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Astrology & Jung: Evoking Wonder, Supporting Individuation, Restoring Meaning.

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To calm and center ourselves:

a moment of silence...

...and 4 deep breaths.

Note:

To prevent you from getting writer's cramp...
...and to make learning and integration easier...

I'll make ALL these **PowerPoint slides**
available as a **PDF**.

I will post them on my web site, www.dankeusal.com,
on the page (under "Workshops") for this class,
a few days after 4/6/24 (after the last class)

*“All are syllables of the great word
that is very slowly spoken
by the shining of the stars.”
~Ursula Le Guin*

Astrology, which may be the oldest form of psychology, offers the modern world 1) a return to enchantment, 2) guidance for our individual and collective journeys, and 3) a restored sense of our place in the cosmos. This Wisdom School class will begin with a look at the sense of wonder inspired by the night sky that gave birth to astrology. It will then provide a detailed overview of what astrology is and how it works (including the essential role of consciousness and freedom in empowering wise choices). We will also explore astrology's many connections to Jungian psychology. Finally, we'll do a deep dive into one birth chart to give participants an actual experience of the valuable guidance that astrology can offer.

A definition of astrology:

Astrology is the craft of integrating the **positions** of planetary bodies relative to the constellations...

...with the archetypal **stories** associated with those planets & constellations...(and with the “houses,” the contexts in which those archetypes get enacted)

...to offer people **insight** and **guidance**, empowering them to make better **choices**, and live more **authentic, meaningful** lives.

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Why an *ASTROLOGY* class...

...sponsored by a *JUNG* Society?

We'll go into this in detail in class #3,

but for now, a glimpse...

“My evenings are taken up very largely with astrology. I make horoscopic calculations in order to find a clue to the core of psychological truth.”

(C.G. Jung, letter to Sigmund Freud,
June 12, **1911**)

FYI, Jung born in 1875, so above quote was when he was ~ 36 years old

Jung was deeply interested in astrology,
a fact that has come to light
more in the decades since his death
than was known during his lifetime.

Before there were “charts,”
and computer programs,
and “readings”...

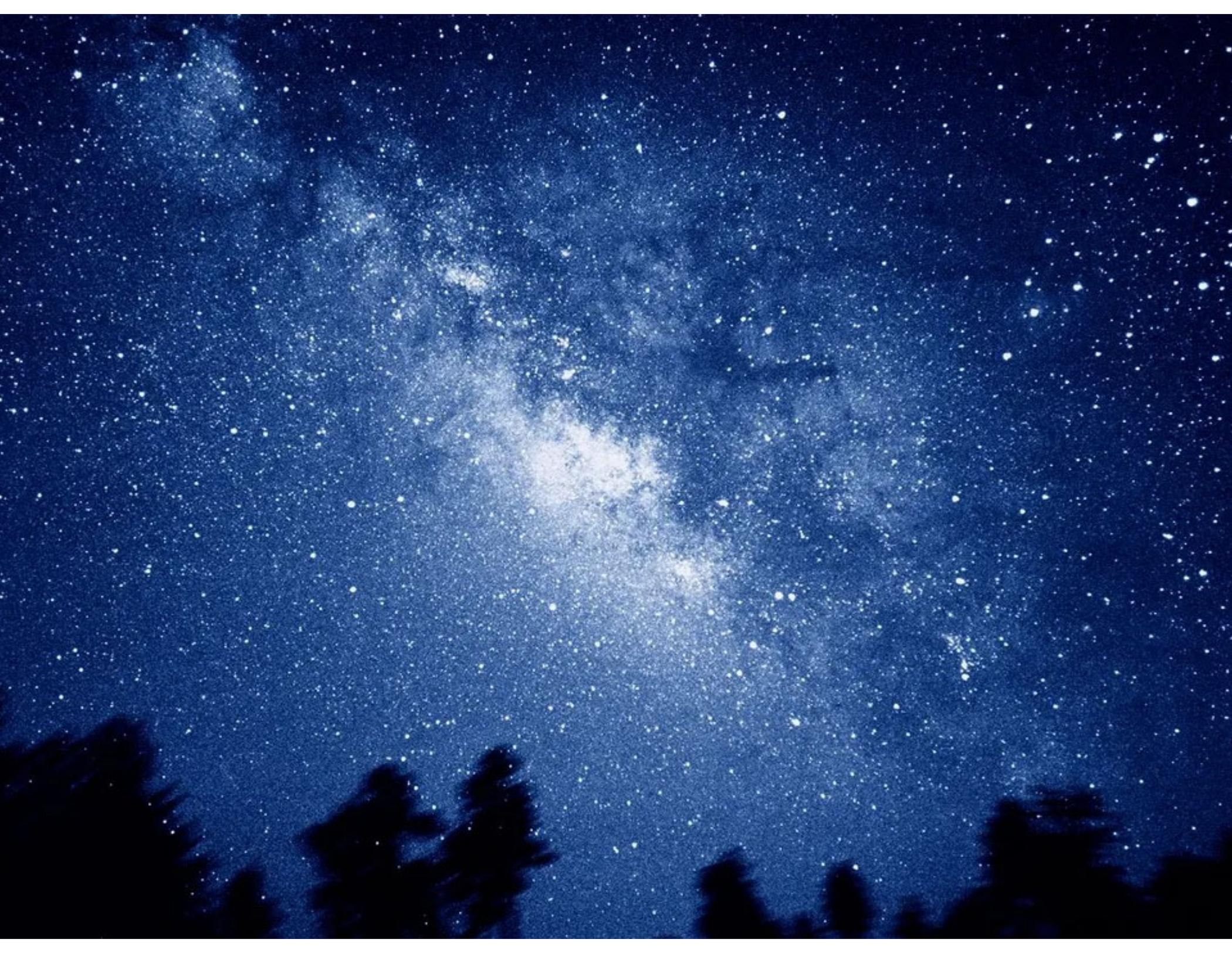
...people looked up,
for millennia,
and beheld...

