
The Decanates of Astrology – with Christopher Gibson

- “At the moment I am looking into astrology, which seems indispensable for a proper understanding of mythology. There are strange and wondrous things in these lands of darkness. Please, don't worry about my wanderings in these infinitudes. I shall return laden with rich booty for our knowledge of the human psyche.”
- ~Carl Gustav Jung (1875 – 1961)

The Decanates of Leo – the Lion

- Leo belongs to the Element Fire
- It is of Fixed Quality
- The Keywords are “I Will”
- Crater \varnothing - \varnothing (\odot)
- Centaurus \varnothing - \nearrow (\dagger)
- Corvus \varnothing - Υ (σ)

Crater \varnothing - \varnothing (\odot)



- LEO—1st Decanate (0 - 9°).
- Solar Dates: July 23 to August 3
- Symbols: \varnothing - \varnothing (\odot)
- Constellation: Crater
- Description: a fiery furnace inverted so that the fire it contains pours out upon the earth
- Keyword: Rulership
- Spiritual Text: “To Learn to Like Anything, Associate With It as Many

Pleasurable Thoughts and Sensations As Possible.”

- Crater the drinking vessel, and Corvus the Crow can be found on the back of Hydra the water serpent.
- Together they form a story from mythology which we discussed in our previous class on the decanates of Cancer.
- A Krater was a large urn used by the ancient Greeks for mixing water and wine.
- The constellation Crater is considered to be the wine cup of Apollo which he gave to his bird Corvus the crow to collect fresh water from a spring for ritual ablutions
- Corvus approached the spring with the cup of Apollo, however he spied nearby a fig tree whose fruit was not quite ripe
- Corvus waited a number of days for the fruit to become perfectly ripe; he then ate his fill before filling the cup with spring water and returning to Apollo.
- Recognizing his misdeed, Corvus snatched the serpent Hydra from the spring and brought it back with the cup to Apollo, claiming that it was the serpent daily quenching the water from the spring that caused him to be so tardy with his return
- Knowing the truth Apollo punished Corvus with thirst by placing him on the back of Hydra, close by, but unable to reach Crater to quench his thirst
- Among the original 48 constellations listed by Ptolemy, Crater is a faint constellation with no star brighter than 3rd magnitude

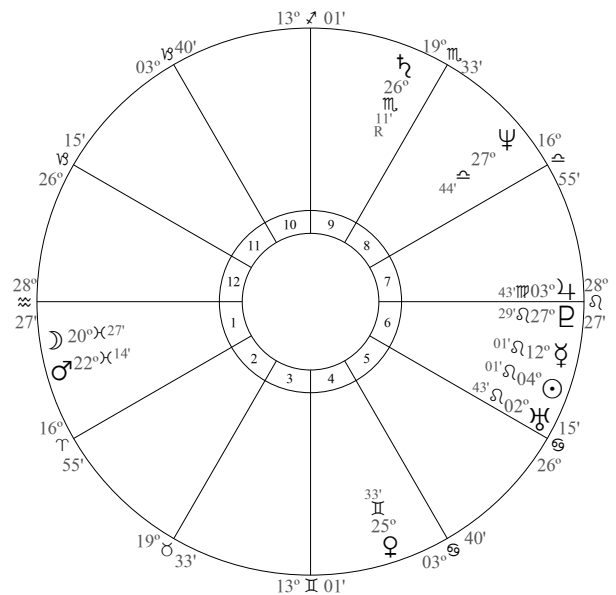
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- Zain describes Crater as “a furnace, or cup of fire” however, very few star charts picture the fire
- “The first decanate of Leo is pictured among the constellations by CRATER—a furnace, or cup of fire. In this manner did the ancient masters of starry lore portray the fiery love nature of those born under this section of the sky. Their most notable trait is the desire and ability to rule others. And unless this tendency is restrained there is an inclination to dominate. Yet always there is a powerful love nature. And as love is at the foundation of all achievement, if this love energy can be directed into proper channels, it leads on to success. But due to its strength there is danger of turning to one extreme or the other—either permitting pleasure to dominate the life, or in rebellion at the tendency toward excess to become the avowed ascetic. As neither extreme permits of proper expression of the fine qualities of this decanate the watchword should be moderation.”

