- **Aspects:** Forces that support or challenge my safety and comfort

The Moon

- **Sign:**
How I make myself safe and comfortable
- **House:**
Where I seek safety and comfort
- **Aspects:**
Forces that support or challenge my safety and comfort

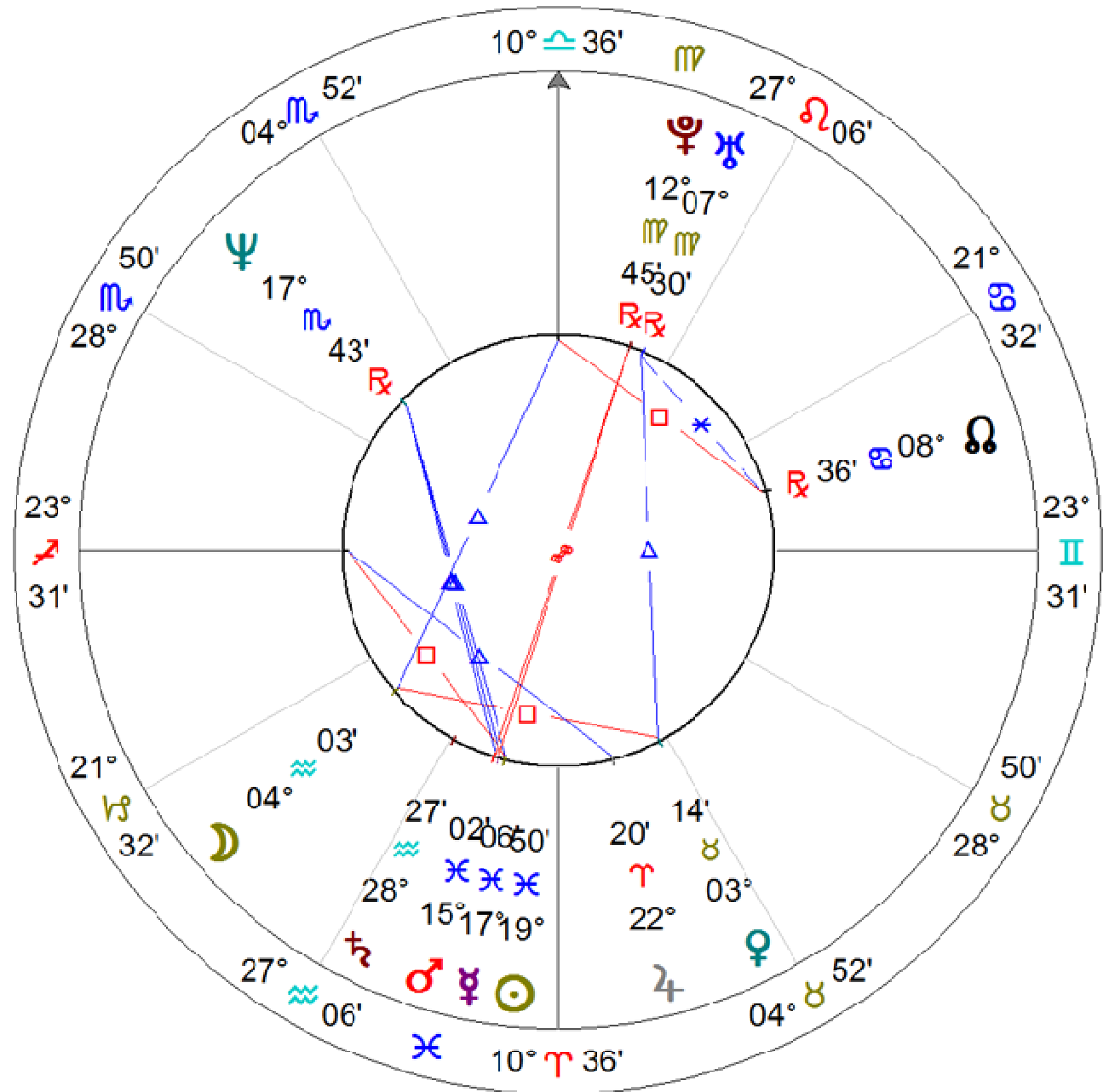


A^s THE ASCENDANT

- What I let you see
- How I encounter the world
- **Sign:** The style of my presentation
- **Chart Ruler**
 - Planet that rules Ascendant sign
 - Main tool for coping with the world

