

Changing lunar symbol orientation in calendar miniatures of the *Très riches heures du Duc de Berry*

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- Unknown...

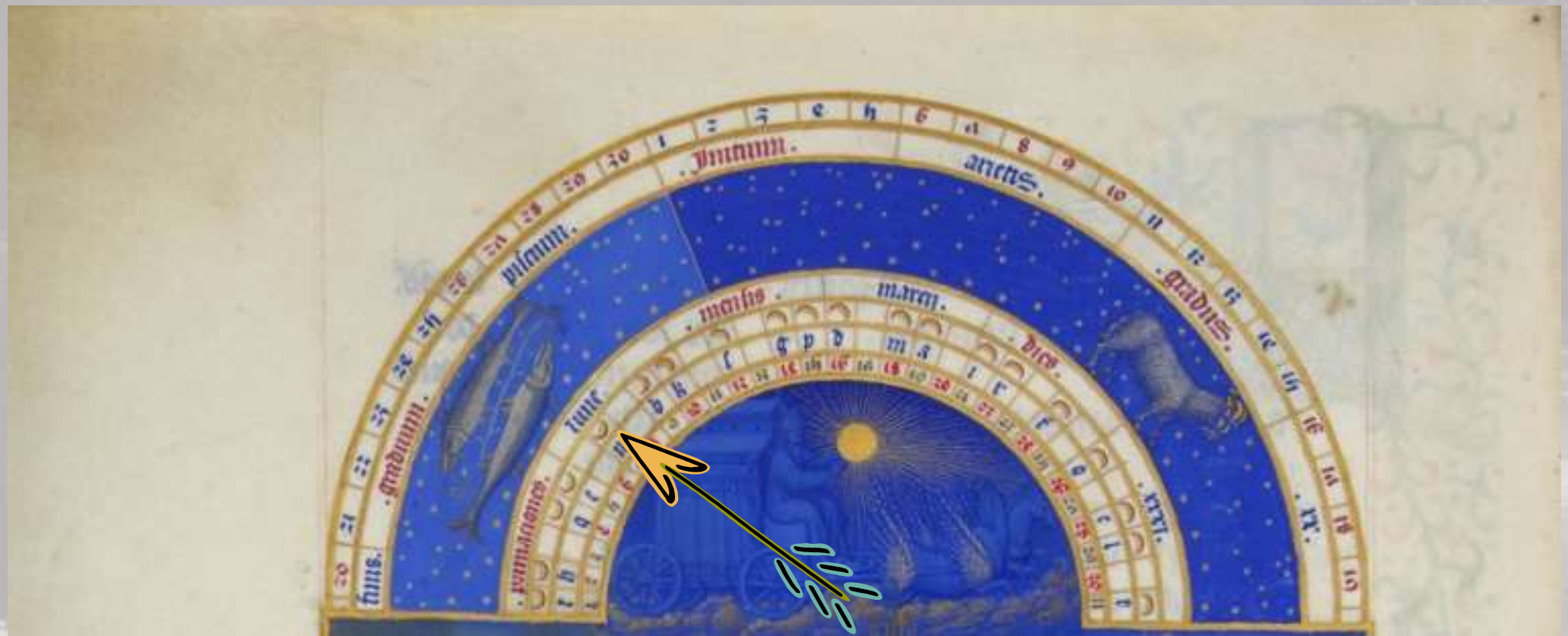
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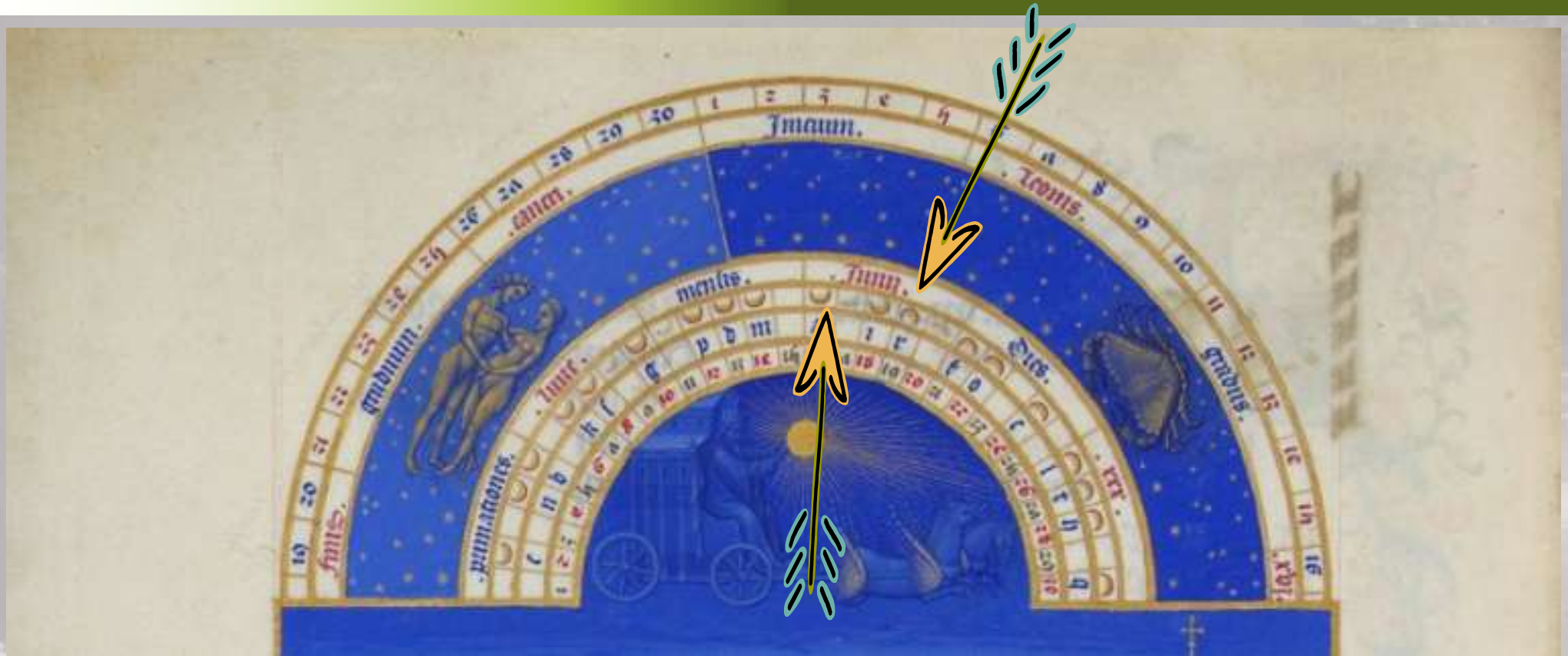