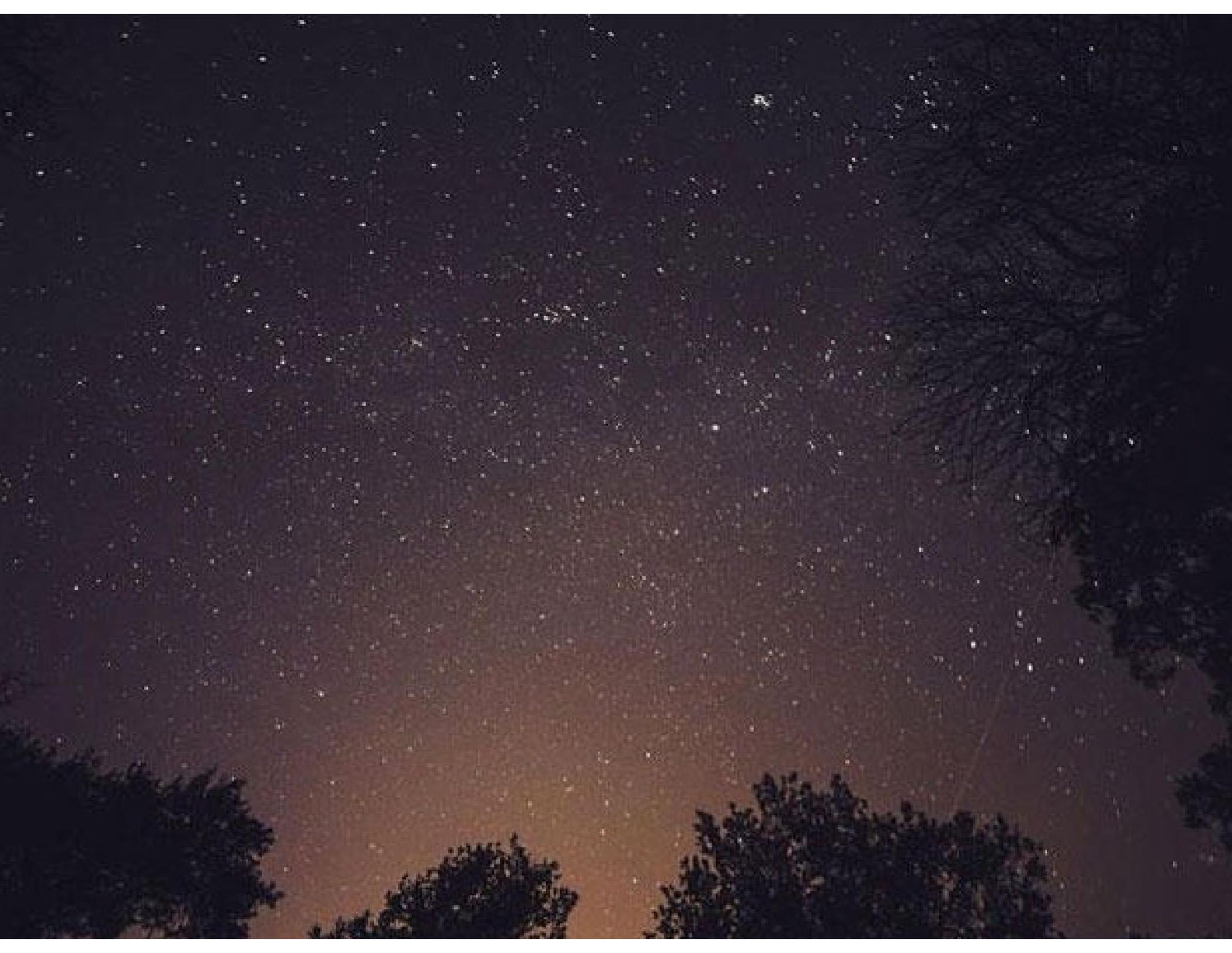
...the wonder of the night sky...











