

## The Decanates of Astrology – with Christopher Gibson#

### Thursdays

**6:30 - 8:30 p.m. MDT**

**February 2 – Aries**

Triangulum, Eridanus, and Perseus

**Online Archive—Taurus**

Lepus, Orion, and Auriga

**Online Archive —Gemini**

Ursa Minor, Canis Major, and Ursa Major

**Online Archive —Cancer**

Canis Minor, Hyra and Argo

**February 9 —Leo**

Crater, Centaurus, and Corvus

**February 16– Virgo**

Bootes, Hercules, and Corona Borealis

**February 23 - Libra**

Serpens Draco, and Lupus

**March 1—Scorpio**

Ophiuchus, Ara, and Corona Australis

**March 8 —Sagittarius**

Lyra, Aquila, and Sagitta

**March 15—Capricorn**

Cygnus, Delphinus, and Pisces Australis

**March 22–Aquarius**

Equuleus, Pegasus and Cetus

**March 29 - Pisces**

Cepheus, Andromeda, and Cassiopeia

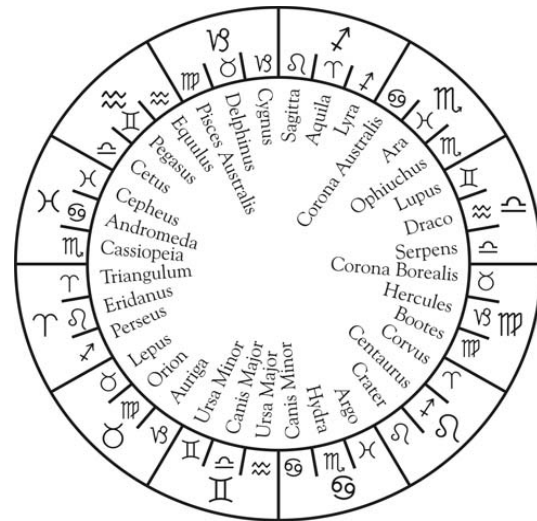
Early Classical astrologers such as Aratos, Ptolemy, and Marcus Manilius recognized 48 constellations; the 12 signs of the zodiac and the 36 extra-zodiacal constellations known as decans.

The word decan comes from the Greek meaning “ten” and each decanate corresponds to a ten-degree section of the zodiac. The decanates first evolved in Egyptian astrology before being absorbed by the Greco-Roman world.

In this 12-week class, instructor Christopher Gibson will take you on a journey through the folklore and mythologies of the classic world. Through the symbolism of archetypes and astro-mythology we will discover keys

to understanding character, personality, and the unique spiritual message that is encoded in every birth chart.

This class draws heavily upon the writings of C. C. Zain as well as contemporary astrological research conducted by Dennis Sutton in Australia.



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### ARIES—1st Decanate (0 - 9°). Solar Dates: March 21 to March 31

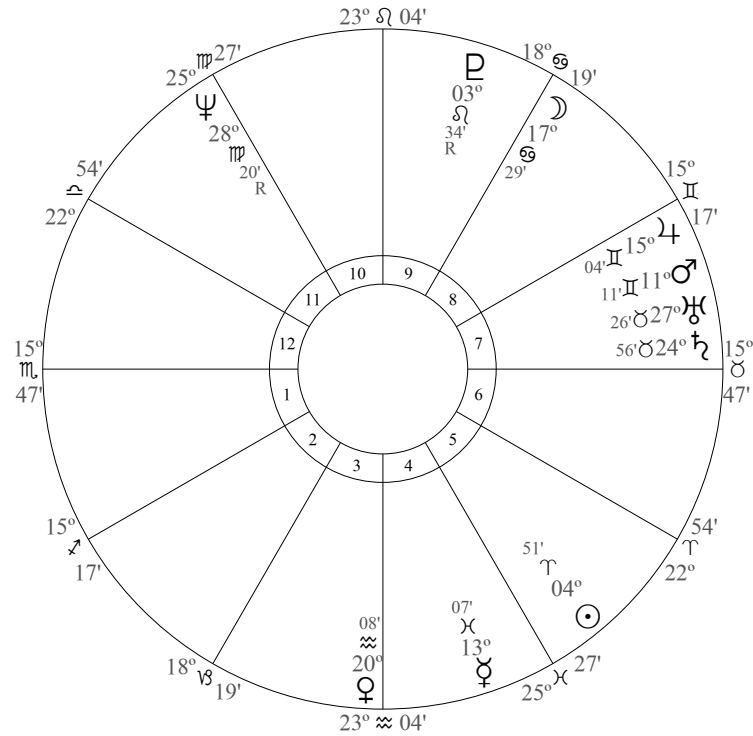


Symbols: ♄ – ♄ (♈)  
 Constellation: Triangulum  
 Description: A triangle with point upward  
 Keyword: Activity  
 Spiritual Text: All Life, Thought and Action  
 Are the Product of the Union of Positive and  
 Negative Potencies.