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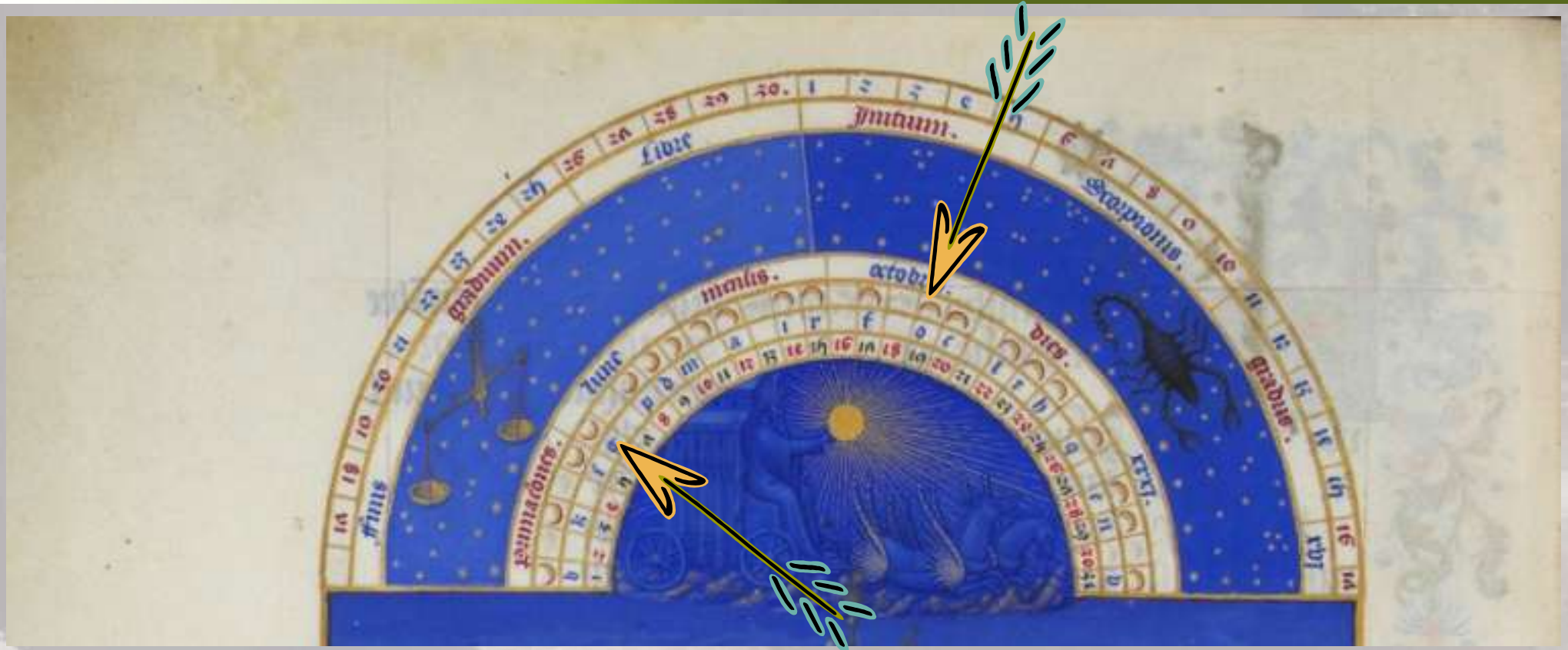
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