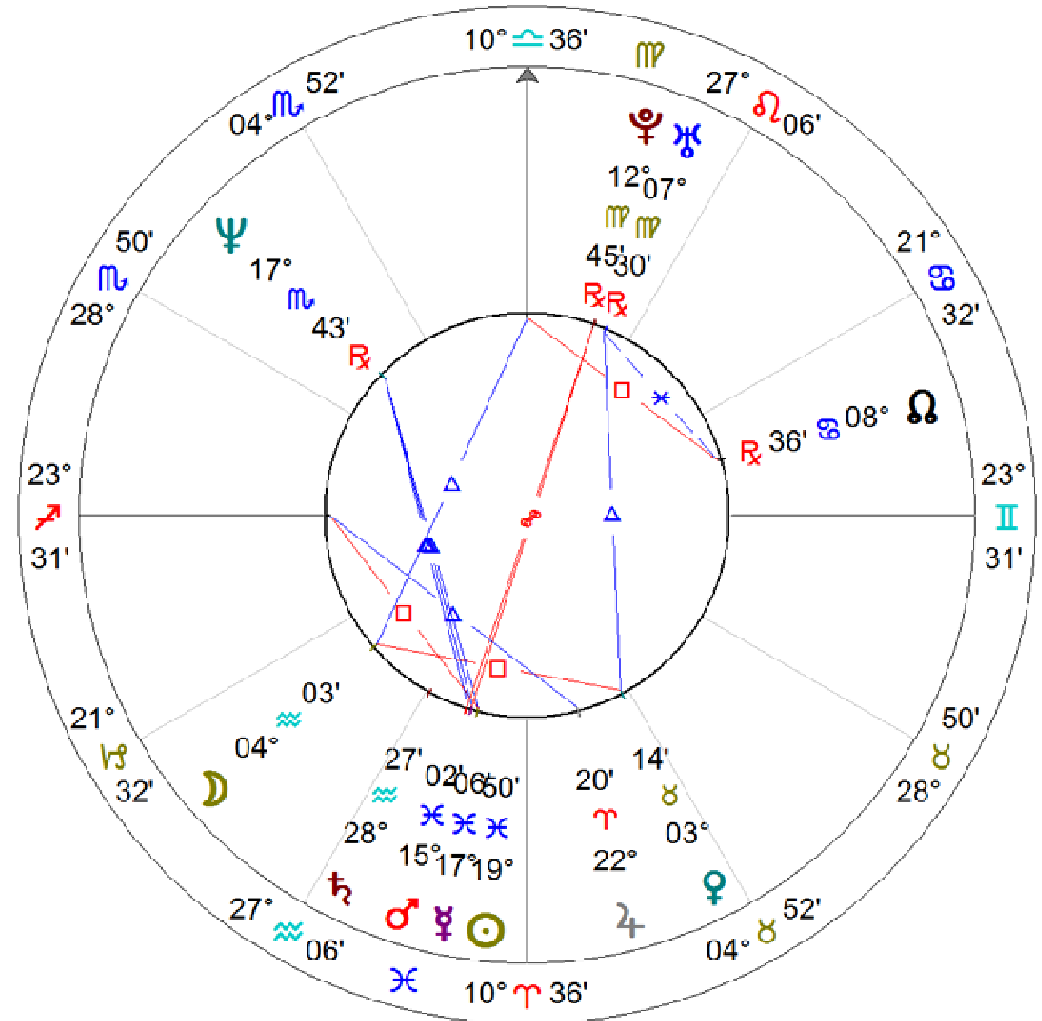
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THAT'S AMORE

- **Sun and Moon:**
Relationship compatibility
 - Who you are and what you need
 - Aspect between Sun/Moon (lunar phase)
- **Venus and Mars:**
the “erotic” duo
 - What you want and how you get it
 - Elements
- **1st/7th Houses**
 - Planets in them
 - Signs on cusps

