

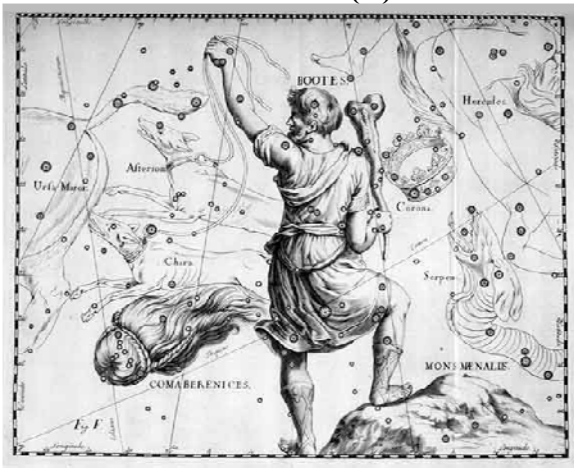
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- Myths are public dreams, dreams are private myths.
  - Joseph Campbell – mythographer
    - (1904 – 1987)

### The Decanates of Virgo– the Virgin

- Virgo belongs to the Element Earth
- It is of Mutable Quality
- The Keywords are “I Analyze”
- Bootes ♄ - ♄ (♄)
- Hercules ♄ - ♄ (♄)
- Corona Borealis ♄ - ♄ (♄)

### Boötes ♄ - ♄ (♄)



- Virgo—1st Decanate (0 - 9°).
- Solar Dates: August 23 to September 2
- Symbols: ♄ - ♄ (♄)
- Constellation: Boötes
- Description: A husbandman, who with upraised sickle chases the great bear around the pole, and in his other hand a spear
- Keyword: Achievement
- Spiritual Text: From Every Event of Life the Soul May Extract Value, Even as the Verdant Vine Transforms Indifferent Waters into Rich and Sparkling Wine.
- The name Boötes means ‘herdsman’ or ‘plowman’
- As with many constellations there are various mythologies syncretized with Boötes
- One story holds that Boötes invented the plow, thus pleasing Ceres, who

petitioned Zeus to place him in the heavens

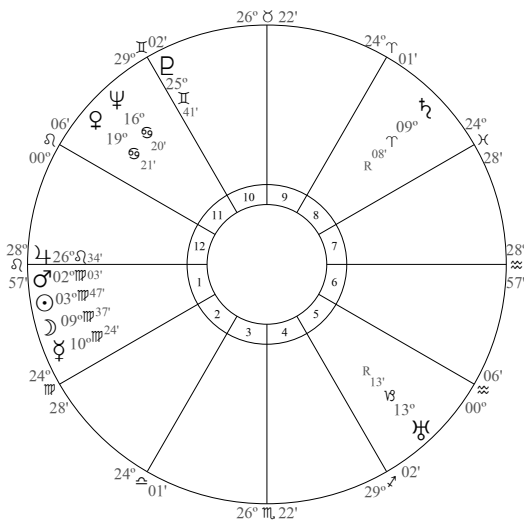
- Another mythology associates Boötes with Icarus of Athens; who Bacchus taught to make wine. He was murdered by shepherds who thought they had been poisoned by his wine.
- Boötes has also been identified with Arcas, son of Zeus by Callisto. He hunts his mother who had been transformed into a bear by a jealous Hera.
- Arcturus, the brightest star in the constellation Boötes is the fourth brightest star in the heavens.
- Only Sirius, Canopus and Alpha Centauri are brighter
- Arcturus, literally means ‘Bear-Guardian’ as Boötes circles the pole star following Ursa Major and Ursa Minor
- “VIRGO—1st Decanate. In the Mercury decanate of Virgo we find the assimilative quality exercised to the most pronounced degree. The mind of those born here are usually restless and active, a tendency pictured among the constellations by BOOTES—the Bear Driver—who follows the Great Bear, symbol of the objective mind, about the heavens with an upraised sickle, urging him on. And to convey the idea that man’s thoughts, when carefully tended, yield a most precious fruitage, Bootes is traditionally associated with the vine of the grape; for he is also a husbandman.
- So those who are native of this section of the zodiac press, with great dexterity, the wine from all life’s varied experiences. It then becomes a coveted elixir which stimulates them to still greater accomplishment. This is the harvest decanate, and these people readily sift the grain from the chaff, and use it practically for sustenance.
- ***Delineating the Horoscope– C. C. Zain***
- “Whatever the events that may be attracted into the life, it is possible to convert them into real values for the soul. The meeting of obstacles may be

