PATIO DE LA INFANTA Zaragoza Spain, Europa

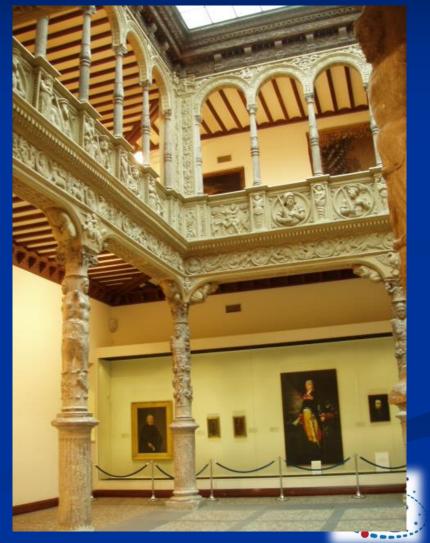
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El Patio de la Infanta

Palace built in the midsixteenth (completed in 1550) by Gabriel Zaporta for his wedding with Sabina Santángel. In the palace courtyard, the horoscope of the wedding date, June 3, 1549 at 7 pm, is represented.









The 8 columns in the courtyard represent "the 7 planets (Sun, Moon and the 5 visible to the naked eye)" plus 1 extra column. In the decoration of the railing are the 12 works of Hercules that correspond to the signs of the zodiac

Sun

Mercury

Venus



1549, geocentrism had not yet been overcome and there was no clear line separating Astronomy from Astrology.

With the geocentric model from the interior to the exterior, the planets seen from Earth were located: Moon, Mercury, Venus, Sun, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, in total 7, but in the courtyard there are 8 columns for the design of the courtyard





Hercules is considered the Sun and his works are assimilated to the twelve signs of the Zodiac.

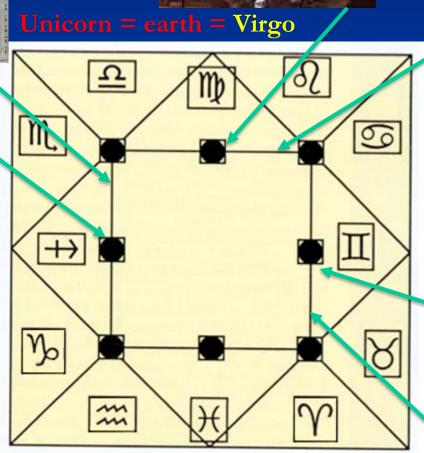


On the sill there are 4 medallions and at each end a scene from a work of Hercules or an allegory. The footings of the central columns symbolize a zodiac sign (fire, earth, air, water)⁶

Some works of Hercules and allegories place the zodiac



Sagittarius





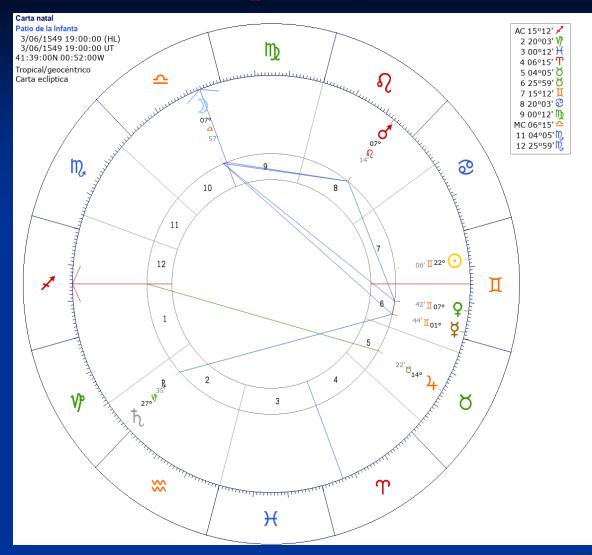
Leo

Eagle = air = Gemini





Horoscope for June 3, 1549 at 7 p.m.





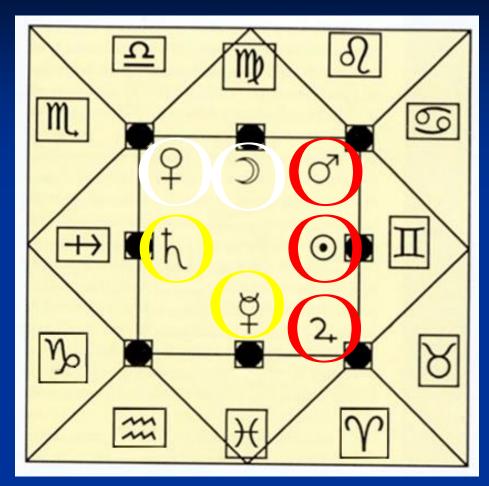
Y	Aries
X	Taurus
I	Gemini
69	Cancer
2	Leo
m	Virgo
<u> </u>	Libra
m	Scorpio
+>	Sagittarius
30	Capricorn
m	Aquarius
\mathcal{H}	Pisces

