

Astrology and the Developmental Model

Articles:

A Planetary Model of the Developing Self.

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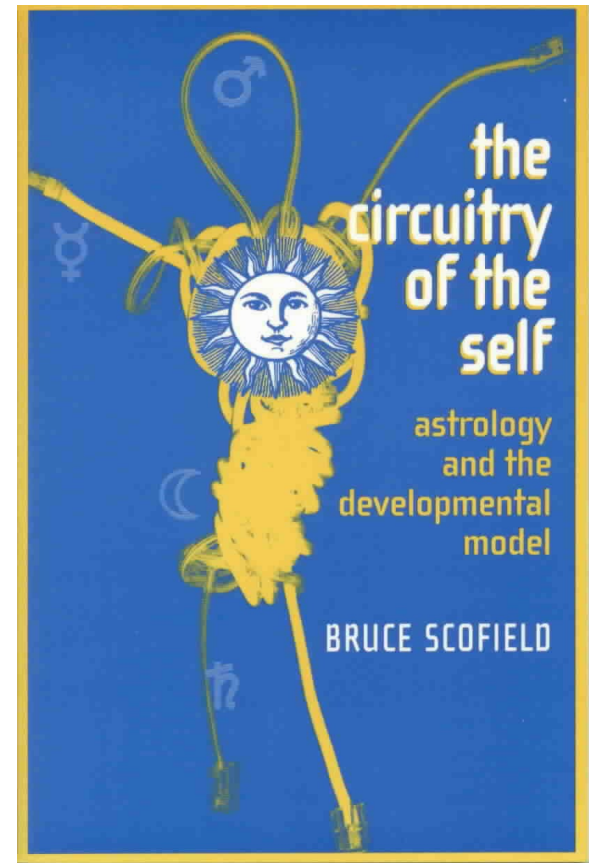
A New Model of Astrology: Planets, Model-Building and the Inner Core of the Self.

The Mountain Astrologer, Dec/Jan 1993.

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What does natal horoscopic astrology measure?

What is the Self and how does it differ from ego or personality?

Is the Self is a system operating far from equilibrium and susceptible to subtle perturbations.

What accounts for individual variation – even within those sharing the same DNA?

Self	Ego	Personality
1. The individual consciousness, self-consciousness.	1. The “I” that is doing the thinking.	1. That which makes a person distinct from others.
2. The sense of “I”- a sum of all personal parts.	2. Freud: a kind of conscious center that holds the mind and its functions together. Has a high degree of continuity and develops at about 6 months.	2. The enduring patterns of behaviors that manifest as a person makes their unique adjustments to their environment.
3. One’s nature, character, personality.	3. Jung: “a complex of representations which constitutes the centrum of my field of consciousness and appears to possess a very high degree of continuity and identity.”	3. A general category of inquiry - personality theory, personality disorder, etc.
4. Self-image, self-concept, self-actualization.	4. Adler: the style of the individual.	4. Freud: three major systems - id, ego, superego.
5. Jung: the totality of being that includes the unconscious and the ego.	5. Edinger: the self organizes objective identity, the ego organizes subjective identity.	5. Jung: personality as the self, which contains the ego.
6. Gestalt psychology - the system of interaction with the not-self - the contact boundary at work.	6. Rudhyar: a Saturnian component of the psyche that is limited in what it can know or do.	6. Western view: that which distinguishes one from the environment.
		7. Eastern view: an ideal personality is unified with the environment.

More Words

Identity - a term used in place of self or personality - the persistency of personality.

Soul

1. in vitalism, the essence of living things. The spiritual part of a person, distinct from the body (mind-body split).
2. Hillman - a reflective perspective that mediates events and the self, a presence that is beyond ego and consciousness.

Psyche

1. Jung: the totality of the psychic processes, both conscious and unconscious.
2. Rudhyar: the aggregate of the inner nature

Development as a source of variation:

1. Mammals develop from infancy to adulthood.
2. Development not continuous but in stages at timed intervals.
3. Like the evolution of the brain, identity is accreted or build on previously established structures.
4. Stages of development correlate with periods of imprint vulnerability.

Imprinting - the environment impacts the organism at a specific point in development, eg. instinctual bonding, mother-child bonding.

Critical imprint vulnerability - the window of time for imprinting.

Konrad Lorenz - the roots of socialization are dependent on brief moments in development.

- The blueprint contained in the genome requires innumerable environmental factors to activate what become innate behaviors and instinctive responses.
- As each stage is reached in development, the developing self learns by modeling. The inner self must latch onto something in the outside world to activate each particular stage of learning.

Comparing Developmental Models

Age	Psychologist	Stage
0-1	Freud	Oral
0-2	Steiner	Assimilating and metabolizing
0-1	Erikson	Trust vs. mistrust
0-2	Piaget	Sensorimotor
0-2	Kegan	Self-absorption
0-1	Wilbur	the physical self

Domain: Biophysical - biological functioning, genetics, health maintenance, safety.

Age	Psychologist	Stage
2-3	Freud	Anal
2-5	Steiner	Sense of “I” - monologue
1-3	Erikson	Autonomy, shame, doubt
2-6/7	Piaget	Preoperational
2-5	Kegan	Impulsive balance
1-3	Wilbur	the emotional self

Domain: Affective - emotions, feelings, values, motivations, internal responses to events.

Age	Psychologist	Stage
3-5	Freud	Genital/Oedipal
5-7	Steiner	Development of limbs
7+	Steiner	Ready for school
4-5/6	Erikson	Initiative vs. guilt
6+	Erikson	Learning
6/7, 10/11	Piaget	Concrete operations
5-7	Kegan	Imperial balance
3-6	Wilbur	the mental self

Domain: Cognitive - perception, memory, learning, thinking, organizing, creativity.

Age	Psychologist	Stage
Puberty	Freud	Genital
12-14	Erikson	Identity vs. role confusion
11+	Piaget	Formal operations

Domain: Social - relationships with others, affiliations, external responses to events.

The Leary-Wilson model of human development

Oral Bio-Survival



Emotional-Territorial



Time-Binding Semantic



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Moral Socio-Sexual



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The Astrological Connections:

1. Oral Bio-Survival – Moon (0-2)
2. Emotional-Territorial – Mars (2-4)
3. Time-Binding Semantic – Mercury (3.5-13)
4. Moral Socio-Sexual – Venus (8-16)

The inner planets mark the focal points of the four primary imprint stages of human development.

