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A traditional Native American astrology program by Randall Cole Roffe, for natal charts; based on the Kvniakati Tsulawi Medicine Wheel tradition of the Southern Shawnee and Cherokee, with some references to the traditions of other North American tribes.

MEDICINE WHEEL ANIMALS:

1. Red Hawk (Aries)
2. Beaver (Taurus)
3. Songbirds (Gemini)
4. Rabbit (Cancer) (Coyote - other tribes)
5. Alligator (Leo)
6. Mouse (Virgo)
7. Bear (Libra)
8. Snake (Scorpio)
9. Elk (Sagittarius)
10. Deer (Capricorn) (Buffalo - other tribes)
11. Otter (Aquarius)
12. Panther (Pisces)

THE THREE REALMS AND THE ELEMENTS OF THE MEDICINE WHEEL

Every animal power represents several of the Star Clans; that is why all over the world there are different symbolic images of the subdivisions of the seasonal circle of the sky. This seasonal circle, and all that it contains, is known as the Medicine Wheel by many Native Americans.

The circle of our more immediate experience, extending to the horizons of the Four Directions, is also known as the Medicine Wheel, nesting within larger and larger wheels.

Every Medicine Animal has power in one or more of the Three Realms of Above, Middle and Below; and with one or more of the Elements. The Medicine Powers of the Three Realms or Worlds, like that of the Four Directions, is a very ancient tradition of pretty much all the Native American people. The Medicine Powers of the Twelve Directions and the Seven Heavens and their Lights are in most ways special to the Kvniakati, Tsulawi and other Cherokee and Shawnee traditions, though others may know these things in a parallel manner. The Medicine Powers of the Elements are partially Kvniakati traditions but have certainly been influenced by early interactions of Cherokee/ Shawnee, Scottish and Chinese astrological and medical systems.

It is good to have a balance of powers in the Realms and the Elements.

THE ABOVE REALM

The Above Realm is the world of the sky, the mind, fire and air. Red Hawk and Songbirds have power in this higher realm of cause and effect in the abstract and subtle sense. Bear has power here when she can stand up; her ally is the Crow who has power in the Above. Snake has some power here through his ally the Owl who has power in the Above Realm at night.

It is good to have something going on with one of these Medicine Animals or have them high in one of the Heavens if one wishes to exert subtle cause and effect, or in any way take a truly higher view of things.

Red Hawk and her Eagle relatives have the greatest power in the Above Realm and are the guardians of the East, the primary direction.

THE MIDDLE REALM

Beaver, Rabbit, Mouse, Bear, Elk, Deer, Otter, and Panther all have varying degrees of power in the familiar Middle Realm where humans also have power. Red Hawk and Songbirds can come into the Middle Realm but have little strength here. Snake and Alligator can come into the Middle Realm also but lack strength here as well.

On the face of it, Bear has the greatest power in the Middle Realm; she guards the Gate of the West into the Below Realm. Rabbit also has great power, more than is apparent, as he guards the Gate of the South; and the Deer guards the powerful Gate of the North.

These are the guardians of the Four Directions which are the axes of the powerful momenta of the Earth and the heavenly bodies - Red Hawk in the East, Black Bear in the West, Tiny White Deer in the North, and Great White Rabbit in the South.

It is good to have something going on with one of these Medicine Animals or have them high in one of the Heavens if one wishes to exert practical effects in the real world, or in any way make real changes in the daily life.

THE BELOW REALM

The Below Realm is the world of water, emotions and the tides. The Below is where subconscious and sometimes malevolent powers can reside. Snake and Alligator have great power in the Below Realm, and Panther also has a special power here by night. Otter, Beaver and Mouse have varying temporary powers in this Realm. Rabbit can hide very securely in this Realm and has a special power that is not active or obvious.

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FIRE ELEMENT

Red Hawk has the power of Fire Above - pure intention, will and concentration.

Alligator has the power of Fire Below - the ability to connect the primal charismatic mind with drives and emotions in the subconscious (also sometimes called "drama").

Elk has the power of Fire in the Middle, or Fire in Wood - the interactive and enterprising social mind.

Snake has a power of Fire in Water - again a reptile to represent primal subconscious drives and emotions.

Mouse has a power of Fire in Earth - to store and categorize the various results of mental precipitations.

WATER ELEMENT

Panther has the power of Water Below - the depths of the subconscious and the predawn dreamstate.

Rabbit has the power of Water in the Middle, in Earth - the immediate emotions and practical nurturance.

