

### The constellations are written in mythic language

- “Myths are the clues to the spiritual potentialities of the human life.”
- Joseph Campbell – mythographer (1904 – 1987)

### The Decanates of Pisces – The Fishes

- Pisces belongs to the Element Water
- It is of Mutable Quality
- The Keywords are “I Believe”
- Cepheus  $\times$ - $\times$  ( $\psi$ / $\Psi$ )
- Andromeda  $\times$ - $\ominus$  ( $\mathcal{D}$ )
- Cassiopeia  $\times$ - $\mathfrak{M}$  ( $\sigma$ / $\mathcal{P}$ )

### Cepheus $\times$ - $\times$ ( $\psi$ / $\Psi$ )



- Pisces — 1st Decanate (0 - 9°).
- Solar Dates: February 20 to March 1
- Symbols:  $\times$ - $\times$  ( $\psi$ / $\Psi$ )
- Constellation: Cepheus
- Description: A king with upraised scepter and whose crown is surmounted by seven globes
- Keyword: Verity
- Spiritual Text: “As it is Above so it is Below, and that which is Below is Like unto that which is Above.”

- Cepheus is a constellation of the northern sky bordered by Cygnus, Draco, Cassiopeia, and Andromeda
- The stars of Cepheus form a box-like shape with a triangle on top
- Cepheus is pictured as a king with a crown with his foot on the pole star circling upside down in respect to the ecliptic
- In classical mythology, Cepheus is part of the story of Perseus and Andromeda
- He was the king of Ethiopia, husband of Cassiopeia, and father of Andromeda
- “PISCES— 1st Decanate. The Neptune-decanate of Pisces is pictured among the constellations by CEPHEUS—the King—whose foot rests upon the immovable Pole Star. He holds aloft a scepter cut from the Tree of Life, and his crown is surmounted by seven globes representing the seven planets and the septenary law in nature.”
- “People born under this section of the sky are naturally interested in understanding Nature, particularly in its psychic and spiritual aspects. They are mystics, to the manor born, and seek truth not so much through the methods of exact science and reason as through the exercise of their psychic faculties. They readily become seers, and have a natural aptitude for grasping the esoteric interpretation of all phenomena. This ability to recognize the truth through the “inner response” becomes of value in the world of affairs in connection with secret-service work of all kinds. They are detectives of the highest order, whether their talents be directed to social conditions, or to the wider mysteries of universal relations.”
- *Delineating the Horoscope* – C. C. Zain
- “Cepheus signifies a rock, and the constellation in the sky designated by this name pictures the King of Ethiopia on his throne, with one foot upon the immovable Pole Star, representing Truth. Both Sagittarius and Pisces are

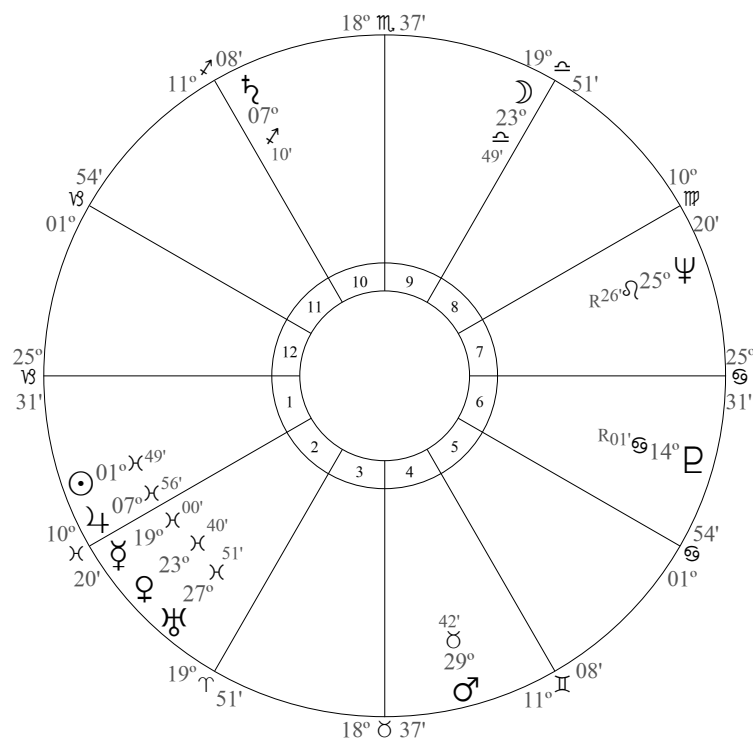
dual signs, and both through Jupiter, which is the ruler of one and the co ruler of the other, have some significance in matters of religion. Joseph, whose, “Bow abode in strength,” represents Sagittarius, the duality of which is symbolized by his coat of many colors. It is this coat which Cepheus, or Pharoah, whom Joseph served so well in the land of Egypt, still holds in one of his hands.”

