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## The Decanates of Astrology – Class #3 Gemini#

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- “For Mythology is the handmaid of literature; and literature is one of the best allies of virtue and promoters of happiness.”
  - Thomas Bullfinch (1796-1867)
- Myths tell stories about what it means to be human and how to survive as a human
- Mythic archetypes express as symbols and symbol systems
- The study of a set of stories, beliefs, or traditions associated with a specific group or groups of people
- Myths generally take place in a primordial world or ‘Golden Age’ prior to the contemporary world takes form
- Frequently myth is a sacred narrative that explains how the present world came into being
- The mythic world is populated by gods and goddesses, supernatural beings, heroes and humans
- Myths explain how certain traditions, customs and taboos originated
- The Greek Mythographer Euhemerus, who lived in the late 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C., was the first person to suggest that myths might be an actual recounting of historic events, embellished upon by repeated retelling
- Euhemerus forged a new method of interpretation of contemporary religious beliefs

### Joseph Campbell

- “A one sentence definition of mythology? Mythology” is what we call someone else's religion”
  - Joseph Campbell (1904 – 1987)

### Archetypes

- An Archetype is a commonly inherited primordial symbol universally recognized by all
- In psychology, an archetype is a model of a person, personality, or behavior
- Dynamic, creative forces underlying all existence
- Present in folklore and mythology, archetypes are recognizable and typical patterns of behavior with certain probable outcomes
- Symbolic stories in myths and legends explore abstract concepts such as heroism, justice, love, mercy, truth, and wisdom
- Archetypes are primordial symbols in consciousness often portrayed as men or women
- Some examples of Archetypes are:
- Mother, seductress, imprisoned princess, witch, mediator, benevolent ruler, gallant hero, warrior, just law-giver, martyred hero, dragon, trickster, shadow, shape-shifter, deceiver, lord of mis-rule

### The Decanates of Gemini – the Twins

- Gemini belongs to the Element Air
- It is of Fixed Quality
- The Keywords are “I Think”
- Ursa Minor  $\Upsilon$  –  $\Upsilon$  (♃)
- Canis Major  $\Upsilon$  –  $\Upsilon$  (♁)
- Ursa Major  $\Upsilon$  –  $\Upsilon$  (♃-♁)

### **GEMINI—1st Decanate (0 - 9°).**

#### **Solar Dates: May 21 to May 31**

- Symbols:  $\Upsilon$  –  $\Upsilon$  (♃)
- Constellation: Ursa Minor
- Description: A small bear which travels backwards, and whose long un-bearlike tail touches the pole star

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- Keyword: Intuition
- Spiritual Text: “Only Through the Intuition Does Man Contact the Real Underlying Truth of Things.”
- Ursa Minor is an easily-recognizable constellation more commonly called ‘The Little Dipper’
- Alpha Ursae Minoris is more commonly called Polaris
- Polaris appears to be the one immovable point in the heavens, all other stars revolve around the celestial axis
- A second magnitude star, Polaris is not particularly bright and falls approximately 1° away from exact celestial north pole
- In Arabia, Polaris is known as ‘the hole in which the axle of the earth is born
- In India, Polaris is known as ‘Mt. Meru – the seat of the gods’
- In Scandinavia it is ‘the Throne of Thor
- The Greeks called this star ‘Phonice’ as the Phoenician navigators used this star
- Ursa Minor, the little bear has the Pole Star in the tip of its tail
- The tail of this bear is curiously unlike anything one might actually see on a bear
- Aratus called this constellation Cynosura or ‘dog’s tail’ as the tail appears canine
- Legend holds that while the infant Zeus was hiding in the cave of Dicte on Crete he was nursed by two nymphs in the form of bears; Ida and Adrasteia
- Ursa Minor is Ida
- “By means of a bear— URSA MINOR—whose restless activity and power suggest that of the mind,

the ancients depicted the Mercury-decanate of Gemini. And because the unconscious mind is not so obvious as the objective mind, this bear is small. So too, travels about the sky backward. Thus must one direct his attention contrary to the trend of objective life to hear “the voice of the silence.” Perhaps unconsciously, yet none the less effectively, those born in the Gemini third of Gemini tend to rely upon intuition. Their natural field of endeavor is the mental plane. They see, not merely the details of a problem, but view it completely, perceiving the proper relation of each part to the whole. And if they are not carried away by the restless desire to undertake too many things, they may become intellectual giants. For they assimilate all they contact and their deductions rise spontaneously from the soul.”