The Repeating and Counting of Cycles

The solar return as an environmental cue for subjective counting. The cosmic environment at the time of the return as a factor in establishing the uniqueness of the moment. Transits in Hellenistic astrology.

- Photoperiodism as a possible mechanism or model for a mechanism based on the circadian cycle. How flowers know when to bloom.
- The power of the opposition and other phases of the full cycle. Triggers for gamete release in corals and other marine organisms.
- Recurrence of two or more cycles may be a kind of resonance.

Planetary Periods of Imprint Vulnerability

Moon - on the second solar return the Moon will be roughly 90 degrees (fourth harmonic) to its birth position - earlier in the zodiac. On the fourth birthday the Moon will be opposite or conjunct the birth position.

Mars - avg. synodic period is 780 days - 2 years + 50 days. Mars will be near its birth position around the second birthday.

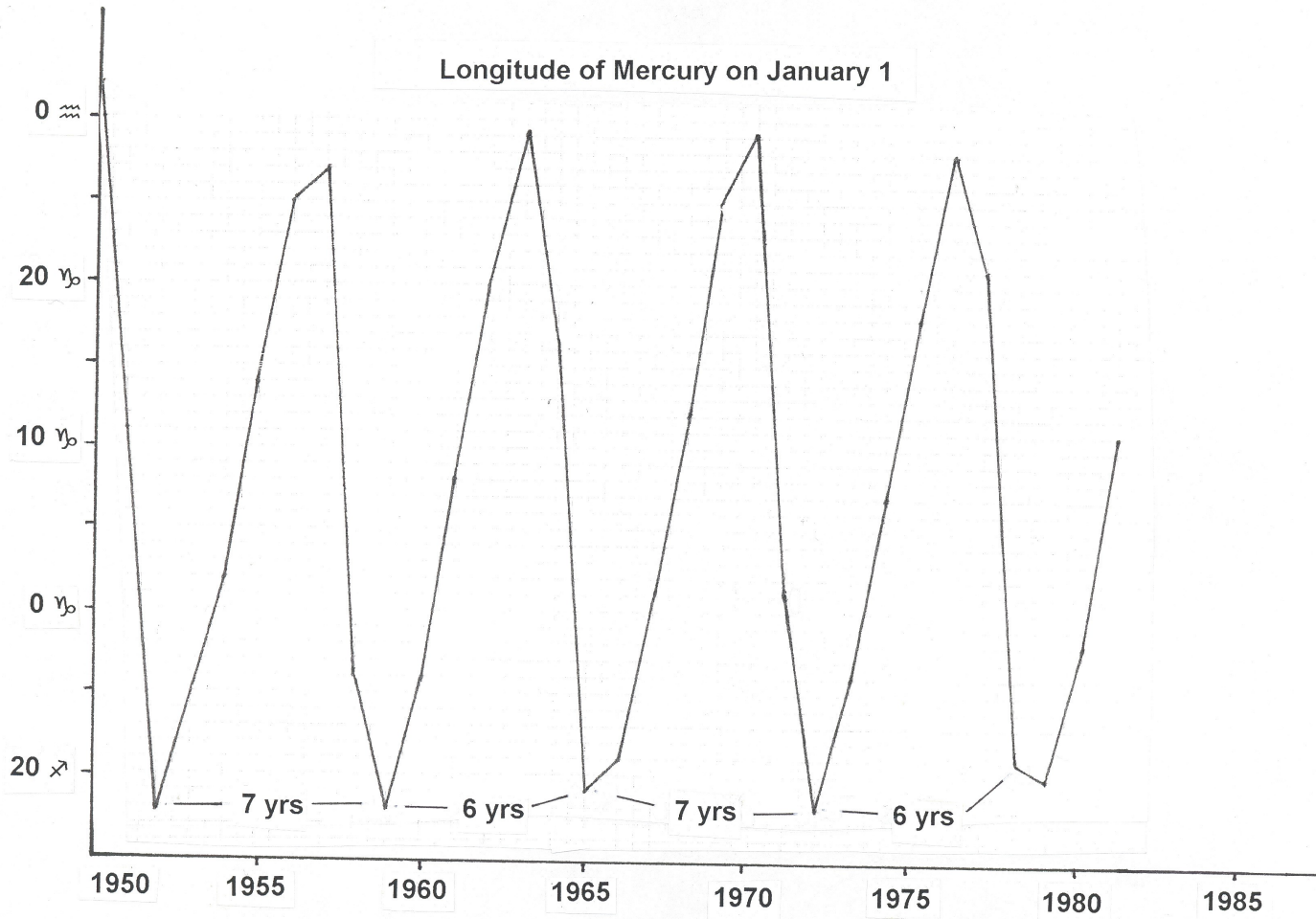
Mercury - the phase angle of the Sun and Mercury on the birthday repeats every 6 or 7 years and at 13 years. There is also a 3.5-year cycle of Mercury/Sun conjunctions.