**The wonder of the night sky:
two personal stories,
and a video clip...**

- 1) Fr. John S. Dunne at U. of Notre Dame
- 2) Vacationing on Michigan's Upper Peninsula
- 3) "The West Wing": Alex & Josh looking through telescope (Season 5 Episode 13)

Clip from “The West Wing” (Season 5 Episode 13) Alex & Josh looking through a telescope at the night sky...



In small groups:

Share a story of
YOUR experience
of the wonder of the night sky

From the night sky, to...

The astronomy of astrology...

Our ancestors looked up at the night sky, and saw fixed lights in that sky, lights whose position relative to each other never changed: the stars.

And they saw in those fixed lights, in those stars, certain patterns: the constellations.

And in those constellations, those patterns, they saw stories that helped them make meaning of their world.

They also noticed that over time, relative to those fixed lights, some of the lights in the sky...*moved*.

They called these *planētes asteres* (“wandering stars”) or simply: *planētai*: “wanderers”...

Today we call them...the planets.

Video clip illustrating:

- Stars' fixed positions relative to each other,
- Mars moving against background of those fixed stars...

(from beginning...to 1:07 mark)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nVSzzY_CAYk

Physical/astronomical conception of an astrological “birth” chart:

- From the place on earth where you are born...
- at the exact moment you are born...
- look up at the planets, against the backdrop of stars...
- Then yell “Everybody: *Freeze!*” 😊

