

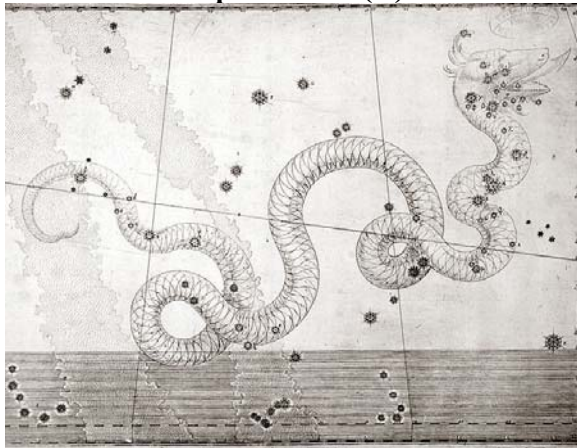
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- Myths are public dreams, dreams are private myths.
- Joseph Campbell – mythographer (1904 – 1987)

The Decanates of Libra – The Scales

- Libra belongs to the Element Air
- It is of Moveable Quality
- The Keywords are “I Balance”
- Serpens ♎ – ♎ (♀)
- Draco ♎ - ♉ (♁♃)
- Lupus ♎ - ♋ (♈)

Serpens ♎ – ♎ (♀)



- Libra—1st Decanate (0 - 9°).
- Solar Dates: September 23 to October 3
- Symbols: ♎ – ♎ (♀)
- Constellation: Serpens
- Description: A serpent about to strike
- Keyword: Policy
- Spiritual Text: “In Matters of Philosophy and in Matters of Action the True Course Usually Lies Somewhere Between Advocated Extremes.”
- Serpens is unique among the modern constellations in being split into two non-contiguous parts, Serpens Caput (Serpent's Head) to the west and Serpens Cauda (Serpent's Tail) to the east. The constellation of Ophiuchus lies between these two halves of the constellation. Because of this one cannot find images of Serpens separate from those of Ophiuchus

- The brightest star in the constellation Serpens with an apparent magnitude of 2.63 is Cor Serpentis or "Serpent's Heart."
- The Milky Way can be seen passing through the tail of the serpent.
- Because snakes shed their skins every year they are the symbol of healing and rebirth. In mythology, Ophiuchus was syncretized as the healer Asclepius. He was the son of Apollo, by Coronis who was killed for being unfaithful to Apollo. The unborn child was rescued from her womb when she was laid out on a funeral pyre to be consumed. Apollo gave him to be raised by the centaur, Chiron.
- Asclepius miraculously restored to life a man who had died from snakebite, by using an herb placed on it by another snake. He allegedly used the same technique to revive the dead.
- Angered by the loss of souls coming to Hades, Pluto petitioned his brother Zeus to stop Asclepius from revivifying the dead.
- Zeus killed Asclepius with a thunderbolt and placed him in the heavens as the constellation Ophiuchus
- The rod of Asclepius is the symbol of the medical profession
- “LIBRA—1st Decanate. The first decanate of Libra is pictured among the constellations by SERPENS—the Serpent. This is the snake that sacred tradition asserts tempted Eve to her downfall. The serpent has been used from ancient times, however, not only as a symbol of creative energy, but also of cunning. In worldly matters those native to this decanate have no need of the admonition to be “wise as serpents,” for they have the innate ability to handle people and situations.”
- “It will be remembered that the Biblical serpent told Eve that if she would eat of the apple she would become wise—and

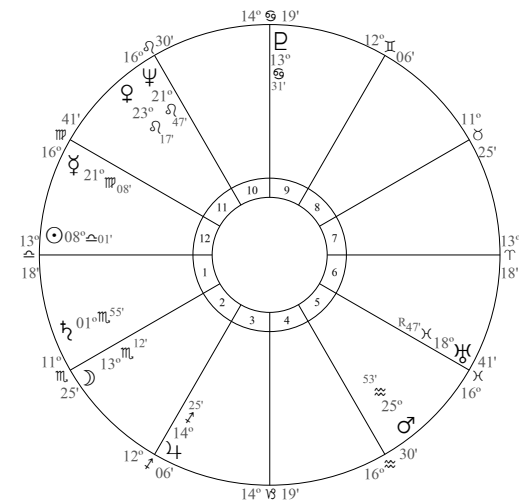
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that subsequent events verified the prophecy.”