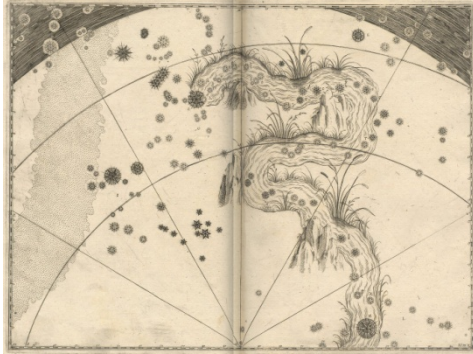
To picture the possibilities of the first decanates of the zodiac the masters of old traced in the sky a starry triangle. This constellation—TRIANGULUM—symbolizes the divine fire that those born under the first decanate of Aries have the capacity to inhale. When living in their highest they are true leaders in thought; for the triangle, ever used as a symbol of flame, is also used as a symbol of mind. And again, by its three sides united into one figure, it represents the union of body, mind, and spirit—thus teaching the importance of co-operation. The pioneer spirit of Aries is expressed in this decanate in all its fiery fullness. Zeal and enthusiasm mark the progress of its children. The Aries-decanate of Aries, sub-ruled by the aggressive lord of war, ever seeks new worlds to conquer. And when the thoughts are permitted to soar untrammelled upward, even as the triangle points to heaven, those born under this influence become the harbingers of better things. But when the lower marital power

gains sway they become the avenging agents of death and destruction.

- ✘ Aretha Louise Franklin
- ✘ 25 March 1942 10:30 PM
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- ✘ 35n08, 90w03



**ARIES—2nd Decanate (10 - 19°).  
Solar Dates: April 1 to April 11**

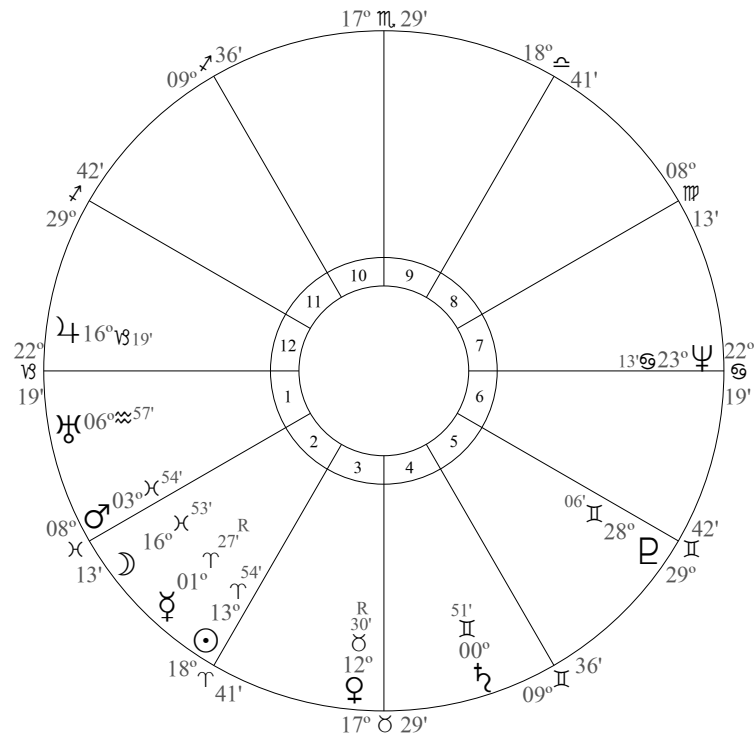


Symbols: ♈ – ♋ (☉)  
 Constellation: Eridanus  
 Description: A river whose waters confer youth and immortality  
 Keyword: Exaltation  
 Spiritual Text: “The Fountain of Immortal Life Springs From Man’s Emotional Nature; the Vibrations of Exalted Love Having a Rate Sufficiently Frequent to Affect Spiritual Substance and Build a Spiritual Body.”