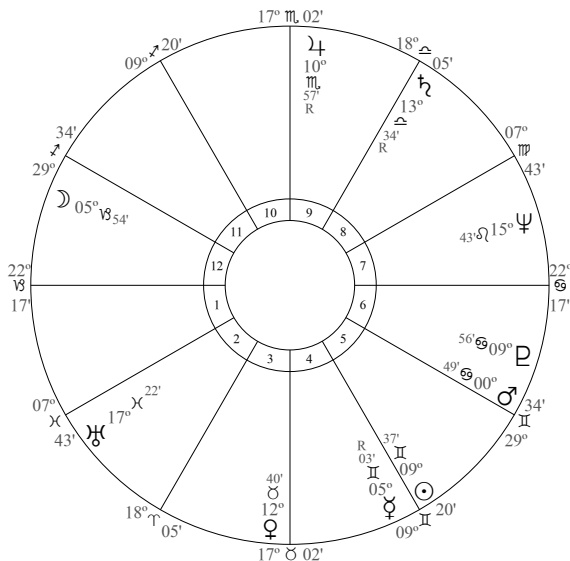
- *Delineating the Horoscope*– C. C. Zain
- “Not that the unconscious mind is able to apprehend all there is to know; but, because it draws information from the reports of both the physical senses and the four-dimensional senses, having access to both realms, its possibilities of acquiring information are vast. In the astral realm the process of tuning in on the knowledge desired makes the more laborious methods of earth quite unnecessary.
- When the unconscious mind realizes what is expected of it, it will endeavor to meet the expectations, traveling in sleep, using the faculties of clairvoyance and clairaudience, and the tuning in process to acquire information.

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- Yet after it has collected facts from both the outer and the inner plane, and from them has formed correct conclusions, there is still the more difficult problem of getting recognition from the objective consciousness. Only through training can its voice be heard. Yet the text is clear: *Only Through the Intuition Does Man Contact the Real Underlying Truth of Things.*
- *Spiritual Astrology* – C. C. Zain

### Ellsworth Kelly

- Ellsworth Kelly
- 31 May, 1933
- 11:20 p.m.
- Newburg, NY
- 41n30, 74w01



### Canis Major ♃ – ♀ (♀) GEMINI—2nd Decanate (10 - 19°). Solar Dates: June 1 to June 12

- Symbols: ♃ – ♀ (♀)
- Constellation: Canis Major

- Description: A large dog which sits up and watches closely for orders from his master, the hunter
- Keyword: Fidelity
- Spiritual Text: “This Above All; To Thine Own Self Be True; And It Must Follow As the Night the Day, Thou Canst Not Then Be False to Any Man.”

### Canis Major ♃ – ♀ (♀)

- Canis Major or ‘Big Dog’ contains the brightest star in the heavens, Sirius, the ‘Dog Star’
- It is located at the foot of Orion between Lepus and Argo Navis
- Sirius is one of our closest neighbors, only 8.7 light years away
- It has a companion dwarf star that orbits it about every 50 years
- The name comes from the Greek meaning searing or scorching, thus we get the expression ‘the dog days of summer’
- The heliacal rising of Sirius, that is the first day it can be seen before the rising of the Sun, timed the flooding of the Nile
- Around 3285 B.C. the heliacal rising of Sirius coincided with the Summer Solstice and the Egyptian New Year
- The ‘Fidelity’ decanate of Gemini, Canis Major is pictured at the feet of Orion and is described as a friendly dog, the welfare of his master in his heart
- He appears to be in pursuit of Lepus the hare
- Early astronomical authors identify this constellation with Laelaps a dog so fast that no prey could escape it
- Until it met the Theban Fox who was ravishing the countryside
- The Theban Fox was so fast that nothing could catch it