- “And those born under this decanate well uphold all the serpent traditions of wisdom and subtlety, and besides possess the creative energy to pioneer in the realms of human association. Such people should never seek seclusion to be at their best, but should mix in the world’s affairs and come in contact continuously with their fellow men. In this field they can wield an enormous power for good through their ability to influence the thoughts and actions of others. But they should take pains not to become too engrossed in purely material aims.”
- Delineating the Horoscope – C. C. Zain
- “At the side of Virgo, the celestial Eve, the wise men of the east pictured the serpent, which is reputed to have tempted her. Virgo joins Libra, the sign of marriage, and Serpens portrays the marriage decanate of this marriage sign, through which the Sun moves each year from September 23 to October 3. It therefore represents, with a more precise significance, that point in the heavenly circle where summer and winter signs are joined in marriage.”
- Spiritual Astrology– C. C. Zain
- “As picturing the balance decanate of the sign of the balances, Serpens relates to marriage of opinions as well as to the marriage of people. Usually in any vital issue the views of opposite factions are extreme. Usually also, where there is strong contention, a compromise is more satisfactory than the triumph of either. This gives to the decanate its Keyword, Policy, and leads to the text: *In Matters of Philosophy and in Matters of Action the True Course Usually Lies Somewhere Between Advocated Extremes.*”
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- pol i cy
- a definite course of action adopted for the sake of expediency, facility, etc
- a course of action adopted and pursued by a government, ruler, political party, etc
- action or procedure conforming to or considered with reference to prudence or expediency
- sagacity; shrewdness

Serpens ♄ – ♄ (♀) James Earl (Jimmy) Carter



- James Earl (Jimmy) Carter
- 1 October 1924
- 7:00 a.m.
- Plains, GA, USA,
- 32 N 02, 84 W 23

“Unless both sides win, no agreement can be permanent.” – Jimmy Carter

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Draco ♉ - ♁ (𐌆𐌇𐌅)



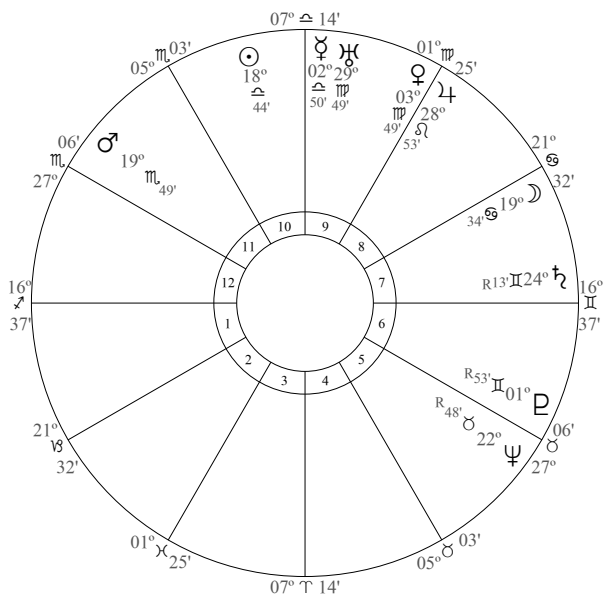
- Libra—2nd Decanate (10 - 19°).
- Solar Dates: October 3 – October 13
- Symbols: ♉ - ♁ (𐌆𐌇𐌅)
- Constellation: Draco
- Description: A Dragon coiling its length around the pole star
- Keyword: Independence
- Spiritual Text: *“Deal Justly, Even With Thy Enemies; For it is Better to Suffer Evil than to Retaliate With Vengeance.”*
- Latin for Dragon, Draco is a circumpolar constellation found between Ursa Major and Ursa Minor in the far northern sky
- Around 2700 BC, during the time of the ancient Egyptians, the star Thuban (alpha Draconis) was the Pole Star
- Legend holds that Draco represents Ladon, the dragon who guarded the golden apples of the Hesperides
- As his 11th Labor, Hercules killed the dragon and stole the apples
- Ladon was placed in the sky as the constellation Draco
- “LIBRA—2nd Decanate. The Aquarius decanate of Libra differs somewhat from the other decanates of this sign in the strong tendency to express individuality. Being under the subinfluence of Uranus, it partakes of the Uranian quality of originality and sometimes even eccentricity. It is pictured among the constellations by DRACO—the Dragon—which winds its length in sinuous coils about the heavenly pole.
- “And even as this is the dragon of worldliness that St. George was called upon to conquer, so, very frequently, those born under this decanate find in the world some opposition to their views which they feel it incumbent upon themselves to slay. They are natural exponents of liberty in thought and action, and rebel against restrictions. They find the best opportunity to express themselves as enthusiastic members or leaders of progressive movements. And in fighting the tendency toward crystallized conservatism, they reach their highest level.”
- *Delineating the Horoscope* – C. C. Zain
- “The agriculture tribe who further south in Arizona built that famed house of many rooms, the pueblo of Casa Grande, also had a careful respect for the Dragon in the sky. The Sun is in the Independence decanate of Libra, pictured by this monster, from October 3 to October 13. And a hole was bored, by this people, through the many walls to the interior of the vast dwelling, so aligned that the rising Sun on October 7, when in the Draco decanate, and again on March 7, when in the Andromeda decanate, would shine through and cast its beams upon the central sanctuary.”
- “The union of Sun and Moon to ancient peoples was the symbol of the union of the Ego and the Soul, that is, of mind and spirit. The Moon has ever been the symbol of the indwelling soul. The Dragon, on the other hand, represents the environmental forces which tend to develop the reptilian traits of

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character, the cruel instincts and ruthless selfishness which shut out the light of spirit, and thus eclipse the soul.”