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used to develop initiative and resourcefulness. The losses which occur may be used to build up fortitude. Difficulties when overcome teach how responsibilities can be carried. And thus each experience holds a lesson which can be used in later achievement. Bearing upon these lessons the text associated with the constellation is:  
*From Every Event of Life the Soul May Extract Value, Even as the Verdant Vine Transforms Indifferent Waters into Rich and Sparkling Wine.”*

- - *Spiritual Astrology* – C. C. Zain

### Bootes ♐ - ♐ (♄)-Lyndon B. Johnson



- Lyndon B. Johnson
  - 27 August 1908
  - 5:15 a.m. (LMT)
  - Stonewall, Texas
  - 30 N 14, 98 W 39
- We must open the doors of opportunity. But we must also equip our people to walk through those doors. - **Lyndon B. Johnson**

### Hercules ♐ - ♐ (♄)



- Virgo—2nd Decanate (10 - 19°).
- Solar Dates: September 3 – September 13
- Symbols: ♐ - ♐ (♄)
- Constellation: Hercules
- Description: A hero who crushes the head of the Dragon under his feet and with his hand grasps the apples of Hesperides
- Keyword: Experience
- Spiritual Text: “Perform Conscientiously Whatever Work Comes to Thy Hand, and Because of Thy Experience, Greater Things to Perform Will Be Given Thee.”
- Hercules is the Latin title of the Greek hero Heracles
- He wears the skin of the Nemean Lion and in one hand carries a club made of an uprooted olive tree, in the other hand a branch containing the apples of the Hesperides
- Heracles means ‘Pride of Hera’
- He was the son of immortal Zeus through his liaison with the mortal Alcmene
- Jealous Hera always despised the offspring of her philandering husband and continuously tried to destroy Hercules
- He appears to be kneeling upside-down with his head just above the head of Ophiuchus
- He is kneeling on Draco, the dragon who guards the apples of the Hesperides

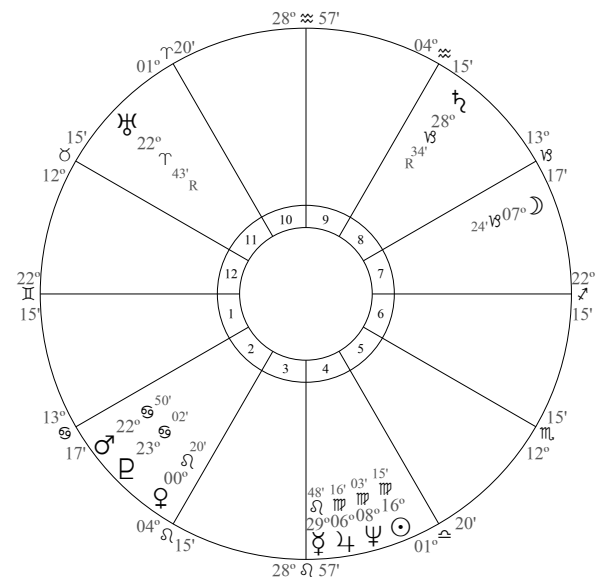
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- There are no first magnitude stars in this constellation
- However he is very close to brilliant Vega in the constellation of Lyra
- “The Saturn decanate of Virgo is pictured among the constellations by Hercules—the Hero—who, among other things, performed twelve superhuman labors. One foot crushes the head of the Cyclic Dragon, while his outstretched hand grasps the apples of Hesperides. This depicts the tendency of those born under this section of the sky to undertake and accomplish, by unrelenting toil, the performance of gigantic tasks. They also have an exceptional variety of experiences, both with the so called good and the so-called evil. Thus are their lives filled with events. Here we find the assimilative powers of the mind, conferred by Virgo, to be given a diplomatic trend, and often there is a great desire for worldly fame and honor. The temptations that come to these people are great. But if they guard against the allurements of the flesh that sooner or later come into their lives, they can rise to great heights through their unusual powers of discernment and comparison.” *Delineating the Horoscope*—C. C. Zain
- “In self culture it is quite as important to feel satisfaction when the best is done as to recognize when one is living below one’s possibilities. If more is expected than lies within the powers to accomplish, there will be certain failure and accompanying dissatisfaction. This feeling, in turn, directs energy into channels which are destructive, and lessens the ability in the future. On the other hand, it is quite as easy for some individuals to feel that they are living up to their possibilities when they are living far below them. Their appraisal of their abilities is too low, and they have a feeling of satisfaction from accomplishment which is much less than it should be. Yet even this does not signify that they should be critical of

themselves in the destructive sense; but merely that they should recognize that they should strive for a more lofty goal. Because we learn to do through effort directed at accomplishment the text is: *Perform Conscientiously Whatever Work Comes to Thy Hand, and Because of Thy Experience, Greater Things to Perform Will Be Given Thee.*

