

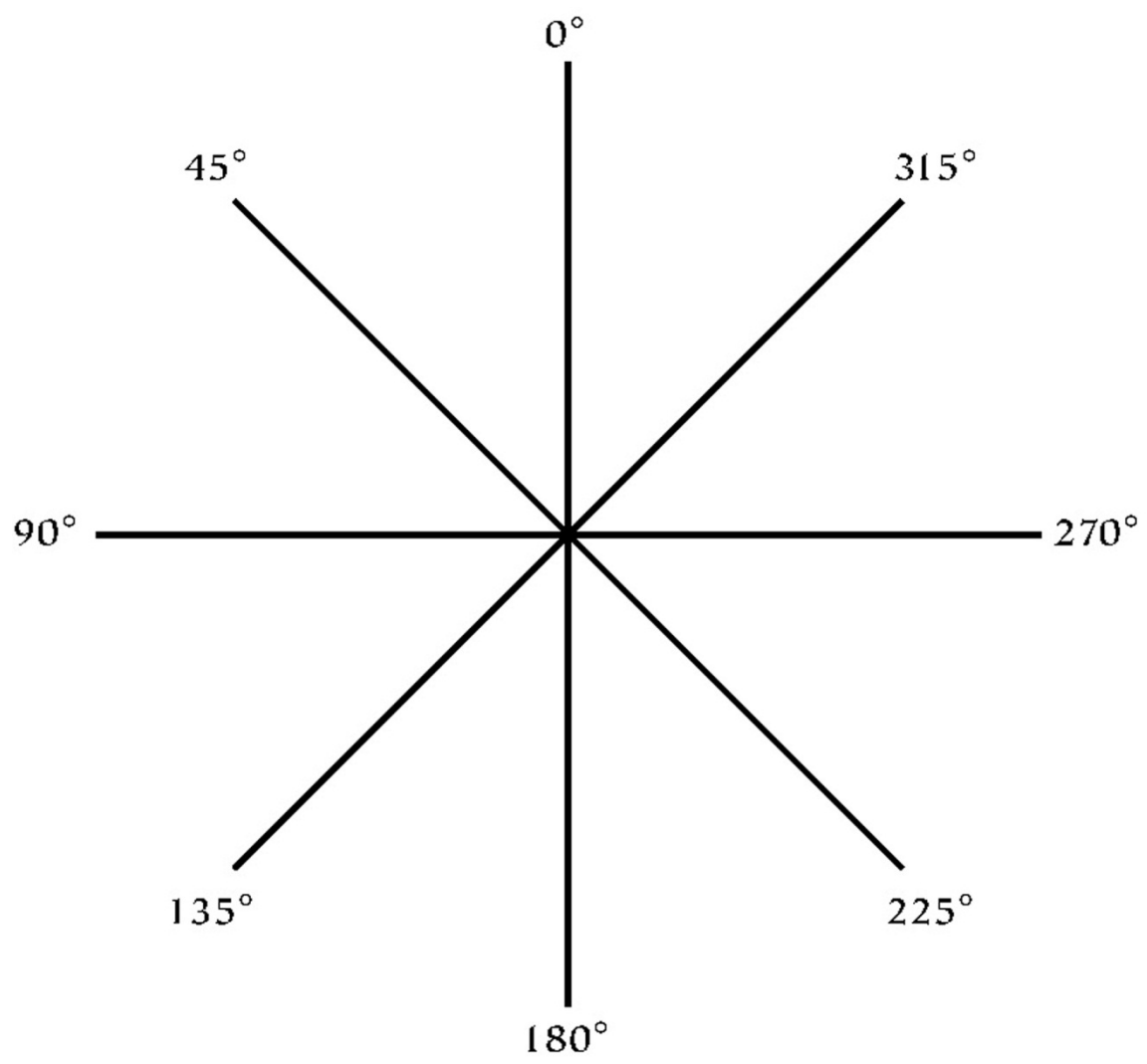
Synodic Cycles & Phase Arc Timing

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The Lunation Cycle is a template of Cycle Phases—

- It represents a **Synodic Period....**
- The *lunation cycle is one example of a cycle of PHASES* and it refers to the ‘Synodic Period’ of the Moon.
- From New Moon to New Moon-when the Moon conjuncts the SUN.
- This lasts an average of 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes. (Rudhyar)



A Synodic Period

- Is the time it takes a celestial body to make one complete revolution in its orbit, measured from one conjunction with the **SUN** to the next revolution.
- i.e. Sun conjunct Moon – the **NEW MOON!**

Synodic Period

Think of 'syn' as 'sun'

- **Sun/Moon: 29 days, 12 hrs, 44 minutes.**
- **Sun/Mercury: 116 days.**
- **Sun/Venus: 1 year, 220 days.**
- **Sun/Mars: 2 years, 289 days.**
- **Sun/Jupiter: 1 year, 34 days.**
- **Sun/Saturn: 1 year, 13 days.**
- **Sun/Uranus: 1 year, 4 days.**
- **Sun/Neptune: 1 year, 2 days.**
- **Sun/Pluto: 1 year, 2 days.**

A Synodic Cycle is different...

- In that it is measured by the interval between two ***successive conjunctions of any two planets***, not one planet with the Sun.
- This cycle is often used in Mundane Astrology to measure the important developments in world history.
- From Pat Esclavon-Hardy

The Synodic Cycles

- **Jupiter/Mars:** **2.24 years.**
- Jupiter/Neptune: 11.9 years.
- **Jupiter/Pluto:** **12.46 years.**
- Jupiter/Uranus: 13.81 years.
- **Jupiter/Saturn:** **19.859 years.**
- Saturn/Pluto: 35 to 36 years.
- **Saturn/Neptune:** **36 to 37 years.**
- Saturn/Uranus: 45.363 years.
- **Uranus/Pluto:** **126.95 years.**
- Uranus/Neptune: 171.403 years.
- **Neptune/Pluto:** **492.328 years.**

All Synodic Cycles are cycles of phases...

- For example.. every two or so years when Mars and Jupiter conjunct (always in different signs), they are **beginning** their Synodic Cycle.
- Synodic Cycles **“BRAND”** a portion of the chart and the planets they aspect during the entire length of that particular Synodic Period.

As time continues, they unfold...

Phase Relationships Between Natal Saturn and Jupiter

