

Class 11 – Aquarius Decanates#

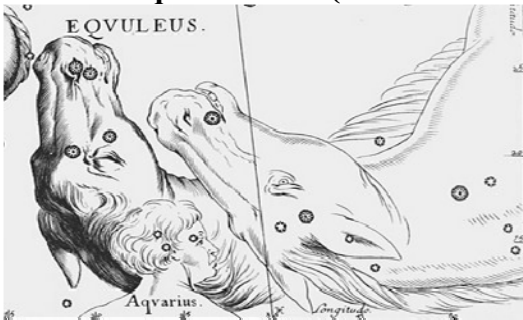
Understanding Mythology

- “I came to the Greeks early, and I found answers in them. Greece's great men let all their acts turn on the immortality of the soul. We don't really act as if we believed in the soul's immortality and that's why we are where we are today.”
- *Edith Hamilton – Educator and Mythographer (1867 – 1963)*

The Decanates of Aquarius – The Water Bearer

- Aquarius belongs to the Element Air
- It is of Fixed Quality
- The Keywords are “I Know”
- Equuleus ≈-≈ (♁/♃)
- Pegasus ≈-♃ (♁)
- Cetus ≈-♄ (♁)

Equuleus ≈-≈ (♁/♃)



- Aquarius —1st Decanate (0 - 9°).
- Solar Dates: January 20 - 30
- Symbols: ≈-≈ (♁/♃)
- Constellation: Equuleus
- Description: The head of a horse with flowing mane.
- Keyword: Originality
- Spiritual Text: “*Next to Love, Man’s Most Useful Companion is Knowledge, and in Particular the Knowledge of the Manner in which the Planets Influence Human Life and Destiny.*”

- Equuleus , Latin for ‘little horse’ or ‘foal’ borders the constellations of Aquarius and Delphinus
- It has been called Equus Primus or ‘First Horse’ as it rises before Pegasus
- Only the head of the horse is shown peering out from behind the constellation Pegasus
- It is the second smallest of the modern constellations with no bright stars
- One myth describes Equuleus as the horse born from Poseidon’s trident when he vied with the goddess Athena to become the patron of Athens
- Another myth describes Equuleus as Celeris, brother of Pegasus, presented by Hermes as a gift to the twin Castor

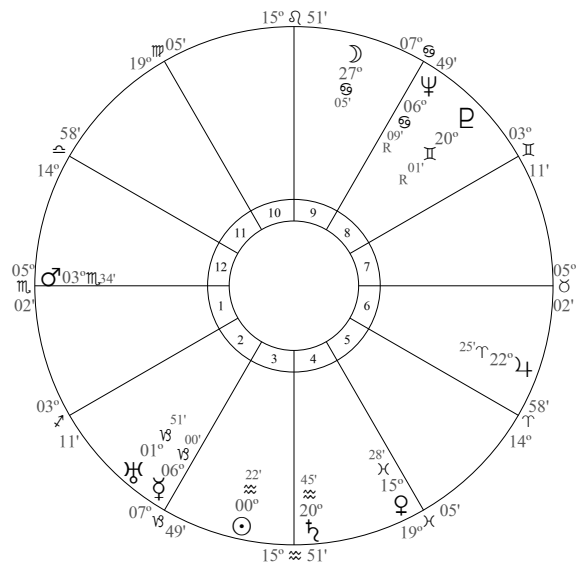
- “AQUARIUS—1st Decanate. A horse, which is an animal used to carry a person to a desired locality, has been used from ancient times as a symbol of mind. And to picture the Uranus decanate of Aquarius the ancients placed the head of a horse—EQUULEUS—among the constellations.”
- “Those born under this section of the sky tend to follow their own ideas. They are keenly interested in education and are exceptional in the fullness of their knowledge of human nature. In fact, aside from their inventive ability their greatest asset in life is in knowing how to handle men. And it is a great mistake for them to live apart from close contact with numerous of their fellow humans. The tendencies are decidedly progressive, alert for the new and unique. Consequently, their true mission in life is in imparting

their enthusiasm for advanced methods and ideas to others.”