- “When it thus has reunited with its Ego, and the dark peril is past, it can find no joy in the pain or discomfort of any living thing. The text thus emerges: *Deal Justly, Even With Thy Enemies; For it is Better to Suffer Evil than to Retaliate With Vengeance.*”
- Spiritual Astrology – C. C. Zain
- **in-de-pend-ence**
- freedom from the control, influence, support, aid, or the like, of others.

- **Eleanor Roosevelt**
- 11 October 1884
- 11:00 a.m.
- New York NY, USA,
- 40n42, 74w00
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- “When will our consciences grow so tender that we will act to prevent human misery rather than avenge it?”
- **Eleanor Roosevelt**

Lupus ♎ - ♏ (♁)



- Libra —3rd Decanate (20 - 29°).
- Solar Dates: October 13 – October 23

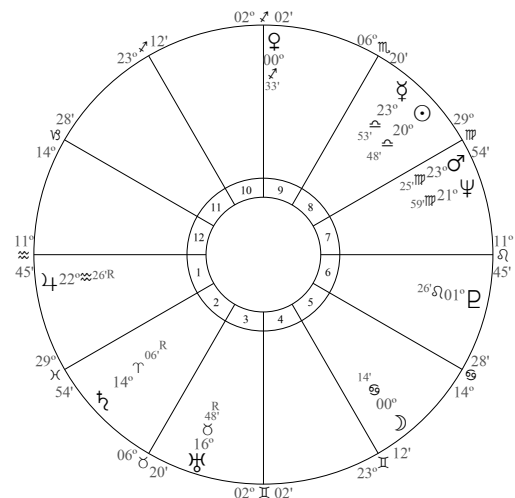
- Symbols: ♎ - ♏ (♁)
- Constellation: Lupus
- Description: A wolf, pierced and dying on the spear of Centaurus
- Keyword: Expiation
- **Spiritual Text:** *“It is Impossible for a Man to Injure Another Without Himself Being Injured, or for a Man to Benefit Another Without Himself Being Truly Benefited.”*
- The constellation Lupus can be found near the constellations Libra, Ara, Scorpio and Centaurus
- Prior to the 2nd Century this constellation was known as “The Beast” and it was considered to be part of the constellation Centaurus
- The Babylonians referred to it as a “Mad Dog”
- Lupus was among the 48 constellations listed by 2nd Century Astrologer Ptolemy who identified it as a wolf
- It appears as though Centaurus is preparing to sacrifice Lupus on the altar, Ara
- There are no major stars in this constellation and no stories from Classical Mythology

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- Zain associates the constellation with the folklore of Little Red Riding Hood, a 17th Century French fairytale first published as *Le Petite Chaperon Rouge*
- “LIBRA—3rd Decanate. The last decanate of Libra is not less given to contact with people than the other two. Neither is the mind less keen. In fact, it is often superior, especially where literature and art are concerned. But as it is the decanate in the sign of partnership and open enemies next to the sign of death, Scorpio, there is sometimes a peculiar fatality associated with it.”
- “This fact is pictured in the sky by the constellation LUPUS—the Wolf. This original of the wolf in sheep’s clothing is represented as impaled on the spear of Centaurus. And as designed it indicates the almost certain fate of those born under this portion of the sky who transgress either the laws of man or those of God. Due to the brilliancy of their minds they sometimes use their talents to enslave their fellowman and keep him in ignorance and poverty that they may profit thereby. But when they live straightforward moral lives and do not fall into corruption, they rise to positions of power and usefulness, and no tragedy overtakes them.”
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- “When the masters of an ancient day traced a wolf in the sky it is quite certain they had in mind those qualities which then and now this creature most commonly is known to express. A wolf is a cunning beast, using its mind, as the mental decanate of the partnership sign would indicate. It is aggressive and cruel, runs in packs when that is an advantage, and hesitates not to kill and devour such a partner when it becomes so weakened or crippled as

to be unable to defend itself. Thus does a wolf stand as the universal symbol of ruthlessness.”

- Picturing that section of the celestial circle where the Sun may be found each year from October 13 to October 23, the Wolf, Lupus, is directly across the zodiac in antagonism to the Ram. Sheep thus constitute its natural prey, and to stalk them the predacious beast resorts to many a cunning device. At the time of year so designated the days are shorter than the hours of darkness, and wolves chiefly do their depredations under cover of the night. Although they are the terror of the shepherds, seldom are they to be seen in light of day, or do their killing in the open. Instead, they resort to subterfuge, which makes the passage of St. Matthew clear: ‘Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.’”
- *Spiritual Astrology* - C. C. Zain
- **ex pi · a · tion**
- the means by which atonement or reparation is made
- **John Wesley Dean III**
- October 14, 1938
- 2:55 p.m.
- Akron OH, USA,
- 41n05, 81w31



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- ✘ “I began by telling the president that there was a cancer growing on the presidency and that if the cancer was not removed the president himself would be killed by it.”
- ✘ **John Wesley Dean III**

Upcoming Classes

- **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