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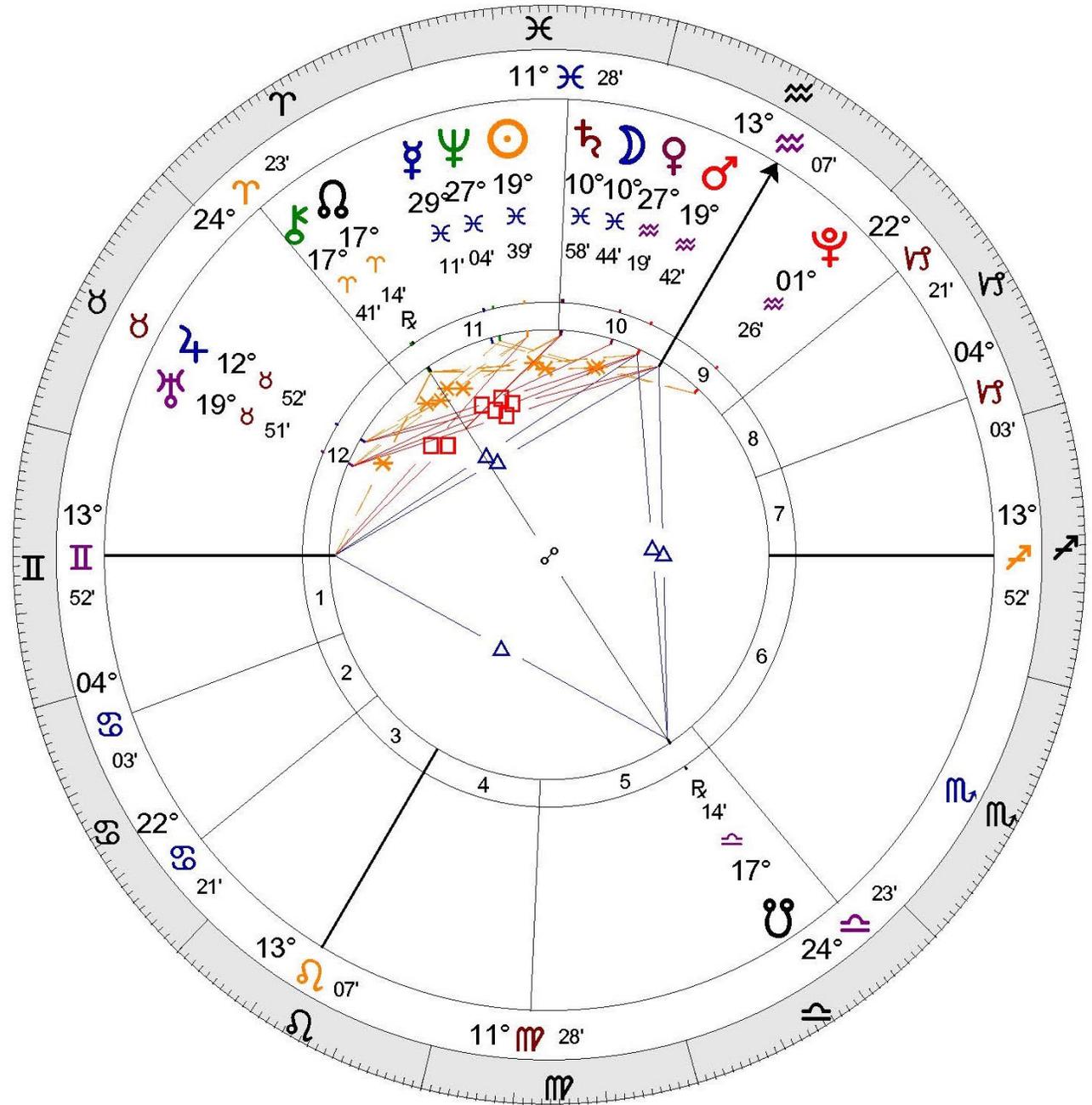