The second decanate of Aries is pictured in the sky by ERIDANUS—the River of Life—flowing from the never-failing fountain of perpetual youth. Here we find the severity of Mars tempered by the magnanimity of the Sun, which has sub-rulership over this decanate. It is the Leo section of Aries. And as Leo is natural ruler of the house of love, so the water, symbol of the emotions, bespeaks the affectional influence. Only through the affections, only in the sacred precincts of love, does man quaff the coveted elixir that imparts eternal life. So those born under this section of the sky may well seek this most hallowed source of power. They become rulers of men through their inherent power to sway the minds of others. They are born to lead rather than to serve, for this sub-influence of Leo lends a persistent ambition for power. The heart is somewhat joined to the head, and

the more this union is cultivated the better; for the greatest lever for attainment obtainable by the natives of this decanate is a noble affection.

- ✘ Doris Chase Doane
- ✘ 4 April 1913
- ✘ 01:57 AM
- ✘ Mansfield MA, 42n02, 71w13



**ARIES—3rd Decanate (20 - 29°).  
Solar Dates: April 11 to April 21**



Symbols: ♄ – ♄ (♄)

Constellation: Perseus

Description: A warrior in the cause of right, with wings on his feet, and bearing a sword, helmet and Medusa’s head.

Keyword: Propaganda

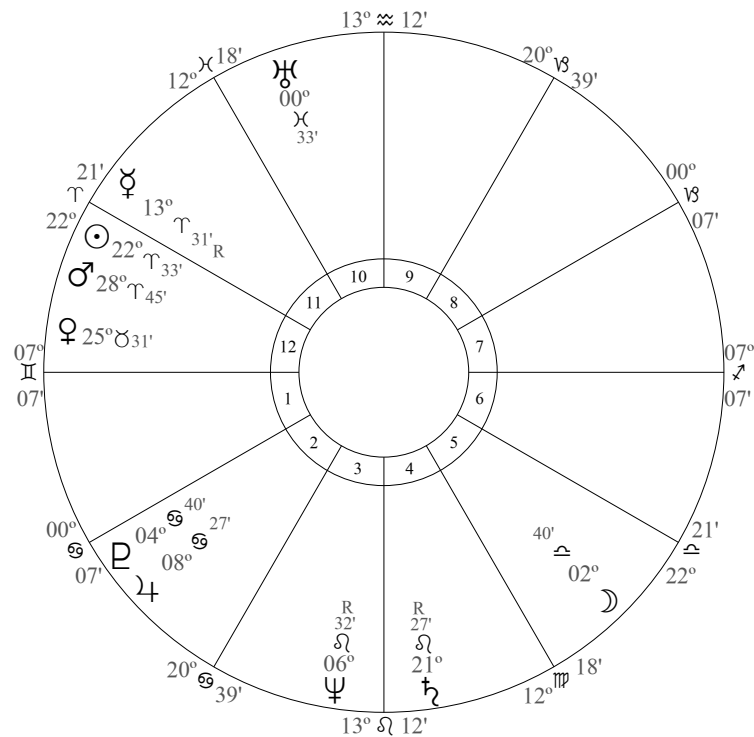
Spiritual Text: “There is No Vicarious Atonement. Each Soul is a Responsible Being, Working Out its Own Deliverance from the Thralldom Inherited from Ancestry and Forced Upon It by Environment.”

PERSEUS, with the wings of thought on his feet, the helmet of courage on his head, armed with the sword of righteousness, protected by the shield of beneficence, and holding the blood-dripping head of Medusa in one hand, pictures the third decanate of Aries. The sub-rulership of Jupiter diverts the aggressive energies somewhat into religious and philosophical channels.

Consequently, this Sagittarius division of Aries has vast spiritual possibilities when its natives espouse some progressive line of thought, or use their restless never-failing energy in protection of the weak. Perseus gained renown through his daring exploits in relieving oppression. And even as he severed the head of the Gorgon Medusa, which turned to stone all who gazed upon it, so the people of this decanate have the power to destroy the crystallizing influence

of licentiousness, and like the David-version of the same tradition, cut off the head of the Goliath of selfish greed. They may become the valiant heroes who wage a successful fight against the sordid conditions that oppress civilized life. In the philosophical field of endeavor they find a useful work in releasing Andromeda, the human soul, which all too often is found chained to the rock of materialism to be devoured by lust and envy.

- ✘ Madalyn Murray O’Hair
- ✘ 13 April 1919
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