Delineating the Horoscope— C. C. Zain

associated with it that people commonly learn to take pleasure in hard work.

- People born while the Sun is in this first decanate of Leo commonly have a desire for, and some ability in Rulership. The text derived from Crater is: To Learn to Like Anything, Associate With It as Many Pleasurable Thoughts and Sensations As Possible.”
- Spiritual Astrology – C. C. Zain



- “Through following the methods indicated by an understanding of this principle it is possible to cultivate a distinct liking for almost anything. There are always many phases of a thing, which if sought for, can make it appear in a pleasurable light. Even the thought of the advantage of having a will power strong enough to continue what otherwise is a distinctly unpleasant activity, may, and often does, so strongly associate the activity with thoughts of satisfaction that the activity in time becomes a pleasure. In fact, it is only through the advantages that are

- Dorothy Hamill
 - 26 July 1956
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 - Chicago IL,
 - 41n51, 87w39

- “I don't really think they saw anything in me, except the fact that I was interested in it. Some of the kids would miss a week here and miss a week there, I think they could see that I really enjoyed it.”
- Dorothy Hamill

Centaurus ♏ - ♐ (24)



- LEO—2nd Decanate (10 - 19°).
- Solar Dates: August 3 to August 13
- Symbols: ♏ - ♐ (24)
- Constellation: Centaurus
- Description: A creature with the body of a horse and the upper parts of a man, armed with a spear, upon the point of which is impaled a wolf
- Keyword: Reformation
- Spiritual Text: “It Is More Blessed To Give Than to Receive, and to Receive In Full Measure We Must First Give of That Which We Already Have.”
- Centaurus is one of the largest and brightest constellations in the southern sky
- The brightest star Alpha Centauri, also known as Rigel, is a binary star system whose combined magnitude rate it as the third brightest star in the sky
- Along with Sagittarius, the constellation Centaurus is one of two centaurs pictured in the heavens.
- These mythic creatures comprised of the body of a horse, and the torso of a man, were central to the folklore of the Ancient Greeks.
- As liminal beings, caught between two natures, Centaurs had a reputation much like English soccer fans, for being ribald and boisterous. When they showed up on the mythological scene it was pretty much guaranteed that “all hell would break lose.”
- Among these debauched “party-animals” there was one exceptional soul by the name of Chiron.
- Intelligent and civilized he had amassed the most profound knowledge of astrology, healing, and medicine.
- He was renowned for such famous protégés as Jason, Asclepius, Achilles, Theseus, and Heracles.
- Unlike the other uncultured delinquents who were his brethren, Chiron was a noble soul, and his story is one of making the ultimate sacrifice.
- As the legend goes, Prometheus who for the benefit of mankind had stolen fire from the gods had been punished by Zeus. His eternal penalty for his humanitarian efforts was to be chained to a rock in the Caucasus and have his liver eaten daily by an eagle.
- The centaur Chiron lay dying, after having been shot in the thigh by an arrow dipped in the blood of Hydra.
- Ironically, the master of the healing arts could not heal himself. Willingly he gave of himself, and gave his greatest gift - immortality to Prometheus the saver of mankind.
- “In the second, or Jupiter, decanate of Leo the inherent quality of dominant control characteristic of Leo is modified by the subinfluence of the sign of the higher mind, Sagittarius. The philosophical and religious elements are more in evidence, and those born here readily recognize the prevalent weaknesses both in current politics and in current religion. And what is more important, they have the courage of their convictions and the power to gain followers for their own progressive ideas.”
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- “To picture the ruthless onslaughts with which these people attack both persons and policies that seek to ravage society,

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CENTAURUS, a being having the lower parts of a horse and the upper parts of a man, is represented among the constellations as impaling on the end of his spear the wolf that pictures the last decanate of Libra. This wolf symbolizes those who use the brilliancy of their intellects to suppress truth and to foist ignorance and superstition upon society that they may profit by its exploitation. As those born in this middle decanate of Leo have the power to convince and lead others, it behooves them to put forth every effort to gain the truth, and to take great care that they do not disseminate erroneous notions.”