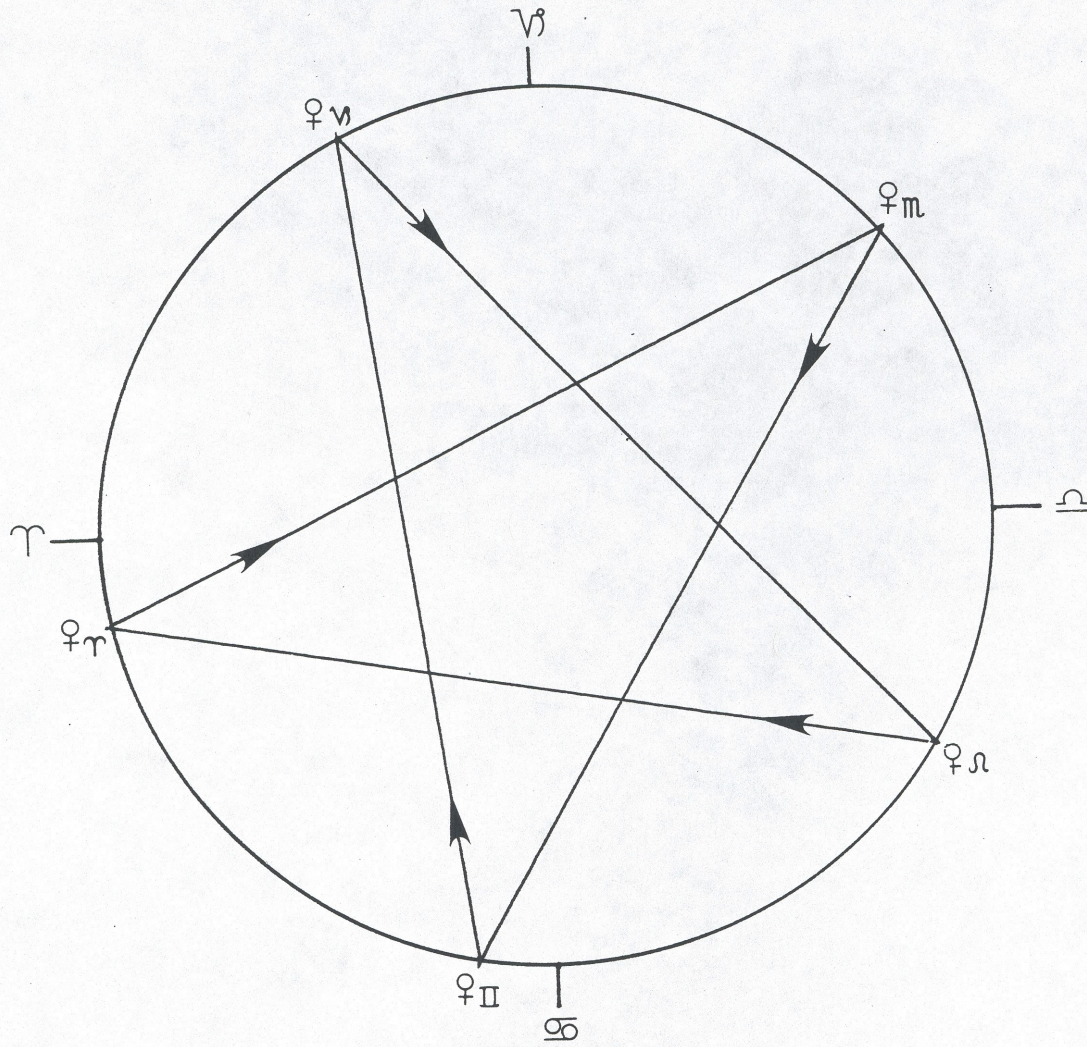
Venus - returns to the birth phase with the Sun on the 8th and 16th birthdays.

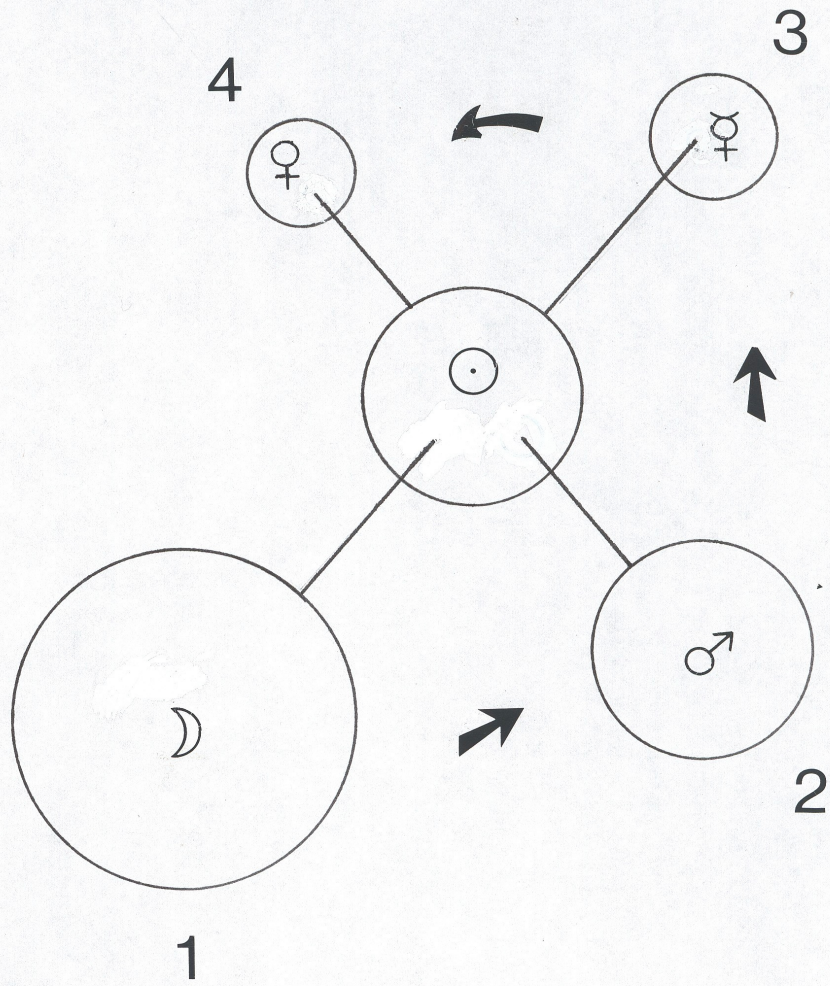
Planet positions on succeeding birthdays for Kurt Cobain

	Moon	Mars	Mercury	Venus
Natal	13 Ca	2 Sc	18 Pi	27 Pi
1	1 Sa	3 Ar	20 Aq	1 Aq
2	28 Ar	28 Sc	6 Aq	16 Ar
3	30 Le	20 Ar	10 Aq	9 Pi
4	4 Cp	18 Sa	21 Aq	17 Cp
5	24 Ta	7 Ta	5 Pi	13 Ar
6	18 Li	6 Cp	19 Pi	20 Aq
7	20 Aq	27 Ta	10 Pi	27 Cp
8	24 Ge	22 Cp	10 Aq	27 Pi
9	16 Sc	20 Ge	6 Aq	2 Aq
10	8 Ar	9 Aq	15 Aq	16 Ar
11	10 Le	23 Ca	27 Aq	9 Pi
12	15 Sa	25 Aq	12 Pi	18 Cp
13	8 Ta	7 Vi	20 Pi	13 Ar
14	28 Vi	11 Pi	25 Aq	21 Aq