Snake has the power of Fire in Water in the Below Realm, and can extend into the Middle Realm and the Above Realm by night through his ally the Owl - primal survival drives and emotions.

Bear has power in the Middle Realm of Air in Water - the Gate of Looks Within, gate of entry to the afterlife.

EARTH ELEMENT

Beaver has the power of Earth in Wood - industrious and relentlessly constructive.

Rabbit has the power of Water in Earth - where emotions and the practical world interface.

Mouse has the power of Fire in Earth - where the mind and the practical world interface.

Deer has the power of Earth in Crystal - where the powers of the practical world are most crystallized.

Otter has the power of Air in Earth - where the powers of the practical world are most transcended in the relative mind.

AIR ELEMENT

Songbirds have the power of Air in Crystal - where the relational mind is most crystallized and unintentional.

Bear has the power of Air in Water - where the relational mind guards the Gate of Looks Within.

Otter has the power of Air in Earth - where the relational mind transcends the limitations of the practical world.

WOOD ELEMENT

Beaver has the power of Earth in Wood - a power to constructively transform the practical world.

Elk has the power of Fire in Wood - a power to transform the interactive and enterprising social mind.

CRYSTAL ELEMENT

Songbirds have the power of Air in Crystal - a power to focus and crystallize the relational mind by perspective.

Deer has the power of Earth in Crystal - a power to focus and crystallize the practical world by meeting ordeals.

Given below are the planet positions and other details at the time of birth:

Sun	17	Sco	13	Uranus	20	Tau	04
Moon	6	Sco	39	Neptune	24	Vir	53
Mercury	10	Sag	04	Pluto	2	Leo	54
Venus	4	Sag	12	N. Node	29	Lib	18
Mars	24	Aqu	19	Asc.	3	Sco	33

SUN AND MOON

Sun is considered to be female and to govern the basic physical makeup and the mitochondrial DNA (the genetic mother line) of the individual, while Moon is considered male and is the Hunter or the desire and attraction element. Both Sun and Moon are considered measurers of the sky, and distributors of the energies of the ancient and eternal Star Clans. These ancient sources of genetic code are symbolized by the Totem Animals in the constellations and in the clans of the various tribes.

Sun in Snake Place = Trading Moon (Sun in Scorpio)

The Tsalaki Moon of Middle Autumn is called Nvdadegwa or Trading Moon. It corresponds to the Northwest direction as well as the darkness after sunset. At this time of year, when you were born, nature is becoming quite dormant and many animals burrow deep in the ground and some hibernate. The people gather and establish their clan and family networks of protection for the coming winter, and trade their surpluses with one another for mutual benefit.

Trading Moon People are clever and opportunistic, with strong survival motives. They can be very private and introverted but are very interested in others' feelings. They can be very selfish and they want to make a trade of benefit to them, so that they will feel secure in the future. They can be very vengeful if they feel a trade was unfair to them, but they do not mind taking advantage of others.

The Sun Guardian of this Moon is the Snake in the Kvniakati Tzulawi tradition, and its color is dark red. Snake or Inadv is nonaggressive unless intruded upon but then can be very vengeful. Dwelling in the Below Realm of Fire in Water, Snake is also the Guardian of Reproductive System Plants and the Wedding Basket (uterus or prostate) in Kvniakati herbal medicine. The snakes are promiscuous animals and do not travel much. You have many Snake qualities that come from the Below Realm of Fire in Water, the realm of the gene pool, reproduction and the afterlife of the ancestors. Ruthlessness or vengefulness may sometimes be a problem for you, but you have quiet determination.

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Rabbit is a bit big for Snake to eat and they understand each other's wiles. Panther also is wily like Snake and they observe and learn stealth from one another and sometimes cooperate in the hunt.

Mouse and Deer get along well enough with Snake and they know that only a small number of Snakes are really dangerous. Snake often gets along well with Mouse, at least some kinds of Snakes do, but other kinds of Snakes love to use a Mouse, taking over his home or eating him. One kind of Mouse knows how to get revenge. The Snake helps the Corn Maiden keep the grain free from the Mouse. Snake and Deer have a special relationship and they guard the Ginseng plants together. Snake just tries to steer clear from Bear or Elk but follows in their wake looking for food.

Relations between Songbirds and Snake are sometimes neutral but often difficult as Snake may like to eat the Songbirds' eggs. Being of different realms, they often do not encounter one another closely. Songbirds may warn the other animals of the Snake's presence.

Otter, Beaver and Alligator all resent Snake's slithering through their private nests and can be spooked by him. Otter and especially Alligator may have a Snake for lunch.