- *Delineating the Horoscope* – C. C. Zain
- “A horse immediately suggests two things, speed of travel and ability to carry a rider. The head of a horse, the animal’s body missing, conveys the thought that the intelligence factor is to be considered rather than the physical propensities. To have Horse Sense is phraseology with which most people are familiar, even though it is not a refined expression. It indicates such a correct appraisal of circumstances that action of practical value can be based upon it. Yet the full significance of the Horse Head, Equuleus, as a universal symbol employed by the ancients to convey information, is not apparent until it is remembered that the sign Aquarius rules astrology, and that Equuleus pictures the astrology decanate of the sign.”
- “To be more explicit, the planet Uranus rules astrology, and the Aquarius decanate of Aquarius is specially under his dominion and thus has an unusually close affinity for the starry science. Furthermore, individuality and inventive ability, wherever found in marked degree, denote the Uranus or Aquarius influence. Hence the Keyword for this section of the sky where the Sun may be found each year from January 20 to January 30 is Originality.”
- “Common Horse Sense, such as is pictured by the Horse Head, Equuleus, demands that the individual shall take advantage of all knowledge which will enable him to make a greater success of his life. The text therefore is: *Next to Love,*

Man’s Most Useful Companion is Knowledge, and in Particular the Knowledge of the Manner in which the Planets Influence Human Life and Destiny.”

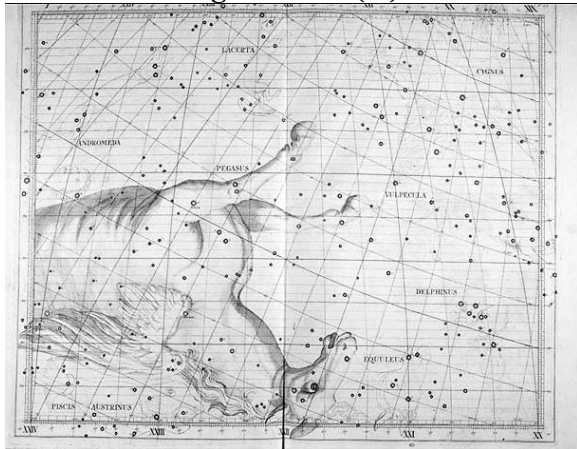
- *Spiritual Astrology* – C. C. Zain
- **o r i g i n a l i t y**
 1. the quality or state of being original.
 2. ability to think or express oneself in an independent and individual manner; creative ability.
 3. freshness or novelty, as of an idea, method, or performance.



Equuleus ♃-♃ (♃/♃) - - Christian Dior

- Christian Dior
- 21 January 1905
- 01:21 AM
- Granville, France
- 48n50, 1w36
- “By being natural and sincere, one often can create revolutions without having sought them.”
- Christian Dior

Pegasus ♁-♃(♄)



- Aquarius—2nd Decanate (10 - 19°).
- Solar Dates: January 30 – February 10
- Symbols: ♁-♃(♄)
- Constellation: Pegasus
- Description: A winged horse that soars upward
- Keyword: Inspiration
- Spiritual Text: *“Under Special Conditions, while Still Maintaining Physical Life, it is Possible for Man to Free Himself from the Physical Body, to Visit the Homes of the Dead, to Enter the Halls of Learning, and to Bring Back in Full Consciousness the Knowledge Gained in Higher Spheres.”*
- Pegasus and Equuleus are northern constellations bordering Andromeda, Cygnus and Delphinus which appear to be upside down
- Originally known as Hippos or ‘Horse’ in Greek, four stars form a quadrilateral in the body of the horse
- In Greek mythology, Pegasus was a divine winged horse, the offspring of Poseidon and the Gorgon Medusa
- He and his brother Chrysaor were born when Perseus severed the head of Medusa
- Bellerophon slew the Chimera while riding Pegasus
- As Bellerophon’s pride grew he attempted to storm Mount Olympus
- Zeus sent a gadfly to sting Pegasus which dismounted Bellerophon and sent him plunging toward earth
- The Hippocrene Spring, source of the Muses inspiration was formed when Pegasus hoof struck Mount Helicon
- Thus during the Middle Ages and Renaissance, Pegasus was synonymous with inspiration
- “AQUARIUS—2nd Decanate. The Flying Horse —PEGASUS— pictures among the constellations the Mercury decanate of Aquarius. The wings pictured upon the symbol of mind indicate the ability to leave the material body and travel in the super-physical world in the astral form. This may take place volitionally, or quite unconsciously so far as the objective mind is concerned, during sleep. And those who can bring through into the objective state the information so contacted have a never-ending supply of interesting material that they often are able to present in a fascinating manner.”
- “People under this decanate possess naturally the ability to gain information from invisible sources. Consequently, they have unlimited resourcefulness in imaginative creation. And they are able to present their conceptions in a most dramatic manner. So, by all means, they should follow some occupation where the mind has power to exert itself. And when not inclined to literature they should read much and learn to express their thoughts in conversation. They convey their