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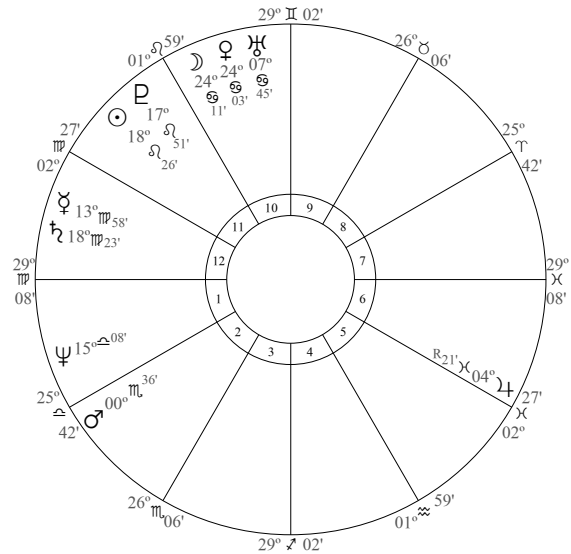
- “Such a life of spiritual endeavor, as Santa Claus and Centaurus clearly teach, is dependent upon what is done for others. It is the effort to give, rather than the effort to take, which promises a spiritual harvest. After all, in the realms of the future, after we shall have passed from this mundane sphere, the physical objects men set their hearts upon will have less value than the tinsel and gilded baubles with which they decorate the Christmas tree.

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- “Those born while the Sun is in the Reformation decanate of Leo are often more energetic to bring beneficial changes. The text is: *It Is More Blessed to Give Than to Receive, and to Receive in Full Measure We Must First Give of That Which We Already Have.*”

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Centaurus ♑ - ♄ (♃) Steve Wozniak



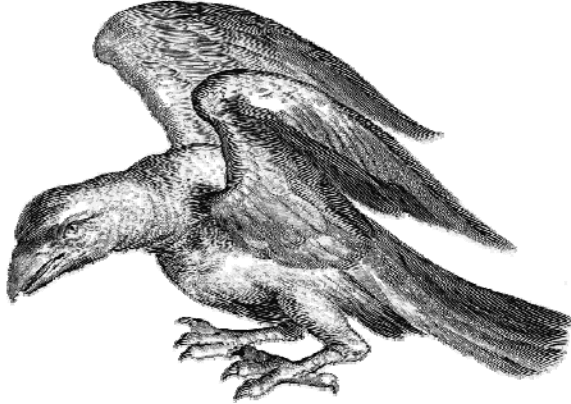
- Steve Wozniak
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 - San Jose, CA
 - 37n20, 121w53

- “Some great people are leaders and others are more lucky, in the right place at the right time. I'd put myself in the latter category.”

- Steve Wozniak

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Corvus ♂ - ♀ (♁)