Moon in Snake Place (Moon in Scorpio)

The Moon was with the Snake Hunter when you were born. Snake or Inadv is nonaggressive unless intruded upon but then can be very vengeful. Snake Hunter has probably been bitten already. Dwelling in the Below Realm of Fire in Water, Snake is also the Guardian of Reproductive System Plants and the Wedding Basket (uterus or prostate) in Kvniakati herbal medicine. The snakes are promiscuous animals and do not travel much. You have many Snake qualities that come from the Below Realm of Fire in Water, the realm of the gene pool, reproduction and the afterlife of the ancestors. Secretiveness, ruthlessness or vengefulness may sometimes be a problem for you, but you have quiet determination. You may also have fluid accumulation in pelvis, abdomen and sex organs.

Snake Hunter has been once bitten, twice shy. He is a cautious yet compulsive risk taker. He is not often respected by the tribe for bringing back much of any usefulness, as the people usually do not eat the Snake or use its powerful medicine. The powers that Snake Hunter obtains are kept secret because they can hurt others. The vengeance of Snake upon Snake Hunter can be severe.

Emotionally, here is how you relate to the other Medicine Animals and their Hunters:

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THE SEVEN HEAVENS

The Ascendant is known as the First Heaven position and tells us about the relationship of the person to all Seven Heavens of human ideation, as well as their aspirations and how they fit into the world and the afterworld. Second Heaven is associated with the twelfth house, Third Heaven with the eleventh house, Fourth Heaven with the seventh house, Fifth Heaven with the eighth house, Sixth Heaven with the ninth house, and Seventh Heaven with the midheaven or tenth house.

Thus, First, Second and Third Heavens are in the East, and Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Heavens are in the West. The Heavens can be measured approximately by the breadth of your hand held at arm's length.

The First Heaven is closest to this Middle Realm where human events occur and certain land animals have power. The second through sixth houses of Western Astrology are below the horizon and represent the Below

Realm where swimming and burrowing animals have power. The other Heavens represent the Above Realm where birds have power.

The Second and Fifth Heavens are tests, where flaws within the self and losses, enemies or opponents may be encountered. The Third and Sixth Heavens are more like most modern people's idea of a Heaven of harmony and communion. Fourth Heaven is the test of relationship, the heaven/hell conundrum, where the true self as well as the false self can be encountered in relationship, and balance restored when the false self is released. Finally, Seventh Heaven, the highest Heaven in Cherokee cosmology, is beyond formal conception: the balanced individual.

Asc. in Snake Place (Asc. in Scorpio)

The Guardian of your Ascendant is the Snake in the Kvniakati Tsulawi tradition, and its color is dark red. Snake or Inadv is nonaggressive unless intruded upon but then can be very vengeful. Snake dwells in the Below Realm of Fire in Water. The snakes are promiscuous animals and do not travel much. You have many Snake qualities that come from the Below Realm of Fire in Water, the realm of the gene pool, reproduction and the afterlife of the ancestors. Ruthlessness or vengefulness may sometimes be a problem for you, but you have quiet determination.

Snake is slender and sinuously graceful in a sometimes sinister way, with hypnotic eyes and a darting tongue. There is a strong natural competitiveness that is subtly aggressive in its physical posture. When threatened Snake people hiss and puff up. They have a very languorous posture when relaxed.

Snake is also the Guardian of Reproductive System Plants and the Wedding Basket (uterus or prostate) in Kvniakati herbal medicine. This includes plants like the various types of Ginseng, Spikenard, the various types of Cohoshes, Teasel, Damiana, Peony, Sarsaparilla, Trillium or Birth Root, Wild Yam and Saw Palmetto Berries. These form the thick underbrush where the Snake glides.

With Snake Rising, Otter qualities are submerged in the Lower Realms of the inner self, and Snake may deny its playful, sociable and tolerant side. The Snake approach governs the First Heaven position and tells us about your relationship to all Seven Heavens of human ideation. First Heaven Snake tells us that your aspiration is to demonstrate your subtle, penetrating and persuasive power of the Lower Realm of unconscious fears in the Middle Realm of everyday justice. You fit into this world and the afterworld by going unnoticed, by moving quietly and decisively, and by not hesitating.

Second Heaven is associated with the twelfth house, and for you this is called Second Heaven Bear. This means you can be unable to forgive and forget, and your resentments may betray your movements to your prey or opponents. Your weakness is this lack of accommodation, and unsecretive and forgetful Bear types may be your secret enemies in the Middle World. Second Heaven is very much a potential obstacle in your quest for the Highest or Seventh Heaven.