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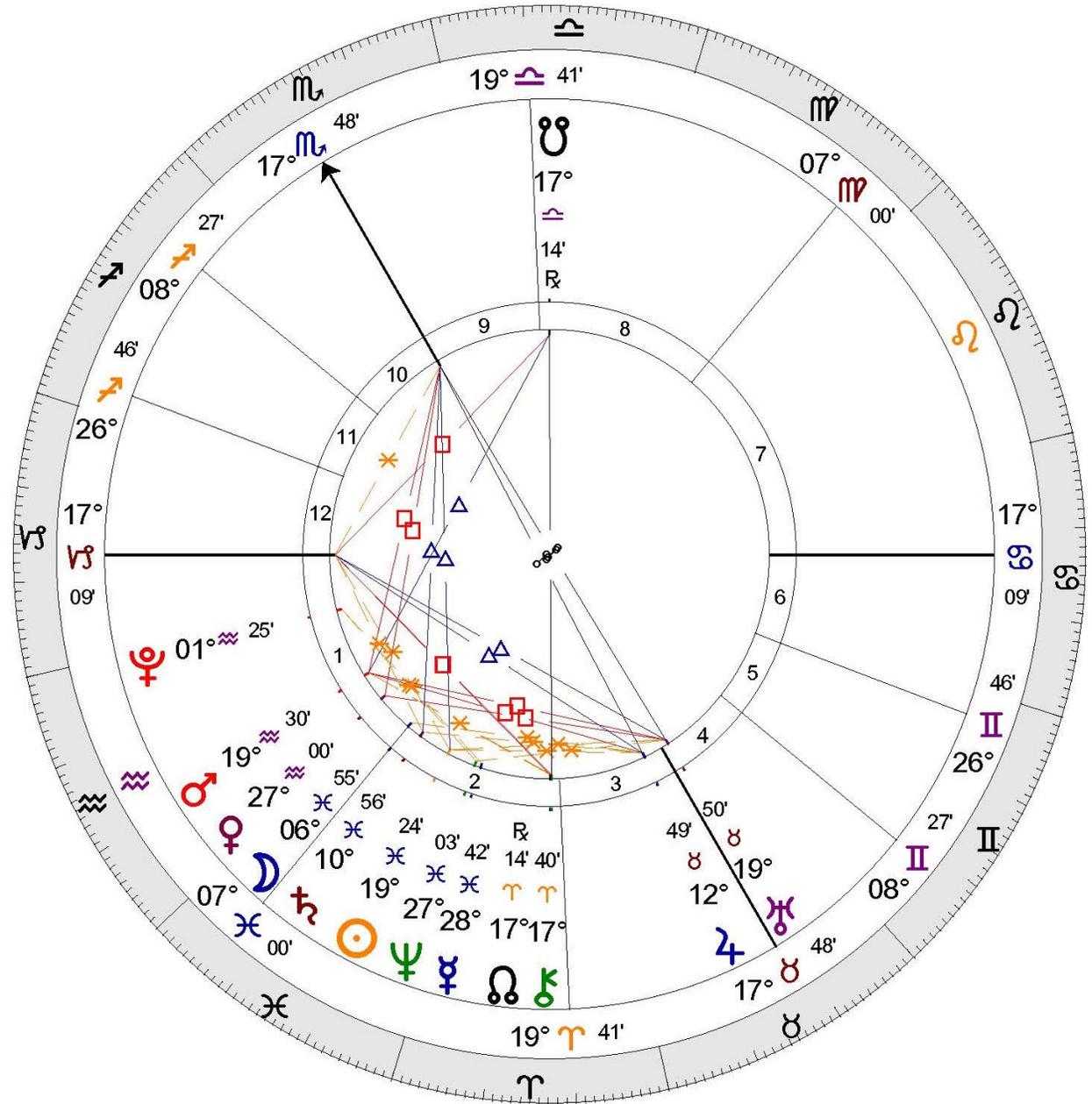