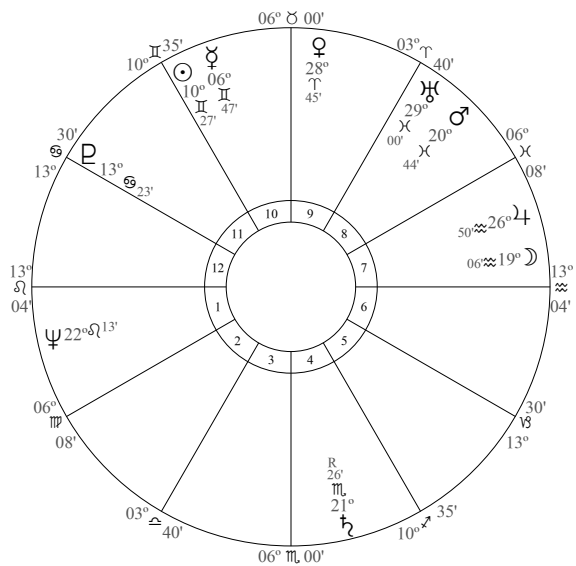
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- You can imagine the paradox – a dog so fast, nothing can escape it, and a fox so fast, nothing can catch it
- Zeus finally put them out of their misery by turning them to stone and placing Laelaps in the heavens, minus the pesky fox
- “The second decanate of Gemini is pictured in the sky by a large dog—CANIS MAJOR. This noble looking beast is the emblem of faithfulness, and through its adoration for its master also represents the worshiping and serving of Deity—for to the dog his master is God. Therefore, we find those born under the second decanate of Gemini often possess a singular and admirable faithfulness, either to their human companions or to some high ideal. They have much veneration and seek to obey the voice of their conscience implicitly.
- *Delineating the Horoscope*– C. C. Zain
- This Venus decanate also relates to twin-souls. So there is greater likelihood of those born here finding a congenial mate than is the case with most. And to make the best of life they must espouse some principle or progressive cause, and work to get it generally acknowledged and accepted.”
- *Delineating the Horoscope*– C. C. Zain
- “The good of any man resides in his character, and his character is sound only so long as it has due regard and sympathy for the interests of others. The text therefore may be expressed in the words of the bard of Avon: *“This Above All; To Thine Own Self Be True; And It Must Follow As the Night the Day, Thou Canst Not Then Be False to Any Man.”*

- *Spiritual Astrology*– C. C. Zain

### Marilyn Monroe

- 1 June 1926
- 9:30 a.m.
- Los Angeles, CA
- 34n04, 118w15
- "I believe that everything happens for a reason. People change so that you can learn to let go, things go wrong so that you appreciate them when they're right, you believe lies so you eventually learn to trust no one but yourself, and sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together."
- Marilyn Monroe



### GEMINI—3rd Decanate (20 - 29°). Solar Dates: June 12 to June 22

- Symbols: ♊ - ♁ (♁)
- Constellation: Ursa Major
- Description: A huge bear that travels about the pole, but does not touch the pole star
- Keyword: Reason
- Spiritual Text: “Reason Points the Way to Truth, and Offers a Valuable

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Means by Which the Accuracy of the Reports of the Psychic Senses Can be Tested.”

- Ursa Major, the ‘Big Bear’ is alternately known as the Big Dipper, plow, and wagon
- The seven stars that form the tail and back of Ursa Major are among the most commonly recognized stars
- These stars assist in finding the not very bright Pole Star
- If one draws an imaginary line between the stars Merak and Dubhe which form the end of the dipper, they point to Polaris, the star in the tail of Ursa Minor
- The Phoenicians, a sea-faring people, like the Greeks, used the bears for navigation
- Aratos, in his *Phaenomena* states; “The Greeks place faith in Helice (Ursa Major) in respect of their naval affairs and the direction of their shipping. The Phoenicians have confidence in Cynosure (Ursa Minor) during their voyages.”
- Arctos, from which we get the word Arctic is Greek for bear
- Just as the two bears circle the Pole Star, it was believed that bears came from the north
- “A huge bear—URSA MAJOR—traveling about the pole-star in a forward direction depicts among the constellations the Aquarius-decanate of Gemini. The bear, whose restless activity and omnivorous nature is typical of mentality, in this case moves as does the objective mind, in the direction of events. And it is huge in size to indicate the immense power that may be exercised by thought. This is the scientific decanate of the sign of thought. Those born under it are capable of accomplishing great things through

the exercise of their minds. They tend chiefly to rely upon reason, therefore, should not only train their minds, which is readily accomplished, but should also cultivate idealism and religion. Otherwise their efforts crystallize and become self-centered.”

- *Delineating the Horoscope*– C. C. Zain
- “Yet Reason does not perceive all. When we approach an object from one side we may see all that can be seen from that direction, but not all that may be seen from the other side. Reason and Intuition thus approach knowledge from different directions. While Intuition touches Truth, it does not get the view that Reason does, even though Reason only points in its direction.
- Both the inside and the outside of things need to be known to possess complete knowledge. As for the Great Bear it indicates the text: *Reason Points the Way to Truth, and Offers a Valuable Means by Which the Accuracy of the Reports of the Psychic Senses Can be Tested.*”
- *Spiritual Astrology*– C. C. Zain

### Jean-Paul Sartre

- 21 June 1905
- 6:45 PM
- Paris, France
- 48n52, 2e20
- “If you are lonely when you're alone, you are in bad company.”
- Jean-Paul Sartre

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