Longitude of Mercury on January 1



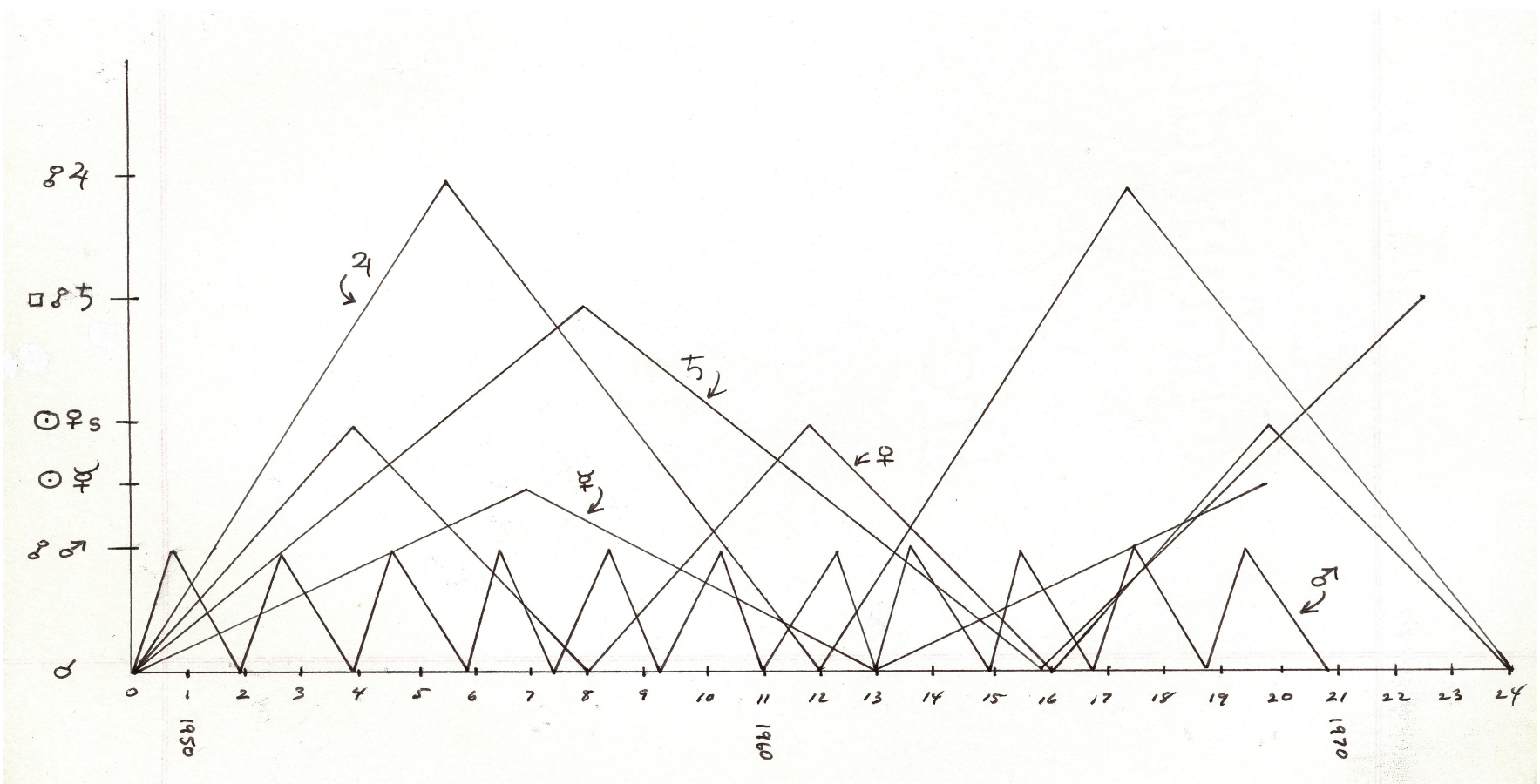




Jupiter and Saturn - Socialization and Culture

Jupiter: maintenance systems - the collective economic, political, and social structures of a society that shelter and protect its members. Churches, schools, etc.

Saturn: social norms - the standards of behavior that are shared by the members of a group or society that establish the boundaries between acceptable and unacceptable actions. The “rules.”



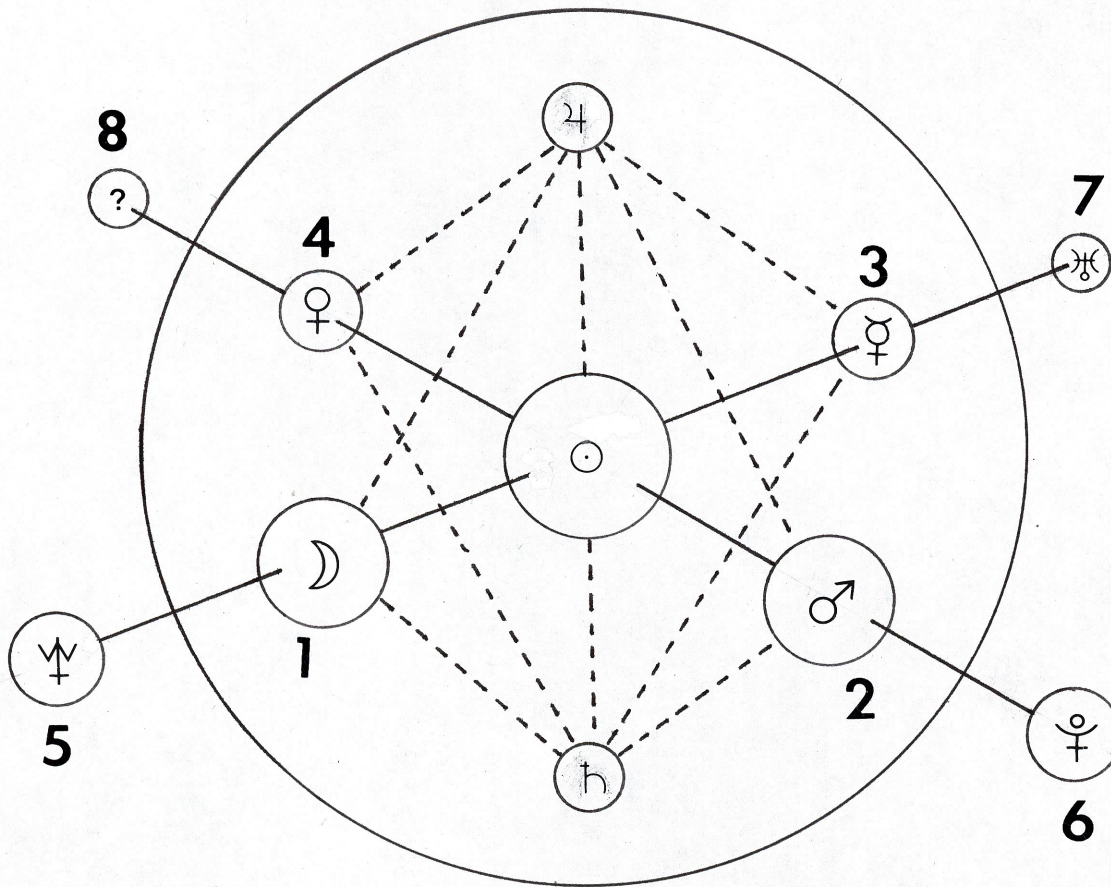
Planetary recurrence cycles during development

The Outer Planets as higher circuits

Neptune - higher circuit of the Moon. The desire to return to a unified state. Spiritual paths that involve sacrifice, loss of ego or allegiance to a master - Christianity, many Eastern religions.