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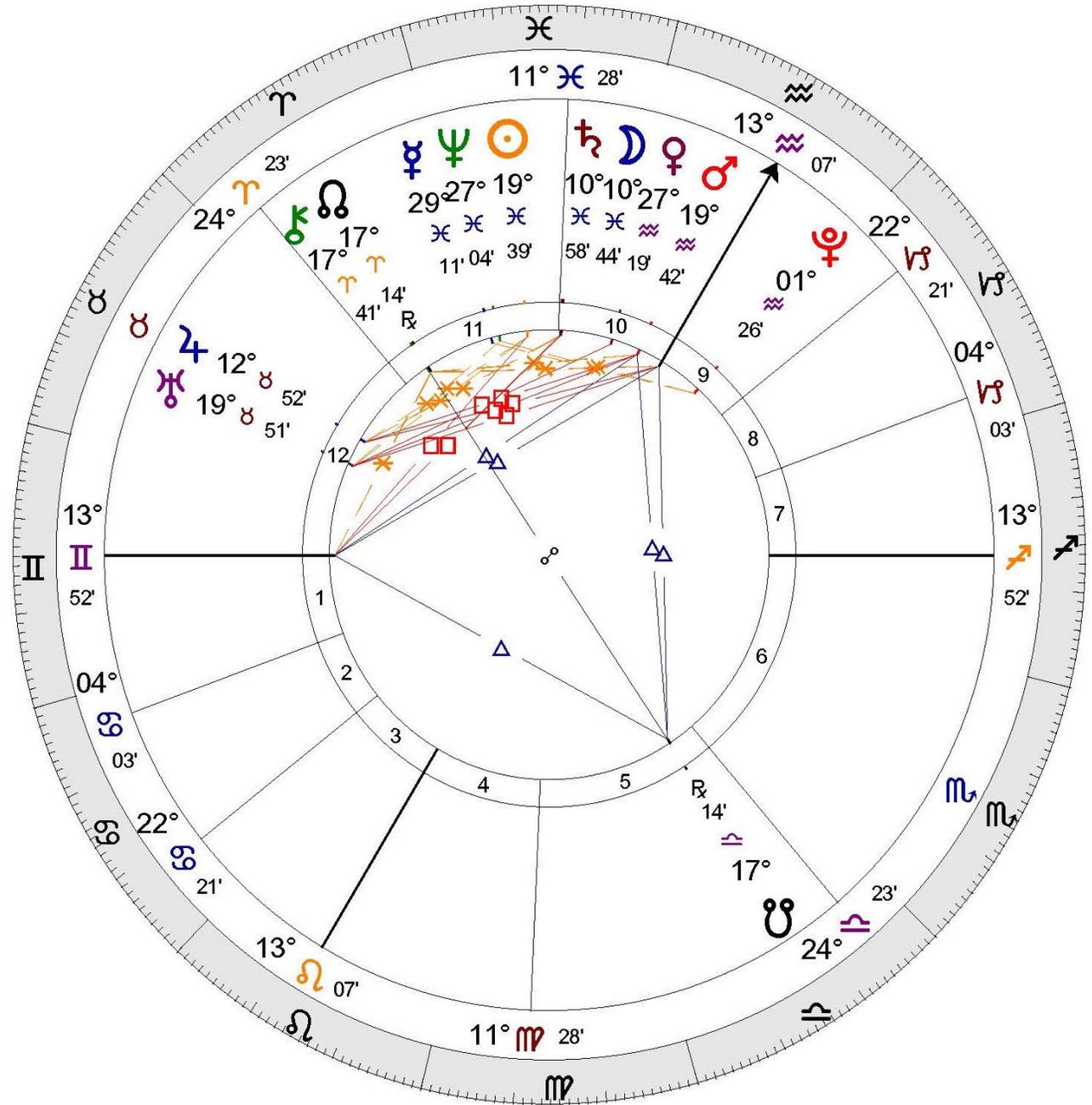