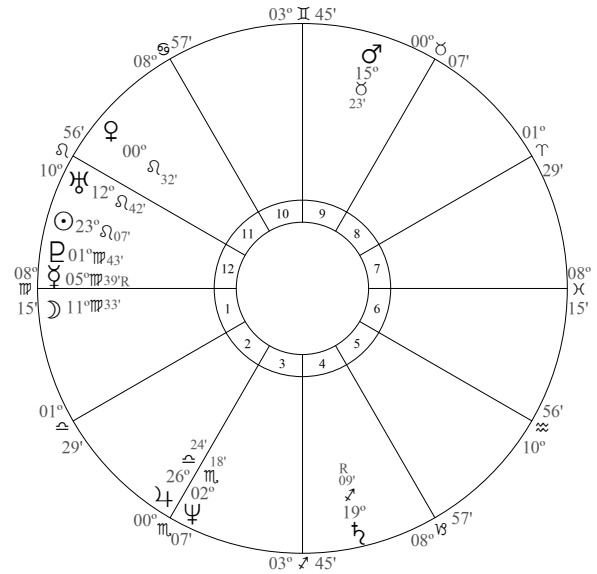
- LEO—3rd Decanate (20 - 29°).
- Solar Dates: August 13 to August 23
- Symbols: ♂ - ♀ (♁)
- Constellation: Corvus
- Description: A raven with wings outspread, making a noisy meal from the back of the water-serpent
- Keyword: Ambition
- Spiritual Text: “Man Tends To Become That Which He Most Talks About and Most Thinks About.”
- Crater the drinking vessel, and Corvus the Crow can be found on the back of Hydra the water serpent.
- Together they form a story from mythology which we discussed in our previous class on the decanates of Cancer.
- The constellation Corvus has about 11 visible stars the brightest **Gamma Corvi** has a 2.59 apparent magnitude
- The constellations represents Apollo’s crow who he sent to collect fresh water from a spring for ritual ablutions discussed earlier und the constellation Crater
- Legend holds that the crow once had beautiful snowy-white feathers and could speak the language of humans.
- As the sacred bird of Apollo, he was sent to spy on Apollo’s pregnant love, Coronis.
- When Coronis was attracted to a mere mortal, the crow reported her infidelities to Apollo.
- In rage, Apollo turned the crow black and took away his ability to speak
- Artemis, Apollo’s twin killed Coronis
- The unborn child of Apollo and Coronis was rescued
- He became Asclepius (pictured in the constellations as Ophiuchus) the god of healing and student of Chiron (Centaurus)
- “CORVUS, the Raven, is the constellation picturing the tendencies of people born under the third decanate of Leo. This raven is pictured with wings outspread as if in readiness to fly aloft, but with its feet firmly gripping the back of Hydra, the water-serpent. This symbolizes the emotions that are associated with creative energy, for the raven appears to be making a meal from the flesh of the serpent.
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- “In this last portion of Leo we have the love of power and rulership combined with the quality of leadership bestowed by Aries. As a consequence those born under this section of the sky are determined to rise in life regardless of obstacles. And when this tendency is carried to extremes they will sacrifice their associates, their family, and even integrity itself, in order to increase their power. But when their ideals are thoroughly for the welfare of humanity rather than for mere personal aggrandizement, they become of immense service to society through their natural gift of being able to handle others and use them to advantage.”
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- “To the extent an individual talks about and thinks about that which is rotten, is this an expression of rottenness within himself. Those who are clean have a

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desire to keep away from filth. They do not revel in the sinfulness of others. Furthermore just as the clerk who identifies himself with the hero, cultivates within himself a delight in valiant and honorable action; and just as the shop girl who identifies herself with the sweet and admirable heroine, cultivates within herself pleasure in womanly conduct of the same high standard; so does the scandalmonger cultivate within himself an increasing relish for moral carrion.

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- Repressed desires, even though unrecognized objectively, cannot be kept from finding some expression for their energy. And as the raven became black because he carried a black story, so that which is thought about adds its thought images to the soul. The text thus follows: Man Tends to Become That Which He Most Talks About and Most Thinks About.”
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Corvus ♁ - ♀ Madonna Louise Ciccone



- Madonna
- 16 August, 1958
- 7:05 a.m.
- Bay City, MI
- 43n36, 83w54
- AA-2 - Trisha Grady quotes her father for the hospital records
- “I'm tough, I'm ambitious, and I know exactly what I want. If that makes me a bitch, okay.”
 - Madonna