Third Heaven is associated with the eleventh house, and for you this is called Third Heaven Mouse. This gives a natural ability to camouflage and lay low. Your friends, who sometimes become your prey, have these same qualities.

Fourth Heaven is associated with the seventh house, and for you this is called Fourth Heaven Beaver. If, in life, one makes it through the First Three Heavens, then one can fully encounter someone else in a relationship that, at first, seems like the final goal of the soul's evolution. Opposites both attract and repel, and in the Fourth Heaven you encounter your opposite, the Beaver. When you develop true industry and determination, it probably comes from your learning through relationship. When this level is achieved it feels like the highest heaven, but it is not - it is just the powerful reconciliation of opposites. For Snake to develop the reliable and

happy productivity of Beaver, free of vengefulness or obsession, is the great step toward self integration.

Fifth Heaven is associated with the eighth house, and for you this is called Fifth Heaven Songbirds. This is a level of self growth that can be perilous for it is a place where one can encounter enemies and danger. Here you encounter the energies within yourself that encourage enmity with others, and for you the potential enmity is with the chattering Songbirds that alert other creatures to your plans. Your desire for the eggs of others can create serious resentments.

Sixth Heaven is associated with the ninth house, and for you this is called Sixth Heaven Rabbit. As you near your high goal of finally achieving real power, you gradually develop more and more sensitivity and maneuverability when you learn what it is like to be preyed upon yourself.

Seventh Heaven is associated with the midheaven or tenth house, a place of great soul integration and balance for you. By the time you reach this point of growth, you have dealt with the balance of Snake and Beaver for some time and have also begun to realize the hidden weaknesses of Otter that lie deep within you. Seventh Heaven Alligator represents your achievement of size and strength, beyond the grasp of other predators, which for most Snake Rising people is an elusive goal.

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Moon Conjunct Asc.:

The rising or strongly aspected Moon encourages you to be sensitive, emotional, and prone to periodic fluid accumulation. Strong liquid eyes and dominance of the water element characterize your countenance.

The Moon is seen as male in Tsalaki tradition, associated with Kanati the Hunter who moves by night.

This lunar position is known as Moon in the First Heaven in the Tsalaki tradition. Moon in First Heaven people are very involved in the First Heaven which is intimately close to this, the Middle Realm. First Heaven is the personal space that people make in and around themselves, or their personality and personal environment. It is the realm of immediate cause and effect, so naturally people born with Moon here have a strong and emotional influence on their immediate environment. First Heaven is a strong place from which to influence the world. All information in the report regarding the Moon Hunter is greatly emphasized.

MERCURY - THE YOUNGER RELATIVE

Mercury is known as the Younger Relative and deals with the functions that children perform in traditional society: communication and helpfulness. It also relates to that mental part of us that is inquisitive and that learns, so the position of Younger Relative tells us about how someone learns, remembers and communicates. The Younger Relative, like the Winged Serpent, is never very far away from the Sun.

Mercury in Elk Place (Mercury in Sagittarius)

The Younger Relative was with Elk when you were born, giving Elk qualities of great restlessness which may be premature. Elk is very migratory and has great endurance, dwelling in the Middle Realm of Wood in Fire. The Elk and Horse are polygamous social animals, and migrate very far in large herds. You have many Elk or Horse qualities which encourage consolidation, broad relations, social integration and growth but there may be overtaxing of the mind's capacity along with the restlessness and love of movement. The Younger Relative is over-whelmed by the Elk, and the mind can overestimate its capacity and make a lot of unnecessary noise.

The voice of the Elk gets plenty of attention but it sounds a bit funny because the Elk can whistle like a bird. Although quiet for long periods, Elk often makes a lot more noise than is necessary and is prone to overstatement. Elk makes a few strong characteristic dramatic gestures with shoulders, hands and hips. It is easy for the Elk to put its foot in its mouth.

Mercury Conjunct Venus:

Younger Relative Star and the Winged Serpent were in close interaction when you were born. This brings a certain rich communication style and creativity, which is however often erratic.

THE WINGED SERPENT AS MORNING OR EVENING STAR

Venus is known as Quetzalcoatl, Quetzal or Winged Serpent. It tells us about the creative, passionate, associative, sensual, aesthetic and pattern-seeking part of a person. The Quetzal is a beautiful Central American green bird with very long tail feathers that trail behind it like a serpent as it flies. In the reconciliation of the solunar calendar, Winged Serpent gives us a reference point for a longer cycle. Quetzal, the Winged Serpent, known to tribes all over the continent, is about harmonizing Red Hawk and Dark Serpent energies to seek a higher level which is no longer predatory.