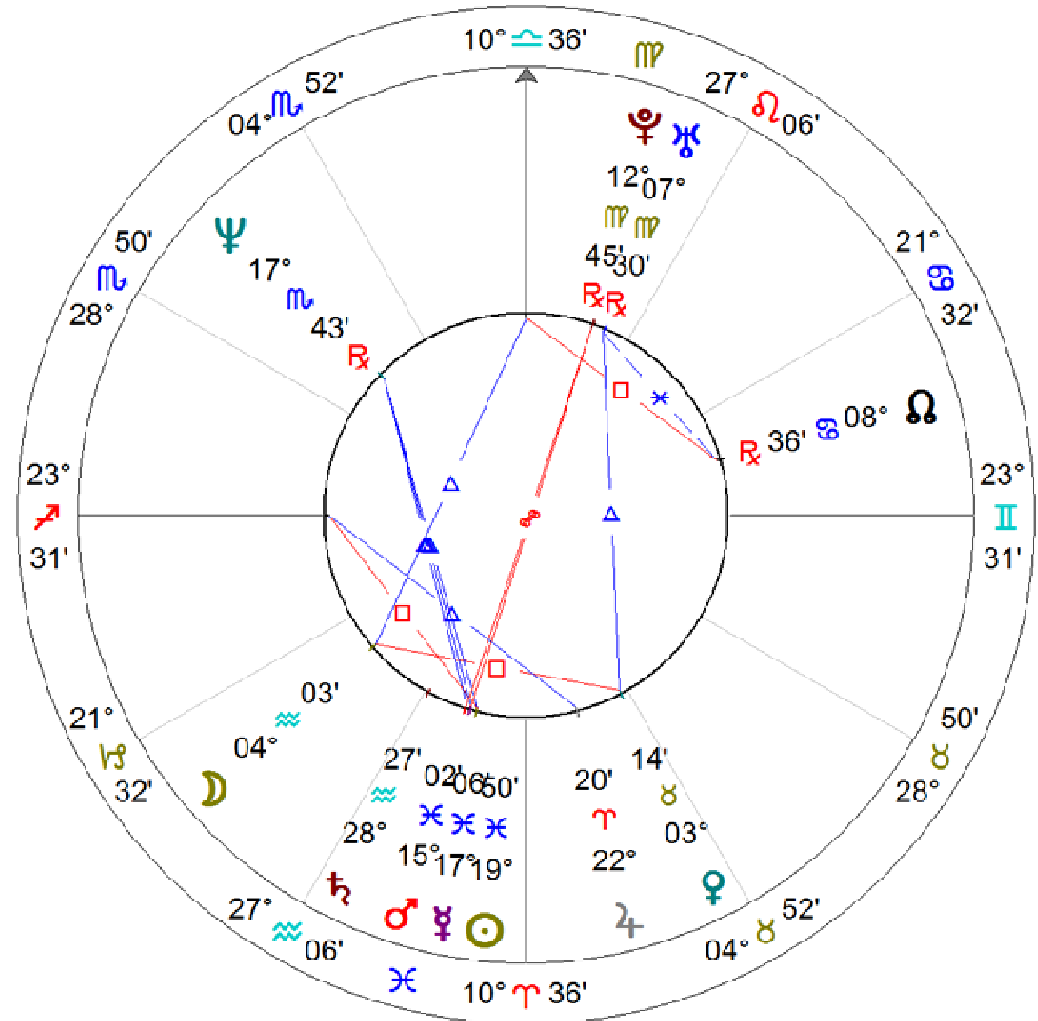


THE STRUGGLE

Saturn: struggle and achievement

- **Sign:** The source of authority
- **House:** The source of struggle

Look for close connections between **Saturn and other planets**, especially the Primal Triad and Venus.



