

# SCHOLARS AND SORCERESSES

## ANCIENT WOMEN ASTRONOMERS

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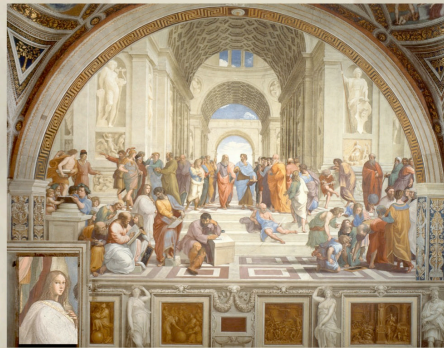
...BUT HE WHO IS TRULY AN ASTRONOMER MUST BE THE WISEST...  
PLATO



"Ornament of the Sky"  
ca.2285-2250 BC  
Akkadian High Priestess  
of the moon-god Nana.  
The only surviving  
representation of  
an ancient  
female astronomer.



Attic red figure calyx krater (ca.450 BC)  
Helios drives the chariot of the sun into  
the sky at dawn. Beneath, the Astra Planeta  
dive into the sea.



The School of Athens Raphael 1509-1510  
Hypatia of Alexandria Philosopher, Astronomer,  
Ca. 380-415 AD Mathematician, murder victim



The Antikythera mechanism  
Ca. 150 BC



The astrolabe is a very ancient astronomical  
computer for solving problems relating to time  
and the position of the Sun and stars in the sky



Ourania

Nut  
Egyptian Sky Goddess



Aglaonike of Thessaly  
2<sup>nd</sup> cent. BC  
Predicted lunar eclipses.  
Regarded as a sorceress.



Silver denarius of Hadrian, 117-138 AD  
Mint date 119-122AD  
Aeternitas holding the head of Sol in one hand and  
that of Luna in the other