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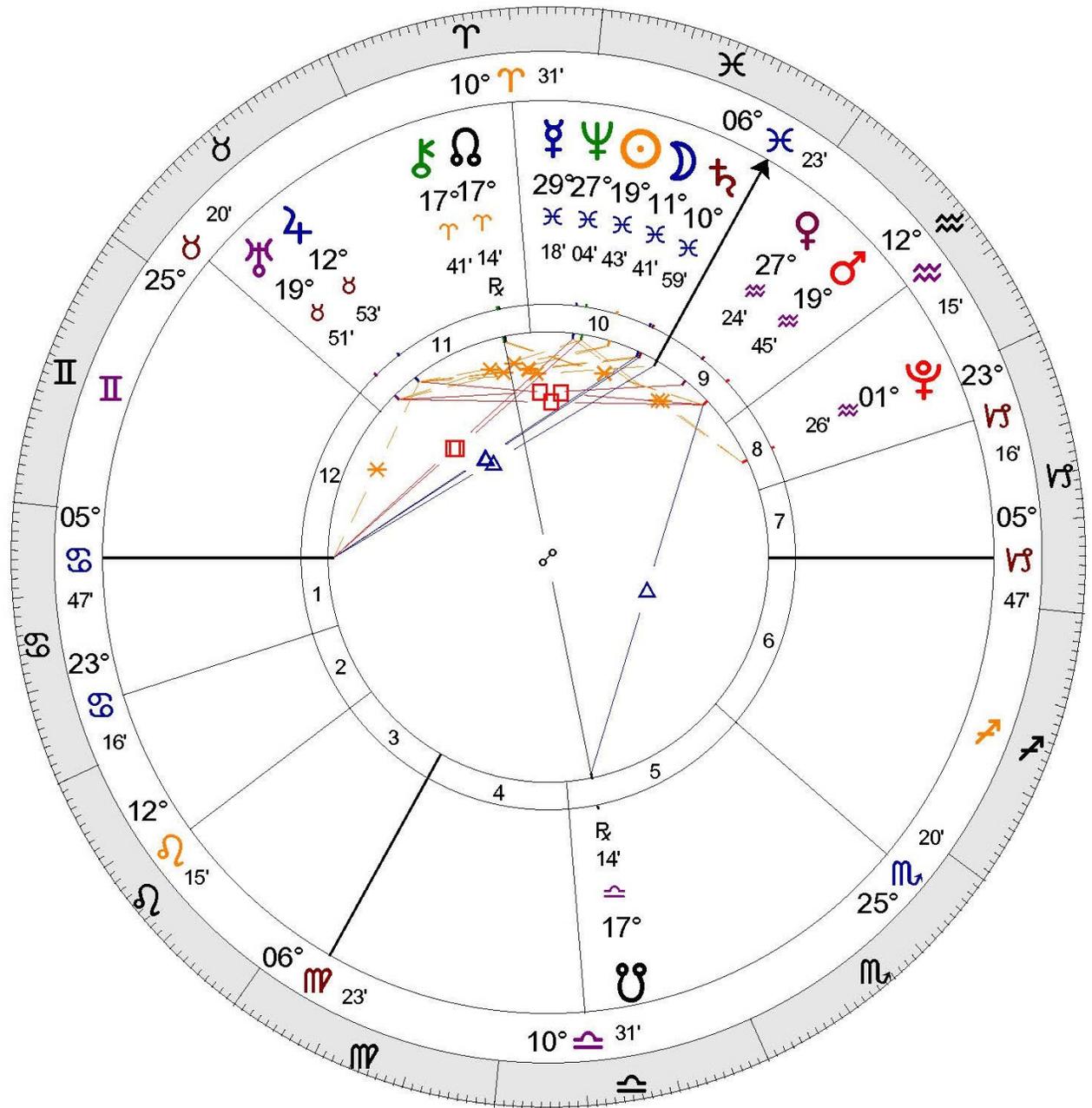
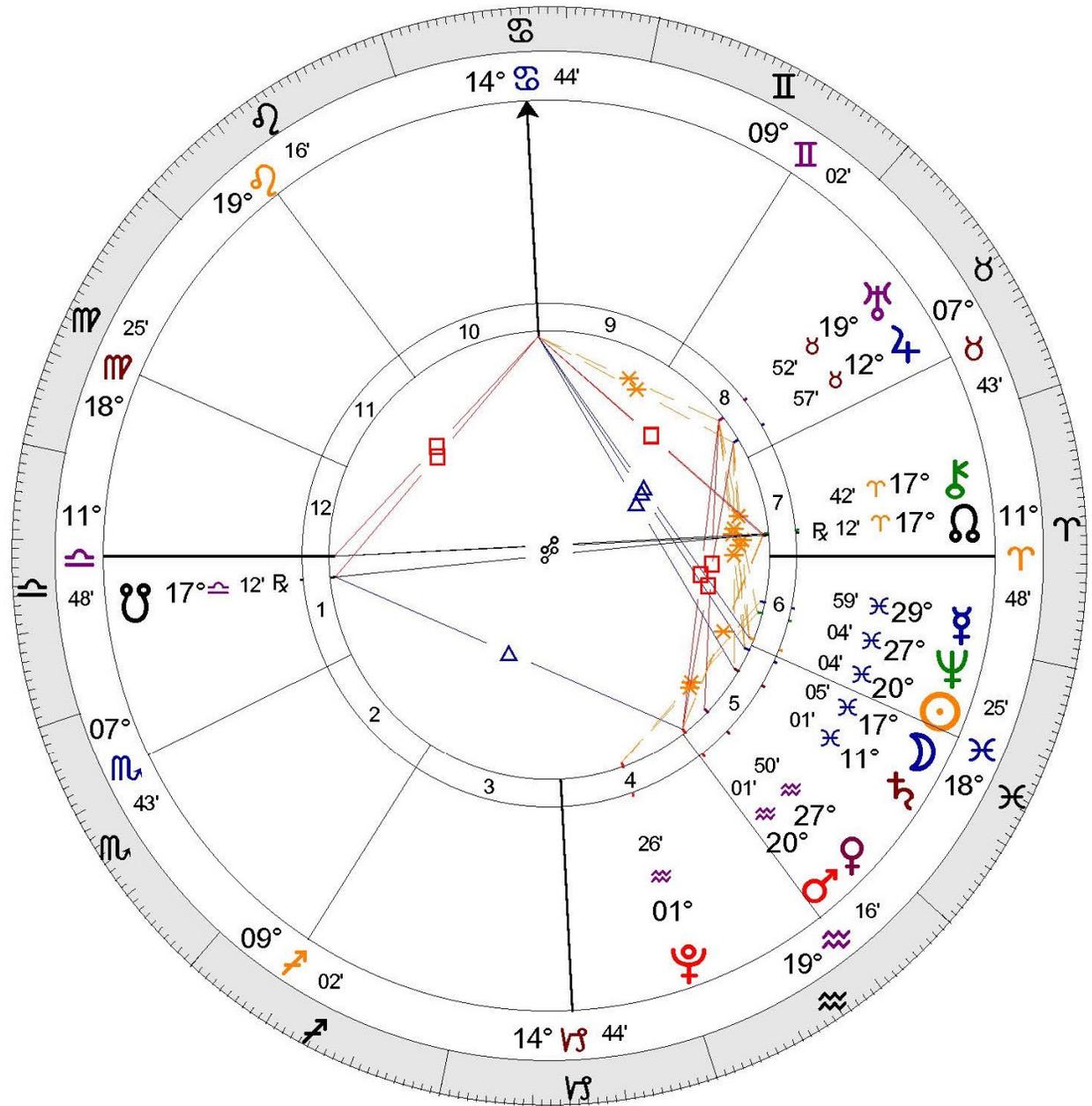