Uranus - higher circuit of Mercury. The extension of consciousness to the point where it observes itself. Paths that emphasize the individual - astrology, Taoism.

Pluto - higher circuit of Mars. The cultivation of power and transformation. Paths that emphasize healing and combining resources - alchemy, magick.



Modulations of Jupiter and Saturn within the sphere of the local self.C

Moon and Mars imprints in American political persuasion

1. Democratic/liberal tendencies (belonging and protection - idealism) are set during the lunar period of imprint vulnerability, age 0-2. Indications in chart of uncertain mothering, competent fathering.

2. Republican/conservative tendencies (self-interest and self-reliance - competition) are set during the Mars imprint period, age 2-4. Indications in chart of dominant, competent mother and weak, distant, or severe father.

Barack Obama

Natal Chart (5)

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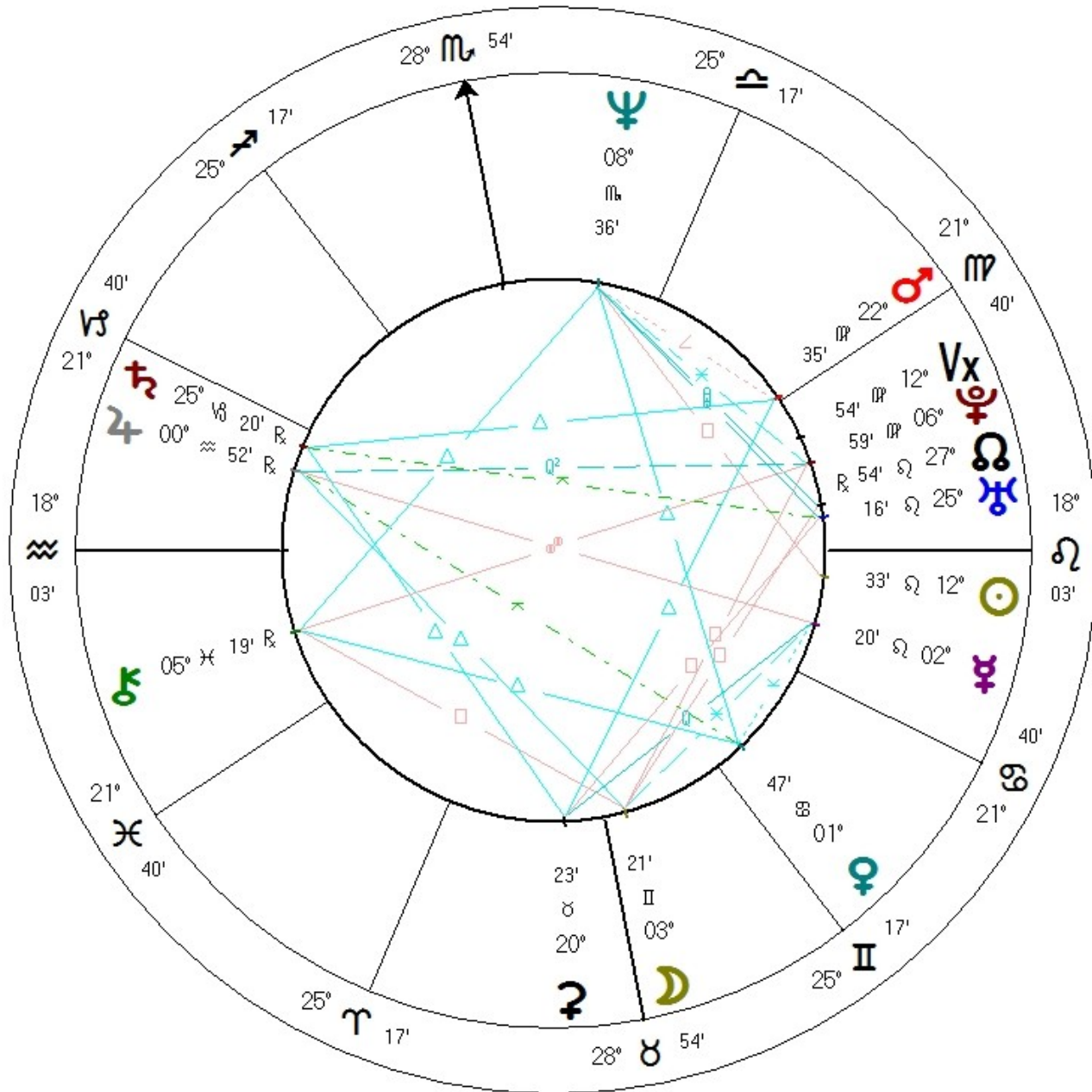
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Porphyry