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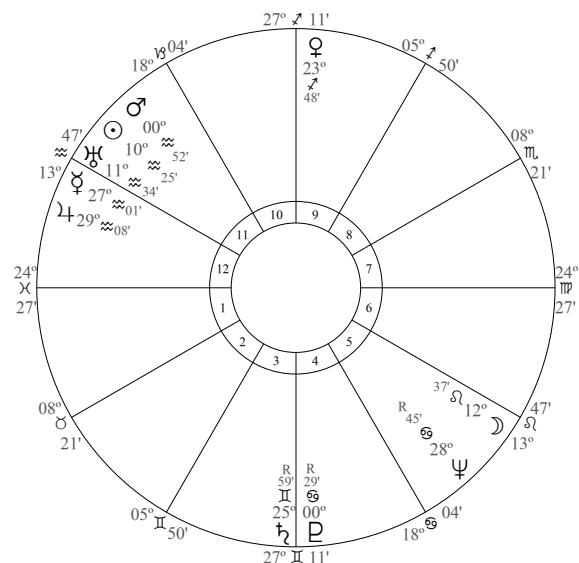
ideas to others in a most convincing manner, and through this faculty lies their greatest good, both to themselves and to humanity.”

- *Delineating the Horoscope* – C. C. Zain
- “The travel decanate of Aquarius, where the Sun may be found from January 30 to February 10 each year, is represented in the heavens by famed Pegasus, the Flying Horse.
- When, according to the Greek story, Perseus had slain the Gorgon Medusa and cut off its head, he mounted on wings furnished him by Mercury, and sped homeward carrying the awful monster’s head. It was blood which dripped from this symbol of the imagination falling into the ocean, that is, imagination vitalized by emotion, from which Pegasus sprang; a powerful steed whose other name is Inspiration.”
- “All poets, it is said, before they can attract the Muse, first must drink at the fountain created by a blow from the hoofs of Pegasus. It seems that Pegasus in flying over Mount Helicon struck the ground sharply with his hoofs, and water instantly gushed forth; the sparkling clear spring of Hippocrene. Inspiration, which is the Keyword of the Gemini decanate of Aquarius, pictured by the Flying Horse, does not flow without a definite contact with the earth. That which the unconscious mind perceives, before it can come into objective consciousness, must be touched, or associated with, something already in the objective mind. Only through such physical association can it be externalized on the physical plane.”

- “The text is: *Under Special Conditions, while Still Maintaining Physical Life, it is Possible for Man to Free Himself from the Physical Body, to Visit the Homes of the Dead, to Enter the Halls of Learning, and to Bring Back in Full Consciousness the Knowledge Gained in Higher Spheres.*”
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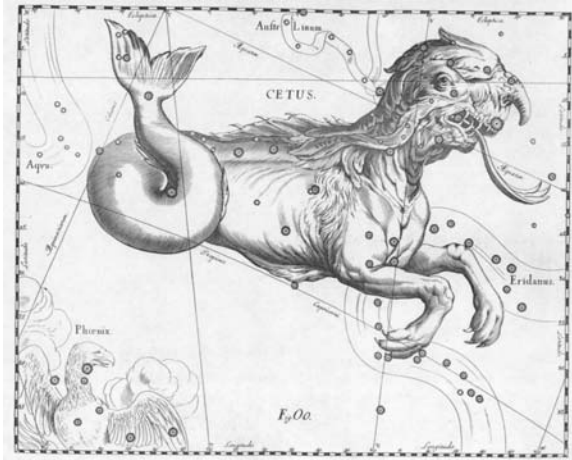
1. an inspiring or animating action or influence
2. something inspired, as an idea.
3. a result of inspired activity.
4. a thing or person that inspires.



Pegasus ♁-♊(♁) - Thomas Merton

- 31 January 1915
- 09:00 AM
- Prades, France, 42n37, 2e26
- “Peace demands the most heroic labor and the most difficult sacrifice. It demands greater heroism than war. It demands greater fidelity to the truth and a much more perfect purity of conscience.”
- Thomas Merton

Cetus ♃- ♎ (♀)