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Before a final few words...

...questions?

Let us end as we began,
not with technical considerations,
but with a few words
that evoke a sense of wonder...

From the description for this class:

“Astrology...offers the modern world 1) a return to enchantment, 2) guidance for our **individual and collective journeys**, and 3) a restored sense of **our place in the cosmos...**”

To that end...

From Carrie Newcomer's
2/11/24 post on Substack:



Camping, on her way up to
Machu Pichu, Carrie stepped
outside to look up at the
stars...

<https://carriewcomer.substack.com/>

<https://www.carriewcomer.com/>

“The Navajo believe that the sacred laws are written in the sky, and when the people stop listening to the wisdom of the stars, if they stop living in communion with the vast and faithful movements of a natural world (laws that measure time in eons instead of human life spans) then the people will suffer and the tribe come to an end. There is wisdom in this story, as there are in many stories of the ancestors who understood more intimately our place among the land and stars and the slow unfurling of time....”

“...There are powerful connecting stories that have sustained us for centuries, voices that have come to us in whispers or songs, stories we hear and then tell in our own voice, stories that are like the native grasses the come up and crack the sidewalk. It is not too late for us, for the people to pay greater attention to the sacred laws written in the sky. There are still threads connecting us to the ancestors who looked up into the dome of heaven and sensed a celestial order worthy of our attention and the stories born out of our individual and collective imagination.”

~Carrie Newcomer, Substack post, 2/11/24

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