- “Peter, of New Testament mention, is a name which, like Cepheus, means rock. And it was upon a rock that Peter was commanded to found his church. In the sky this is, of course, the rock of ages, otherwise known as the Pole Star, which changeth not; the symbol of eternal Truth. Cepheus thus not only represents Pharaoh, but in a later story pictures Peter, whose foot, or understanding—and Pisces rules the feet—must rest on Truth; and who holds the keys to hell and heaven.”
- “Verity, which is the Keyword of the constellation, is an accurate comprehension of the facts and their relations to each other. Such recognition of Truth permits actions that make a successful adaptation of the life form to the conditions by which it finds itself surrounded. The keys which unlock the door of Truth also, therefore, unlock the doors of heaven and hell; for action based on falsehood and deception, such as one side of Pisces governs, leads to discord and destruction; while action based upon Verity, which the other side of Pisces governs, leads to harmony and eternal life.”
- “The golden key is the understanding of planetary law; for the character of each thing contacted is completely mapped by its astrological vibrations. The silver key is a duplicate of the one of gold, except that its action is feminine and passive, bearing the same relations to the latter that woman bears to man. In fact, the Tarot is to Astrology what the Moon is to the Sun. Astrology and the

Tarot are known to initiates as the Two Keys. They are the Keys to Verity, the real keys for which Peter is renowned.”

- The text therefore is the Hermetic Axiom: “*As it is Above so it is Below, and that which is Below is Like unto that which is Above.*”
- Spiritual Astrology – C. C. Zain
- **Verity**
  - 1) the state or quality of being true; accordance with fact or reality
  - 2) something that is true, as a principle, belief, idea, or statement

### Cepheus X-X (4/Ψ)-Erma Bombeck



- Bombeck, Erma
- 21 February 1927
- 04:40 AM
- Dayton, OH
- 39n45, 84w12
- “When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me.'” - Erma Bombeck

### Andromeda ✕-☿ (2)



- Pisces—2nd Decanate (10 - 19°).
- Solar Dates: March 1 - 11
- Symbols: ✕-☿ (2)
- Constellation: Andromeda
- Description: A princess chained to a rock by the sea
- Spiritual Text: *“He Who Sacrifices His Own*
- *Desires for the Welfare of Others Draws*
- *Down the Divine Fire*
- *from Heaven and With It Kindles the*
- *Highest Potencies of His*
- *Own Soul.*
- Andromeda is a northern constellation surrounded by Perseus, Cassiopeia and Pegasus
- As divine punishment for her mother Cassiopeia's bragging, Andromeda, was chained to a rock as a sacrifice to Cetus the sea monster
- She was rescued by Perseus

- “PISCES—2nd Decanate. The second decanate of Pisces is pictured among the constellations by ANDROMEDA—the Princess chained to the rock for the sea monster to devour. It symbolizes the earthbound condition of the human soul that passes to the spirit side of life obsessed with the desire for material reincarnation. It also represents those noblest of all mankind who suffer persecution and imprisonment that the rest of humanity may prosper.”
- “The lives of persons born under this section of the sky are usually filled with restrictions and limitations. Often these conditions are assumed voluntarily as the price enacted by the world for the sake of assisting in its progress. When living at their best they are readily impressed by those on the spirit side of life, and are often chosen to carry out some important mission on earth. They grasp more readily than others the true meaning of universal brotherhood, and they get “Yet Andromeda was not devoured by the Whale monster. Instead she was rescued by Perseus, her Prince Charming, and had a happiness she could not have hoped for had she not endured Self Sacrifice. And while Prometheus suffered for a time for gaining fire by which those of earth might live in greater comfort, he too eventually was released. Kind Chiron, representing the Higher Mind of Sagittarius, ruler of the 9th and of public expression, volunteered to take his place. And still later Hercules killed the vulture and he too was freed.”
- *Delineating the Horoscope* – C. C. Zain
- “Because such Self Sacrifice has commonly been prompted by that sense of Universal Brotherhood which the higher side of Pisces promotes, and because Pisces, through its 12<sup>th</sup> house affinity relates to imprisonment and crime, the ancients placed Andromeda, the Chained Lady, in such a position as to picture the middle decanate of Pisces,

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where the Sun may be found each year from March 1 to March 11.”

- “The Keyword of the decanate, Self Sacrifice, is set forth in the universal symbolism not only of the story of Andromeda, but in that of Prometheus also. In the case of Andromeda the coast of her native land was being ravaged by the Sea monster, Cetus. This was through no fault of the fair princess; but had been brought on by the arrogance of Cassiopeia, her mother. Cassiopeia had incurred the wrath of Neptune, who was quite justified in resenting her claim to be more beautiful than the Nereides, nymphs of the sea; and Neptune, ruler of Pisces, had sent the Sea monster to bring destruction to her land. Jupiter, planet of religion, was appealed to in an effort to save the country; and he decreed that only through offering her daughter as a sacrifice to the Sea monster could Cassiopeia atone for her sin. Andromeda, therefore, not because she had transgressed, but to save her fellow countrymen from death, was chained to a wave-washed rock in the sea for Cetus to devour.”
- “When the critical faculties of Hercules, picturing one decanate of Virgo, more widely are brought to bear upon the suppression and distortion of information, we may be sure that the vultures who misinform the public will no longer be tolerated. Furthermore, even while Andromeda and Prometheus were persecuted for their services to the public good they were being amply rewarded, as all who endure misfortune for the benefit of the human race are always rewarded, through building into themselves those qualities which ultimately would permit them far greater freedom in celestial realms than those could have who permitted injustice to thrive unmolested. Thus does the text become: *He Who Sacrifices His Own Desires for the Welfare of Others Draws Down the Divine Fire from Heaven and*