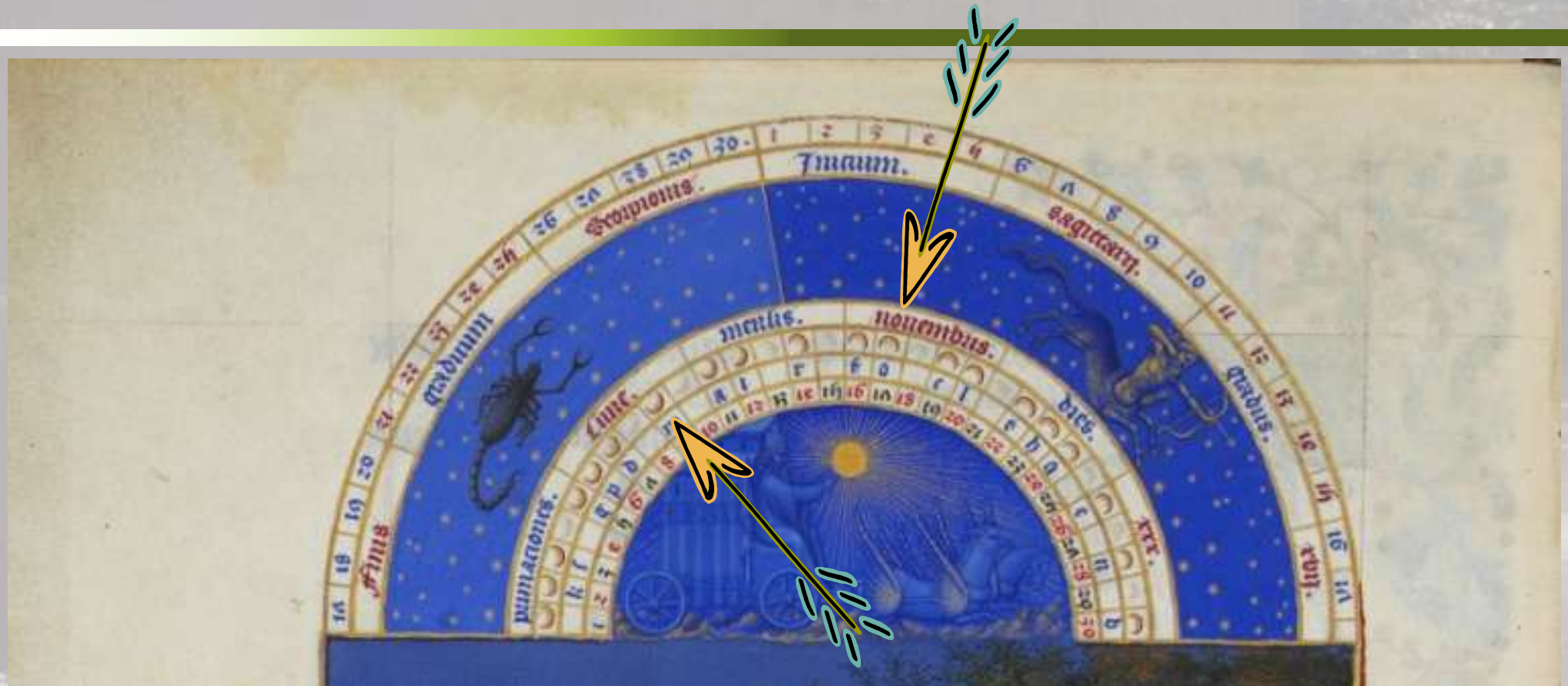
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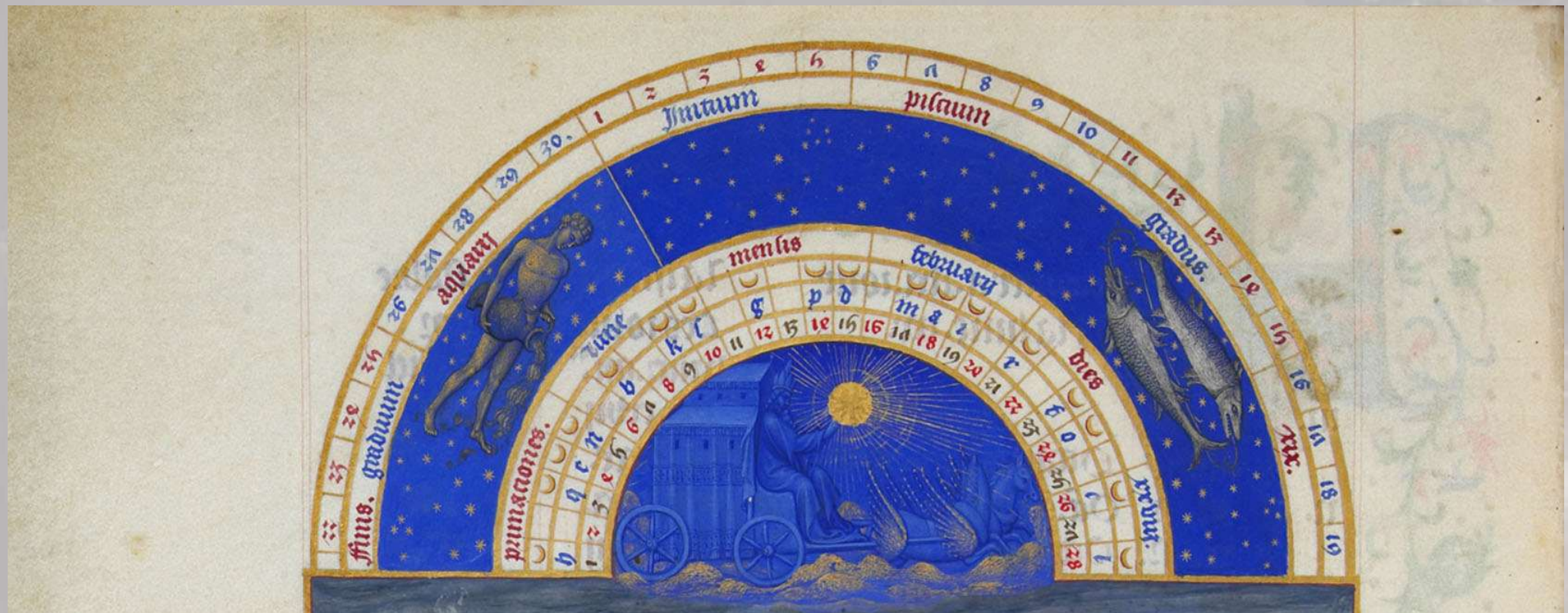