The Winged Serpent, like the Younger Relative, is never very far from the Sun, although he may be found as much as two Medicine Animals (the equivalent of Western Astrology's signs) away on the Medicine Wheel. Winged Serpent appears as either a Morning Star or as an Evening Star, and may appear to be close to the Sun and thus unlikely to be seen, or may appear to be further away, thus appearing high in the eastern dawn or western dusk.

The appearance of Venus as Morning Star at the time of someone's birth is traditionally considered to be indicative of an individual who uses the momentum of the created universe for their own purposes. Such an individual is considered to be a "young soul", still gathering experiences and powers. Morning Star People can have powerful creative abilities, but can sometimes get caught up in selfish activities. They may confuse their own impulses with what is good for the tribe, community, or planet as a whole, and they may also confuse others who mistakenly become their followers. A small number of Morning Star People fall into the path of selfish conjuring, leading ultimately to their downfall. Morning Star People can be very charismatic before they finally burn out.

They can also learn self-restraint and can be very creative people.

Evening Star People, on the other hand, are more "experienced souls" who are on the path of Return to Spirit. This does not make them any better or worse than Morning Star People, but there is a different depth of motive in their actions and attitudes. A small number of Evening Star People are highly experienced older souls who although already returning to Great Spirit, offer their experience unselfishly for the benefit of their people. These older souls are very seldom recognized by the general public, who seem to prefer the more dazzling charisma of Morning Star leadership.

Great importance is placed on Venus, the Winged Serpent, its position in the Heavens and among the Animal Guardians, and most importantly, whether in the Morning Star or Evening Star phase.

Venus as Evening Star - Direct Motion

The Winged Serpent Venus appeared as an Evening Star the day when you were born. Evening Star People are generally considered more "experienced souls" who are on the path of Return to Spirit. This does not make them any better or worse than Morning Star People, but there is a different depth of motive in their actions and attitudes. A small number of Evening Star People are highly experienced older souls who although already returning to Great Spirit, offer their experience unselfishly for the benefit of their people. These older souls are very seldom recognized by the general public, who seem to prefer the more dazzling charisma of Morning Star leadership.

When you were born Venus was moving in direct motion, away from the Sun, but moving ahead of it as well. Most of your social exchanges are in accord with greater purposes which you may not fully recognize. You are able to respond to higher powers than most are able to see or know. This enables you to be able to offer much of your experience for other's benefit even when you do not fully understand what you are sharing. Individuals with this stellar combination would be among those chosen for certain spiritual training to learn the ways of the Adawehi or angelic beings.

Venus in Elk Place (Venus in Sagittarius)

Winged Serpent was with Elk when you were born, and this brings an adventurous social and relationship spirit. Elk is very migratory and has great endurance, dwelling in the Middle Realm of Wood in Fire. The Elk and Horse are polygamous social animals, and migrate very far in large herds.

You have many Elk or Horse qualities which encourage consolidation, broad relations, social integration and growth but there may be overtaking of capacity along with the restlessness and love of movement.

Venus Trine Jupiter:

Winged Serpent (Quetzal) and the Older Relative Star were in close interaction when you were born. This brings an easy and comfortable indulgent attitude that gives a rich and expansive social life, and easy relations with authority figures (Older Relative). It also brings overindulgence and love of comfort, which can lead to weight gain or other excesses.

MARS - THE RED EAGLE

Mars is known as Red Eagle, Red Hawk or Red Condor in various North American tribes, or sometimes as the Fire Star. Red Eagle is the heat of the survival instinct which is often predatory and aggressive. The warrior qualities it brings were often appreciated by the very strongly ritualized Native American warriors.

Mars in Otter Place (Mars in Aquarius)

The Red Hawk Star (also known as the Red Eagle or Condor) was with the Otter or Tsiyu when you were born. Silver-Purple is its color. Otter is nonaggressive, intelligent and very playful, and is very loyal. Dwelling in the Middle Realm of Earth in Air, the Otter is also capable of going into the Below Realm of Water, and is the most active in daytime. Otter is also the Guardian of Sedatives and Antispasmodic Plants in Kvniakati herbal medicine. The Otters are all monogamous animals or nearly so, and they stay local. You have many Otter qualities such as rebelliousness, playfulness, rhythm and spontaneity, and an excitable and introspective nerve system. Overindependent and rebellious energies can put stress on the emotions.