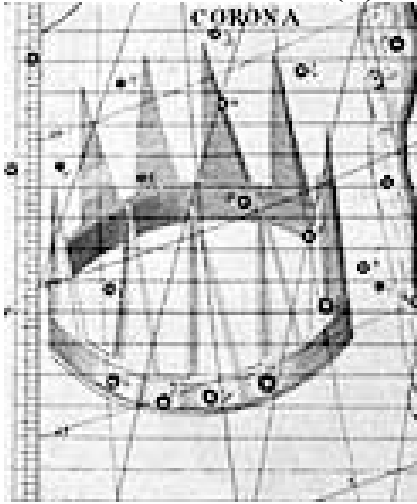
- - *Spiritual Astrology*—C. C. Zain

### Hercules ♄ - ♍ (♍) - Patsy Cline



- Patsy Cline
- 8 September 1932
- 11:05 P.M.
- Winchester, VA
- 39n11, 78w09
- “I can't miss a night's work and let my public down.” - Patsy Cline

### Corona Borealis ♄ - ♍ (♀)



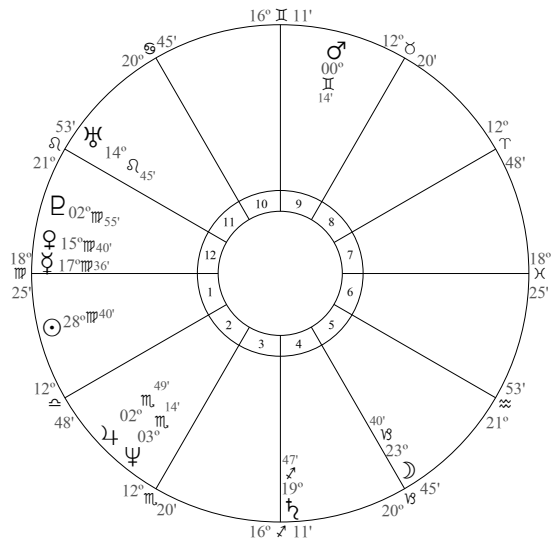
- Virgo—3rd Decanate (20 - 29°).
- Solar Dates: September 13 – September 23
- Symbols: ♄ - ♍ (♀)
- Constellation: Corona Borealis
- Description: A crown of twelve iron spikes, in front of which a serpent threatens to strike
- Spiritual Text: *“He Who Would Live the Life of the Spirit, Here and Now Upon this Earth, Seen and Known of Men, Must Have Fortitude in Times of Adversity.”*
- A small constellation in the northern hemisphere, near Hercules, Corona Borealis has no first magnitude stars
- It is said to represent the crown given by Dionysus to Ariadne, daughter of King Minos of Crete
- Zain describes this constellation as a ‘Crown of Thorns,’ or a ‘Crown of Spikes.’
- “Virgo, as a whole, corresponds to the house of work. So this last decanate seems particularly given to working in behalf of others. People born here find their greatest possibilities in the realm of service. When they can lose sight of the reward, and labor enthusiastically for some noble cause, they live to their

utmost. Even though the laborer is worthy of his hire, yet those born under this influence are often called upon to give up the things they would prefer to do for the sake of duty. Though the material reward is a crown of thorns, yet the gain in character and soul power always more than repays for all sacrifice.” - Delineating the Horoscope—C. C. Zain

- “If individuals are undergoing training to fit them each for a different function in the cosmic organization, each will attract to himself just those experiences he needs to develop the required abilities. Accomplishment of any kind implies the ability to overcome difficulties. People who have never had hard problems to solve are unable to solve hard problems when suddenly presented. Afflictions, therefore, as Job discerned, are not bestowed by heaven to punish man for sin, but to indicate that he has a lesson to learn. When he has learned this lesson he will be able to triumph over the affliction, as Job did in the end; for Job was healed, and the Lord gave him twice as much as he had before, and he lived a long and prosperous life. The text thus indicated is: He Who Would Live the Life of the Spirit, Here and Now Upon this Earth, Seen and Known of Men, Must Have Fortitude in Times of Adversity.
- Spiritual Astrology – C. C. Zain

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### Corona Borealis ♀ - ♂ (♀) - Andrea Bocelli



- Andrea Bocelli
- 22 September 1958
  - 5:15 a.m.
  - Lajatico, Italy
  - 43n28, 10e43
- “It's true that I suffered a lot, especially when I was younger.” - Andrea Bocelli