Sun - Gemini Moon – Libra

Mercury – Gemini Venus – Gemini Mars – Leo
Jupiter – Taurus
Saturn-Capricorn



Horoscope in the patio for June 3, 1549 at 7 pm



earth = Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn air = Gemini, Libra, Aquarius fire = Aries, Leo, Sagittarius water = Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces

Sun - Gemini

Moon – Libra (air)

- Virgo (next to)

Mercury – Gemini (air)

- Aquarius (air)

- Piscis (next to)

Venus – Gemini (air)

- Libra (air)

Mars – Leo

Jupiter – Taurus

Saturn - Capricorn (earth)

- Sagittarius (next to)



June 3, 1549 at 19h

Horoscope

Sol - Gemini

Moon – Libra

Mercury – Gemini

Venus – Gemini

Mars – Leo

Jupiter – Taurus

Saturn - Capricorn

Stellarium

Sun - Taurus

Moon – Virgo

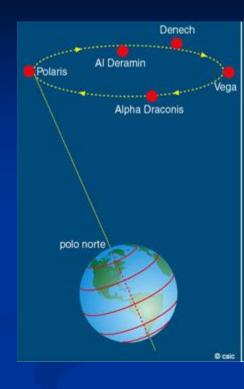
Mercury – Taurus

Venus – Taurus

Mars – Cancer

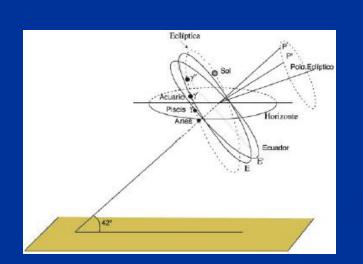
Jupiter – Aries

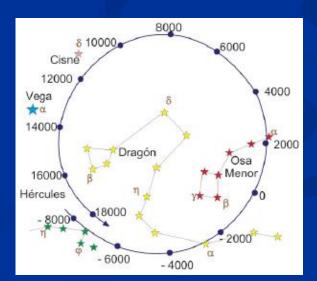
Saturn – Aquarius



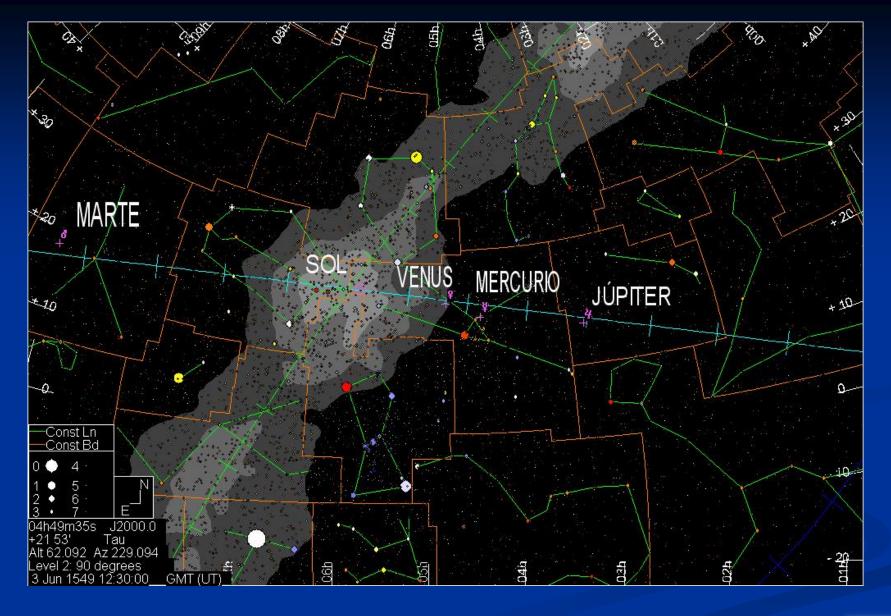
Due to the Precession of the Equinoxes, the point of intersection between the equator and the ecliptic, also called the Aries point (being in this constellation in the past) has been moved to the Pisces constellation, for this reason the Stellarium gives the position of the planets in a constellation before.

Precession movement of the earth rotation axis (change of direction of the axis describing a circumference as a spinning top) takes place 50.29 "/ year (it turns in 25776 years). The celestial equator also wobbles and the moment of intersection between the ecliptic and the equator (at the equinox) varies, it is the so-called precession of the equinoxes. Hipparchus of Nicea observes it between 147 and 127 B.C., this is about 2000 years ago. At that time this point named as Aries point (because it is in that constellation), but it has been moved to the Pisces constellation. The pole is changing too, for example, now he was in the Polaris star of the Little Dipper and 2000 years ago he was Thuban in the constellation Dragon.













Many Thanks for your attention!