Mean Node



John Boehner

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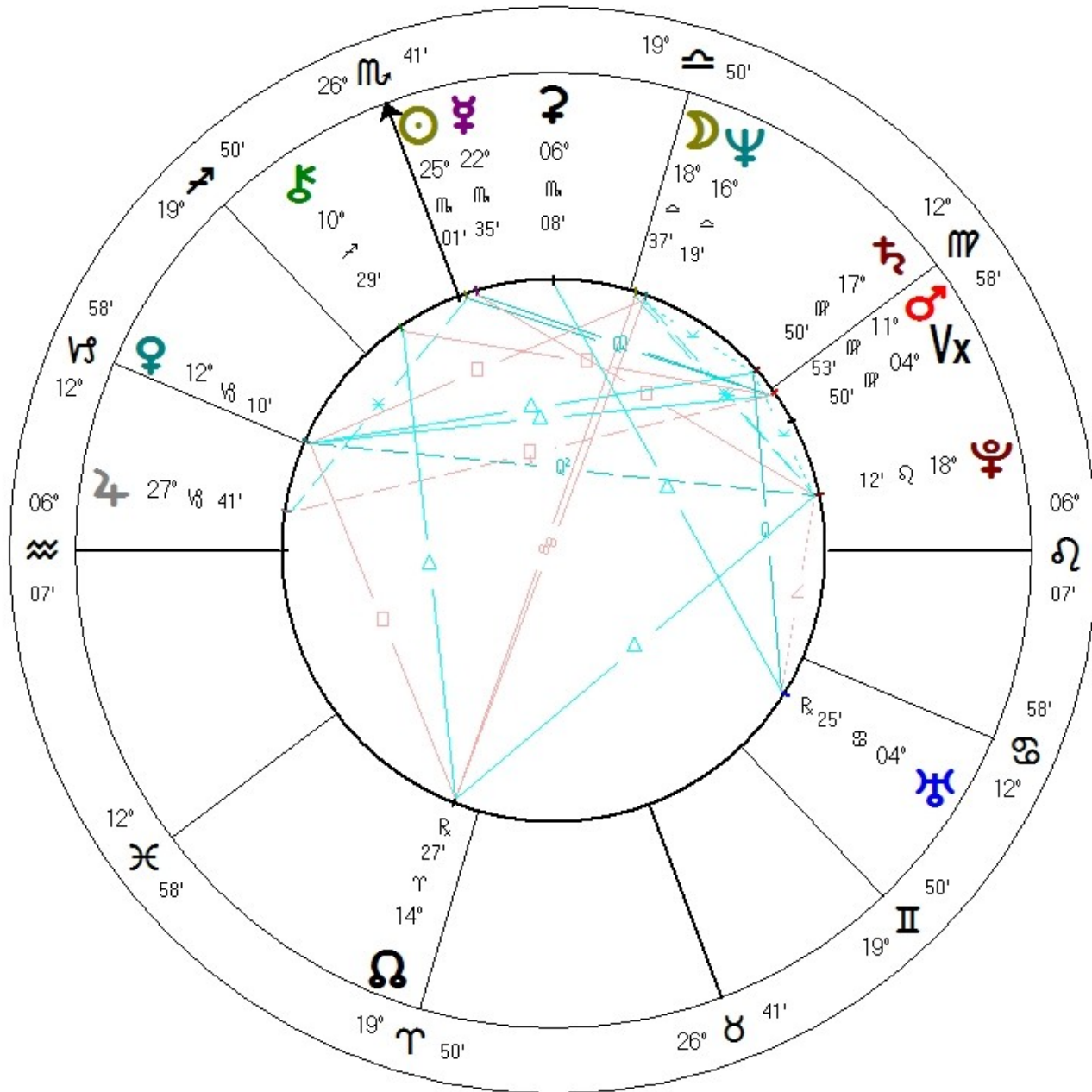
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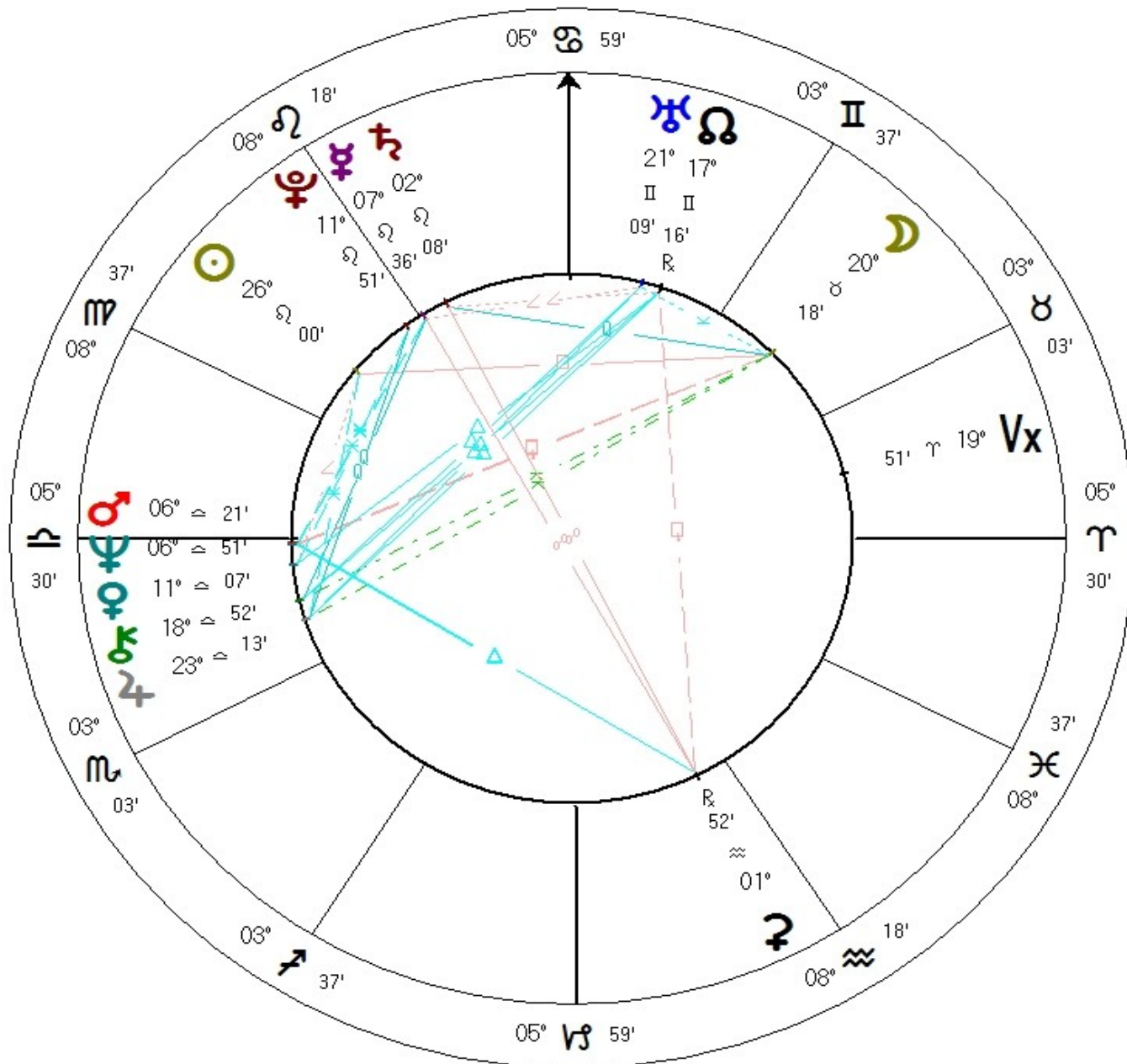
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Mean Node