- Aquarius—3rd Decanate (20 - 29°).
- Solar Dates: February 10 - 20
- Symbols: ♃- ♎ (♀)
- Constellation: Cetus
- Description: A gigantic whale like monster
- Keyword: Repression
- Spiritual Text: “*The Monster Which Demands the Sacrifice of the Fairest Youths of the Land is Discord in Marriage.*”
- Cetus the Whale or Sea-Monster is located in the region of the sky known as ‘The Sea’ that contains other water-related constellations such as Aquarius , Pisces and the River Eridanus
- The word cetacean , which refers to marine mammals such as whales, dolphins and porpoises originate in the Greek, Cetus
- Poseidon sent Cetus the sea monster to ravage the coast of Ethiopia to punish Queen Cassiopeia for boasting that she was more beautiful than the sea nymphs
- After consulting an oracle, Andromeda was chained to a rock in the harbor as a sacrifice for her mother’s hubris
- Andromeda was rescued by Perseus with whom she married and had seven sons
- “AQUARIUS—3rd Decanate. The Libra decanate of Aquarius is pictured by CETUS, which mythology informs us is the largest constellation in the sky. This Whale was the monster that devoured the innocent youths of the country as a punishment for the haughty pride of their queen.”
- “In this manner is symbolized the tendency of those born under this influence to enter into matrimony from other motives than those of pure love; or, from some material motive renouncing love altogether, to be consumed by its energy inversely directed.”
- “These people reach their greatest efficiency and attainment only in harmonious association with a kindred soul of opposite sex. When they deny true love, or make it subservient to material ambitions they are in great danger. But when they follow the dictates of the heart and realize companionship in the higher sense they become efficient workers for human betterment. A solitary life is not beneficial to these people. They should mix with others and take a keen interest in helping to make the world a better place in which to live. This is the work for which they are fitted.”
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- “When the ancient wise men sought to picture in the heavens the force, or principle, which is most inimical to life, which attracts to man failure and disease, and which places the

greatest obstacles in the way of progress, they looked about for some appropriate symbol. Because it is the emotional, or feeling, element which determines whether there is harmony or discord, and as water symbolizes the emotions, it was quite to be expected that they should select some creature living in the water. This denizen of the deep, as discord is a distortion of that which is pleasing and symmetrical, is required to be frightful and unnatural; and because it was to picture so vast an influence, it must be large as well as terrifying.”

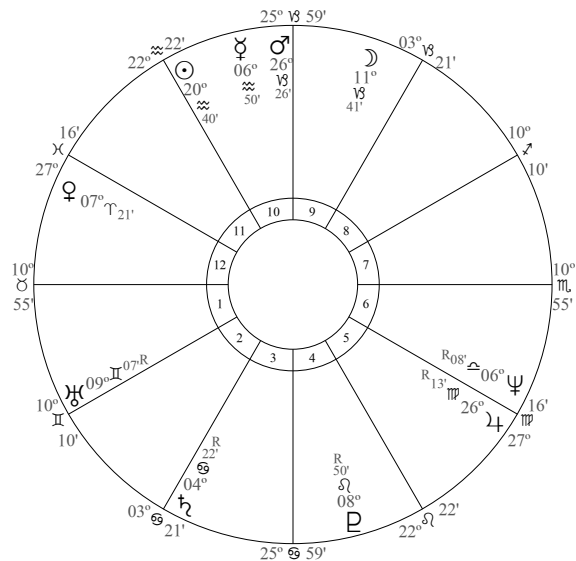
- “Cetus, the Sea monster, is such a creature, the distortion of a whale; and commensurate with the importance of the influence it represents, it has been made the largest of all the constellations.”
- “In the married state husband and wife are so closely associated that the thought energies and emotional energies of each find ready access to the astral body of the other. Thus they give each other mental treatments under the conditions of a close association which is most favorable for making the mental treatment effective. The avenues are open for the most ready exchange of finer energies.”
- “Nor does the mere avoidance of marriage prevent the development of Discord. The basic urge for reproduction is so strong a factor in all normal life that the attempt to stifle it commonly leads to that form of Discord denoted by the Keyword of the decanate, which is Repression. Yet if marriage is to be beneficial the energy exchange must be harmonious. Hence the text is: *The Monster Which Demands the*

Sacrifice of the Fairest Youths of the Land is Discord in Marriage.”

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- **re·pres·sion**

1. the act of repressing; state of being repressed.
2. Psychoanalysis. the rejection from consciousness of painful or disagreeable ideas, memories, feelings, or impulses.



Cetus ♈ - ♀ – Mia Farrow

- Farrow, Maria de Lourdes Villers
- 9 February 1945
- 11:27 AM
- Los Angeles CA, USA,
- 34n03, 118w14
- “There are people who are suffering beyond description. They are innocent people, they didn't bring this upon themselves. They are the victims of the sins of other people. And while it's hard to see, it's important to understand that these people exist.” – Mia Farrow

Upcoming Classes

March 29 - Pisces

Cepheus, Andromeda, and Cassiopeia