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February: Très riches heures du Duc de Berry

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Nothing changes

(although it sometimes changes on day 1 of the month)

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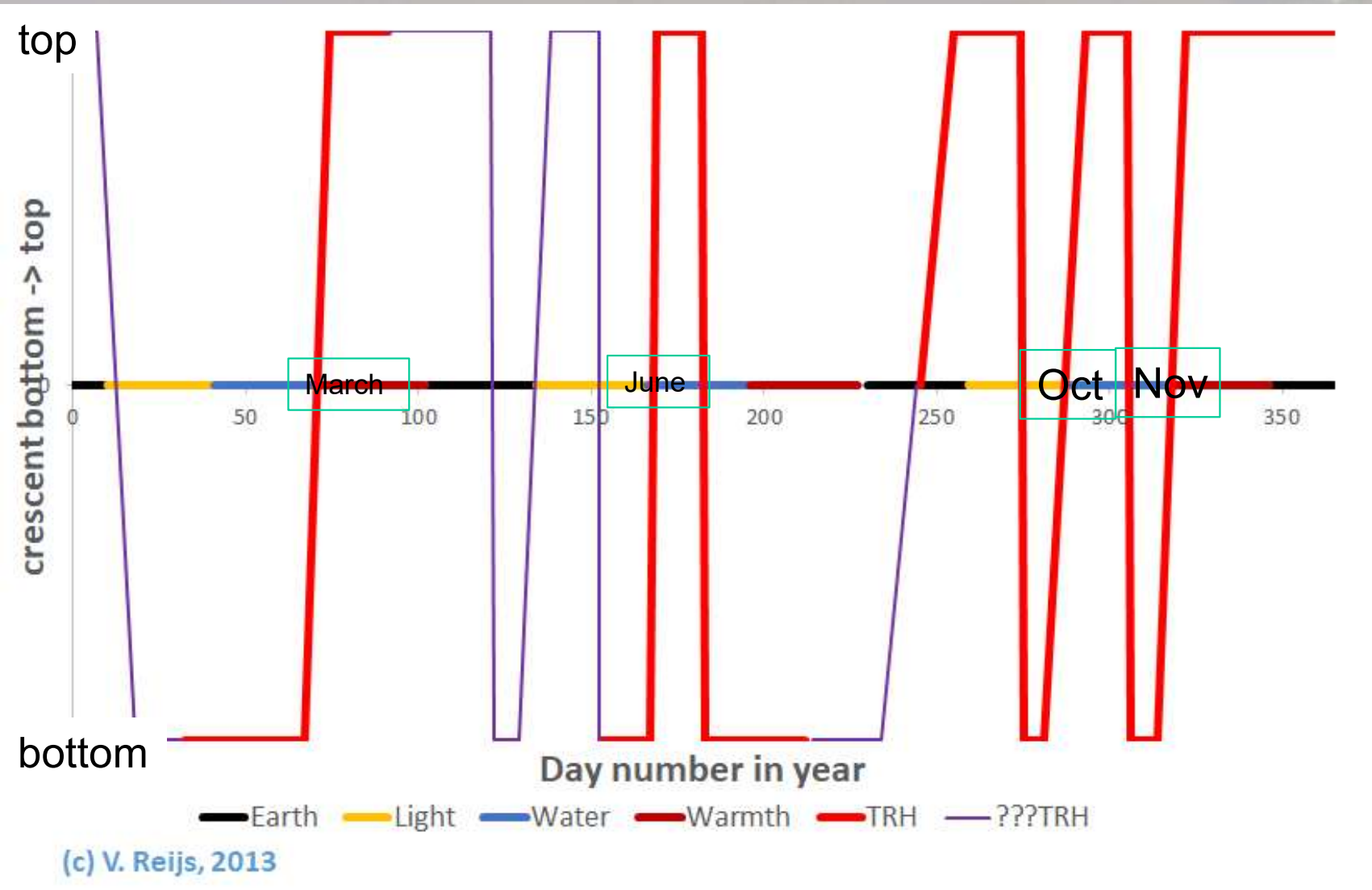
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Unknown

Lunar crescent orientation



Possible correlation lunar symbol orientation and Sun's position in zodiac (~1400 CE)?

Sun changes from	to	Something happening with/due Moon?
Capricorn	Aquarius	unknown
Aquarius	Pisces	nothing
Pisces	Aries	yes
Aries	Taurus	unknown
Taurus	Gemini	unknown
Gemini	Cancer	delayed yes
Cancer	Leo	nothing
Leo	Virgin	unknown
Virgin	Libra	nothing
Libra	Scorpio	yes
Scorpio	Sagittarius	yes
Sagittarius	Capricorn	nothing

Water, Warmth, Earth, Light/Air



Questions

- Are the lunar symbol orientations just inaccuracies of the Gebroeders van Limburg (in English: the Limbourg brothers)?
- Is it just coincidence?
- Is there any intended link between the orientation of the lunar (crescent?) symbol and the zodiac?
- Is it a lunar or solar link? I think solar.
- Would there be an agricultural/biodynamical link?
- The change of lunar symbol happens close to a zodiacal change or the end of a month.
- A Sun transition that has a zodiac sign with the Aristotelian elements cold and moist (primary body: Water), can have a lunar symbol orientation change. Such a cold and moist element can be handy in a calendar...

Maria Thun and George Noonan might refer to this

- Any other ideas/references on this? Please post a Comment.

