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When, I wondered did we humans begin to think we were not animals; that we were something more than, or Other? Certainly as early as Aristotle, who in De Anima, says we share breath and movement with animals, but nothing else. So why do we think someone is 'strong as an ox'? Bull headed? Lion hearted? And why do we think in similes - "he ran like a deer" instead of in metaphors: "He ran, a deer?"

As an astrologer, my own symbolic thinking involves simile and metaphor. The 2017 Solar Eclipse initiated a series of dreams in which I was introduced to my animal nature -'eclipsed' by lions, bulls, and snakes. The self-portraits in this show, have been one result - the self, transmogrified into creatures.