Bill Clinton
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Sarah Palin

Natal Chart (4)

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Sandpoint, ID

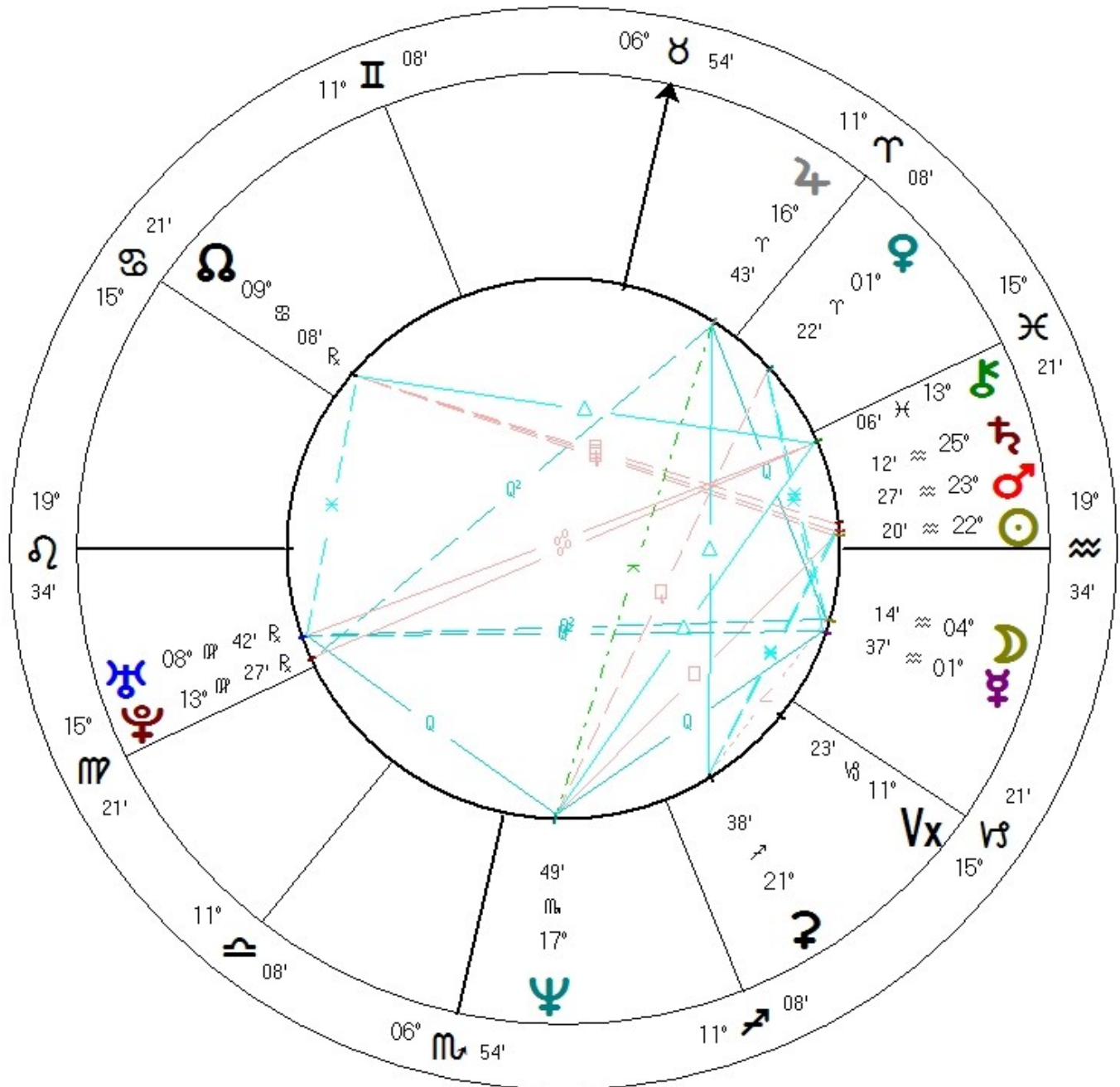
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Geocentric

Tropical

Porphyry

Mean Node



Mitt Romney

Natal Chart (4)

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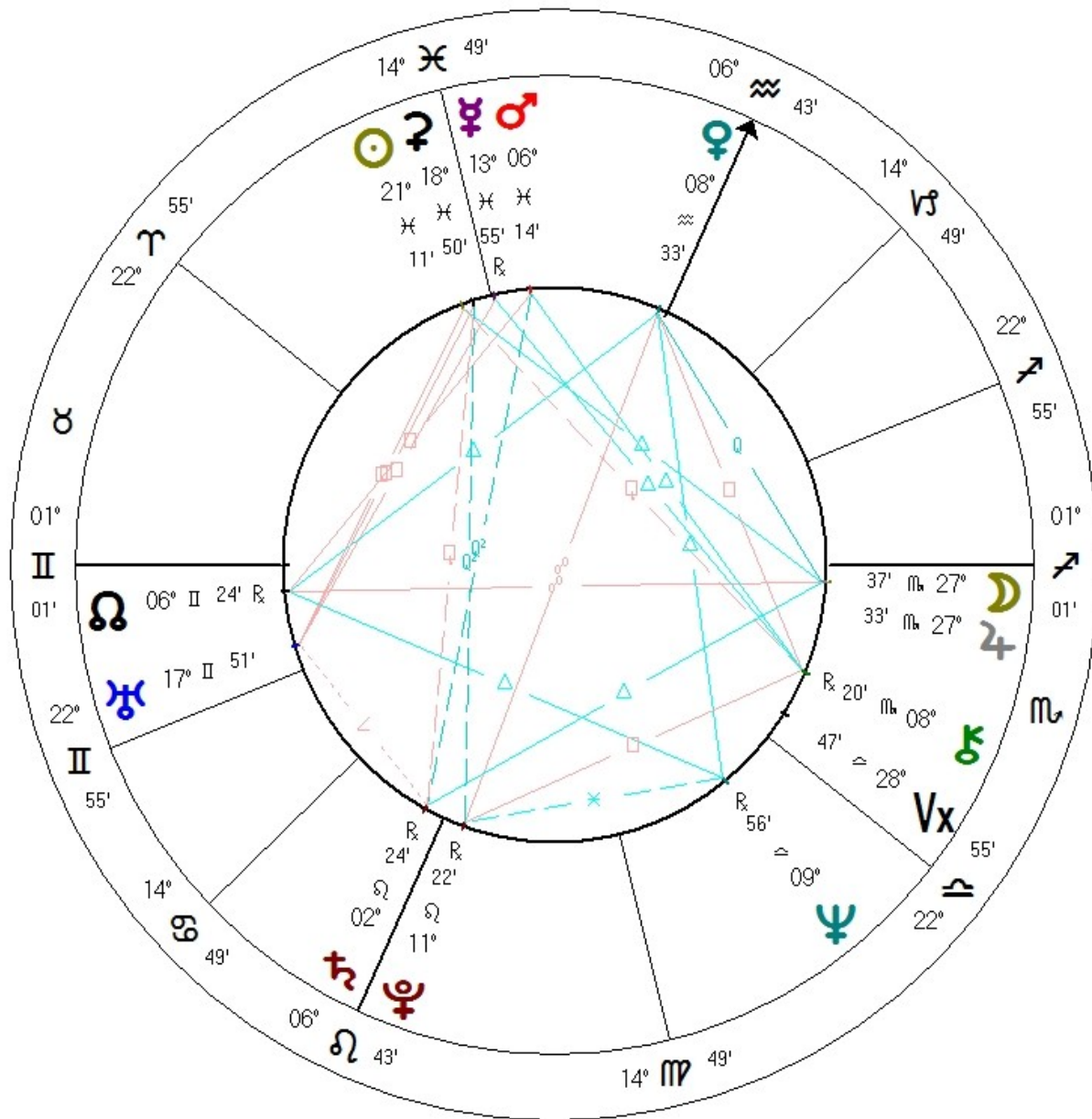
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Mean Node

