



MARS IN SCORPIO

Offerings from this series deliver a strong and focused yin Martial charge, formulated to be user-friendly and self-contained, as opposed to more explosive and excessively hot. It promotes laser-like focus and inner grit, gains in self-sufficiency, and engagement with The Mission. Supremely centering and stabilizing, increases tactical and logistical intelligence, good for regular application.

Mars can be used to treat issues related to: lack of focus and determination, increased conviction and clarity around issues of achievement and motivation, one's ability to perform, explore excessive or under expressed anger, centeredness during confrontation/ in the trenches of stressful scenarios, self-containment, sexual and physical vitality, working out, blood circulation, metabolism, muscle health, strength, self-sufficiency, productivity, grit, inner steel, safeguarding personal boundaries, "manning up", Answering the Call, executing The Mission.

Side effects: Working with Martial charges may result in headaches, running hot, and reactions of the skin in the form of breakouts or rashes, depending on one's nature and sensitivity. These can be tempered using Venus, Asclepius, or Moon-Neptune. Its fixed nature can get stuck on topics or projects for too long. Best applied before engaging in productive or physical activities.

Oils: Temperance Edition is the preferred go-to for regular application and attunement. Emperor Edition is for use in extreme scenarios and is a much hotter, more lethal form, best applied to external objects rather than the skin directly.

Sexual Enhancement: Use before sexual activity, especially in combination with Venus on the self, linens, or partner. Can be used equally by men, women, and the non-binary to enhance one's desire to "give"/ do the work on an energetic level. Provides mechanistic support to those in possession of a yang organ, whereas Venus helps increase hydration and promote enjoyment/ reception.

Planetary Days + Hours: The day of Mars is Tuesday starting at sunrise. The night of Mars is Friday past sunset. The first hour of those nights or days belongs to Mars, and also the eighth. Use an online calculator or app to locate the exact times for planetary hours based on your locale and time of year.

Remediation: To help improve issues with Mars in the natal chart or during transits, such as during retrogrades or when weakly placed, use Mars offerings in the right day/ night and hour before (or during) prayer or saying the best mantra for you. For more ideas, visit sphereandsundry.com/mars

Prayer: The Orphic Hymn to Aries follows, which essentially asks for Mars' mercy. Good for quelling negative or overactive Mars — not particularly useful as a war cry.

*Magnanimous, unconquer'd, boistrous Mars, in darts rejoicing, and in bloody wars
Fierce and untam'd, whose mighty pow'r can make the strongest walls from their foundations shake:
Mortal destroying king, defil'd with gore, pleas'd with war's dreadful and tumultuous roar:
Thee, human blood, and swords, and spears delight, and the dire ruin of mad savage fight.
Stay, furious contests, and avenging strife, whose works with woe, embitter human life;
To lovely Venus, and to Bacchus yield, to Ceres give the weapons of the field;
Encourage peace, to gentle works inclin'd, and give abundance, with benignant mind.*