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Symbols used to designate male and female. These symbols are found in the writings of astrologers and astronomers in the Middle Ages as shorthand for the planets Mars and Venus. Their origin has not been definitively established, and discussion of their history is laced with speculation and fantasy. [Drawing by Stephen Shepherd, Gaithersburg, Maryland]