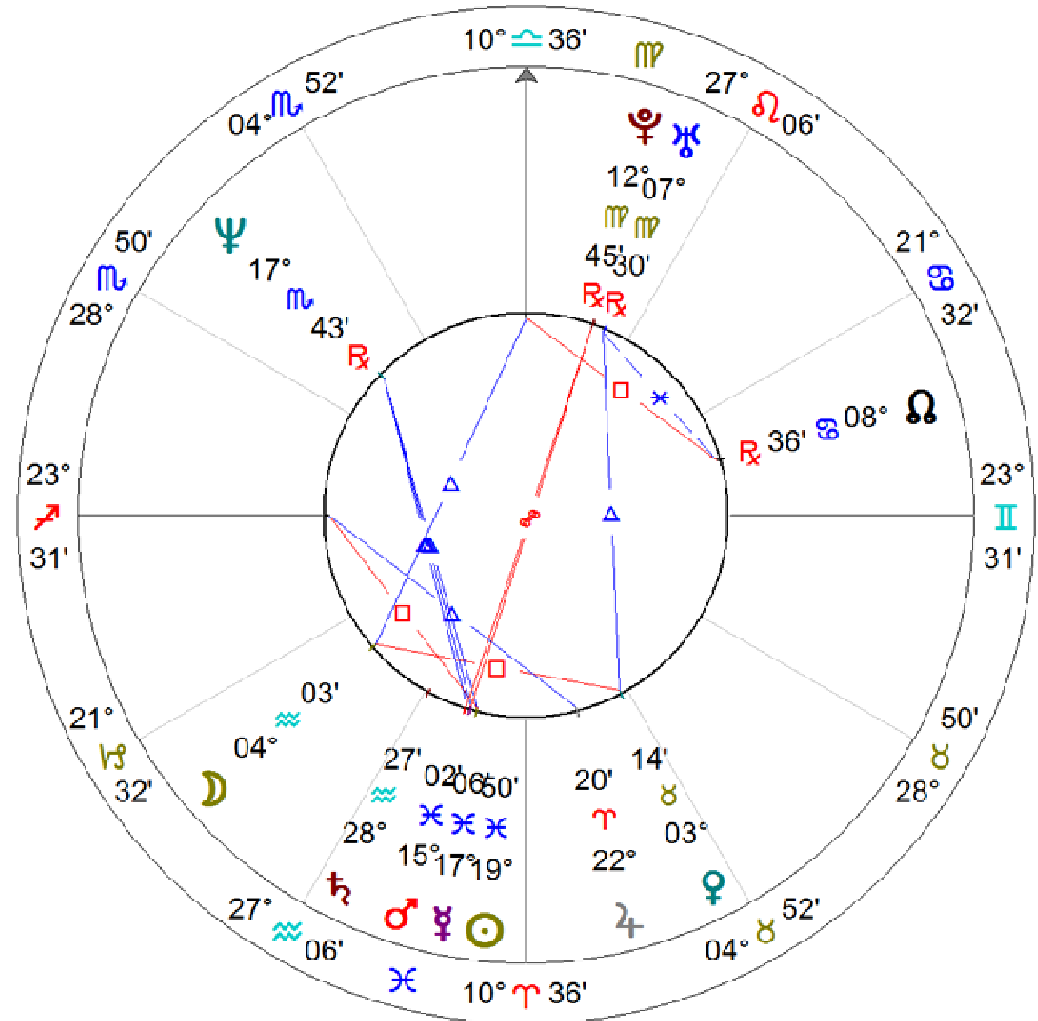
CHANGE AGENTS

Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto

move so slowly that they are in the same sign for everyone of your generation

Look at **house placement** and aspects to **Sun, Moon, and angles**

- **Uranus** – sudden, shocking change
- **Neptune** – gradual, painful change
- **Pluto** – changes related to power and control



ESSENTIAL TAKEAWAYS

- ☀️ **Eyeball the chart!** Look for emphasis in
 - a sign
 - a house
 - hemisphere/quadrant
 - angle
- ☀️ **Elements/Modalities**
- ☀️ Analyze the **Primal Triad**
- ☀️ Sun/Moon, Venus/Mars, 1st & 7th for **relationship**
- ☀️ **Saturn** for struggle/authority, **Uranus-Neptune-Pluto** for change and transformation



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