Mars Sextile Saturn:

Red Eagle/Condor and Ordeal Star were in close interaction when you were born, bringing difficulty and conflict in certain areas of your life. Physical injuries, especially to joints and tendons, and also major stress and frustration in the areas of life associated with each of the Medicine Animals of the Red Eagle and the Ordeal Star are likely. The aggressive Red Eagle is constrained by the Ordeal Star which is very stressful.

JUPITER - THE OLDER RELATIVE

Jupiter is known as the Older Relative and is considered as a source of guidance and wisdom, called Poia by the Blackfeet and other Algonquian tribes.

Jupiter in Panther Place (Jupiter in Pisces)

Older Relative was with Panther when you were born. Panther must be subtly aggressive and passionate and is magnetically attractive. Dwelling in the Middle Realm of Water, the Panther can also go into the Below Realm, and moves mostly at night or twilight. Panthers may travel very far although they often stay very local and are always very solitary unless mating. You have many Panther qualities that come from the hidden realms of Water and Night. Your optimistic social and spiritual nature inclines to fluid accumulation and large limpid eyes. Idealistic emotions are somehow combined with a spiritual and sensual allure.

SATURN - THE ORDEAL STAR

Saturn is known as the Ordeal Star or Sickness Star. Ordeals were considered preferable to sickness and could stave off misfortunes by a kind of atonement. Meeting one's ordeals has always been considered an essential part of indigenous people's life, and a great source of learning and strength.

Saturn in Red Hawk Place (Saturn in Aries)

The Ordeal Star was with the Red Hawk when you were born. Your Ordeal, like others born in the same two and one half year period, is with the Red Hawk. Red Hawk is aggressive, passionate and has excellent vision, dwelling in the Above Realm of Fire, and is also the Guardian of Warming Plants and Stimulants in Kvniakati herbal medicine. The hawks are all monogamous animals or nearly so, and travel very far. You have many of Red Hawk's weaknesses, qualities that come from the Above Realm of Fire. Excess haste or ruthlessness may sometimes be a problem for you, and other issues such as inflexibility, fanaticism, melancholia, coldness in the head, and rigidity may be problems for you.

OTHER INFLUENCES

Uranus, Neptune, Pluto and other outer or otherwise invisible planets are not used in our traditional astrology which is observational in its methods. For the same reasons, what is known as the second through sixth houses are not consulted, as they are below the horizon and thus not visible or measurable except by inference. All below-the-horizon bodies, and what are considered second through sixth house functions, are considered to be associated with the hidden self. Many aspects and qualities of below-the-horizon planets are remembered or inferred from what was recently visible.

Native American astrologers used a number of stars and constellations in their interpretations as well. Many tribes considered themselves to be at least partially descended from Pleiadians or Syrians.

You have the following conjunctions to fixed stars in your chart:
Antares Conjunct Mercury

Antares Conjunct a planet

The Red Dog Star -Rival of Mars - alpha Scorpii - A red giant variable star.

The huge burning heart of the Red Dog Star is always opposite Aldebaran, the Coyote Star or Eye of the Bull. You have very fiery and potentially vengeful or violent qualities. Beneath your aggressive demeanor there is a strong sense of military strategy. You may be a military individual.

The Red Dog (Antares) and White Dog are considered in Cherokee traditions to be Guardians of the Milky Way or the Path of Souls, where the dead are put to a test. The Red Dog's shadow is black. He has the power of East and West. The White Dog's (Sirius) shadow is blue. He has the power of South and North. Souls who must cross from life to death walk a narrow pathway across a yawning chasm.

At each end are the Red and White Dog Stars, hungry. One must offer the gift of one's body to the Red Dog for food in order to begin to cross the chasm. Otherwise, one is stuck wandering the winds unseen, on the side of life, but lifeless. Upon crossing the chasm successfully, one must offer one's subtle body to the White Dog for food, if one has one. Most people either do not have a subtle body, or they are not able to prevent the Red Dog from devouring it along with their physical body. Either way, upon encountering the White Dog, one is doomed to fall to destruction in the chasm below unless one has brought the gift of the subtle body. Only then can one pass the White Dog's test and enter into Galun'lati, the highest heaven.

The Red Dog Star was prominent in the heavens when you were born, making the test of the physical body, and the polarities of East and West, birth and death, rising and falling, to be a test and a potential power for you. The Red Dog Star is one of the Chief Stars, the leader and elder of the Snake and Elk Star Clans.