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Joe Biden

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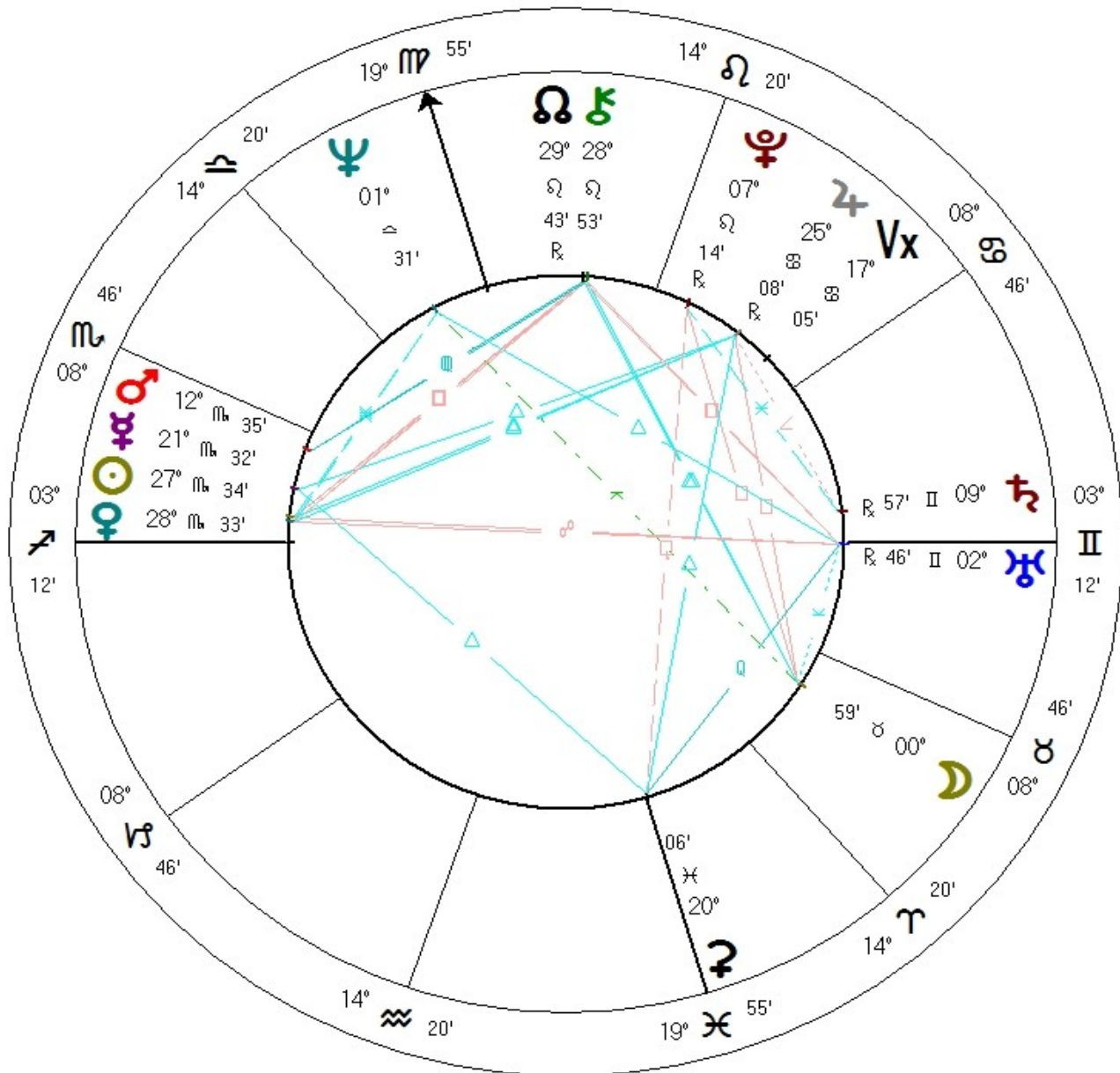
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Conclusions

- The self develops according to a time schedule that may be genetically coded and astrologically timed.
- Individual variations may be accounted for by the unique properties of the several periods of imprint vulnerability.
- Imprint periods occur when planets return to their natal position or resonate with natal arc openings at the solar return.
- Natal aspects suggest the sensitivity of the subjective self and also the nature of the social environment at times of imprint vulnerability.
- Imprints thus reflect the natal chart and steer the destiny in relatively predictable patterns.

Final Thoughts

Astrology may operate biologically, but it may also operate in other ways. In this sense, organisms internalize astronomical regularities (signals) and use them for structural purposes.

Gravity and electromagnetism carry astrological signals. Modulation via gravity of the solar or terrestrial atmosphere is a mechanism that appears to operate through a kind of resonance.

The geometrical “rules” of astrology may apply universally and influence through known and unknown signal carriers any kind of system operating far from equilibrium.