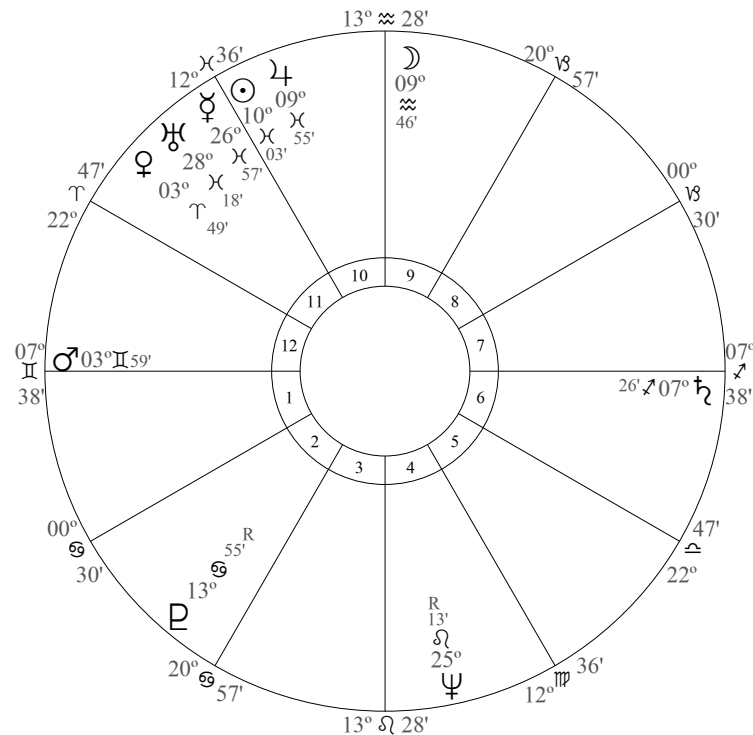
*With It Kindles the Highest Potencies of His Own Soul.”*

- *Spiritual Astrology*– C. C. Zain

### • Self-Sacrifice

- 1) sacrifice of one's interests, desires, etc., as for duty or the good of another

### Andromeda ♋-♊ (♊) - Harry Belafonte



- Harry Belafonte
- 1 March 1927
- 10:30 a.m.
- New York NY
- 40n42, 74w00
- “You can cage the singer but not the song.” - Harry Belafonte



### Cassiopeia ♏- ♒ (♂/♀)



- Pisces—3rd Decanate (20 - 29°).
- Solar Dates: March 11 to 21
- Symbols: ♏- ♒ (♂/♀)
- Constellation: Cassiopeia
- Description: A queen sitting on a throne clasping in one hand a braid of her hair
- Keyword: Visissitudes
- Spiritual Text: *“Man May Pass from This Life to the Next, Even Through Death, With No Greater Break in His Affairs than Would be Occasioned by Leaving His Acquaintances in One City and Taking up His Activities in Another City Amid a Different Group of Friends.”*
- The northern constellation of Cassiopeia is bordered by Cepheus, Andromeda, and Perseus
- Together they form a story in the heavens
- Cassiopeia, the wife of Cepheus, king of Ethiopia and mother of Andromeda

angered the gods through her hubris or pride

- She claimed to be more beautiful than any of the Nereids, including Amphitrite the consort of Poseidon
- Poseidon directed the sea monster, Cetus to ravage the coasts of Ethiopia
- After consulting an oracle, Cassiopeia and Cetus chained Andromeda to a rock in the harbor to appease Cetus
- “PISCES—3rd Decanate. The last decanate of Pisces is pictured among the constellations by CASSIOPEIA the Queen on her throne. It is the sex decanate of the sign of imprisonment, and mythology attributes the imprisonment of her daughter to the pride of this queen in her beauty. However, in another story she is the queen who furnished her children with the Ram that bore the golden fleece and carried them to heaven.”
- “Therefore, we find those born under this influence to have eventful lives, and to be capable of entering upon and succeeding in a wide variety of careers. It is the last section of the zodiac, and they seem often to recapitulate in their lives the events and conditions we expect from many other decanates. They are unusually adaptable, are likable people, and require excitement and change. They reach their highest value in psychical research, and in adopting and advocating such a life as will prepare man for existence after the change called death.”
- *Delineating the Horoscope* – C. C. Zain
- “The last decanate of the zodiac, where the Sun may be found each year from March 11 to March 21, represents the end of the cycle of physical life. Among the constellations this point from which the transition is made to a new cycle is pictured by Cassiopeia, the Lady in the Chair, who with one hand removes the cloak which represents the physical

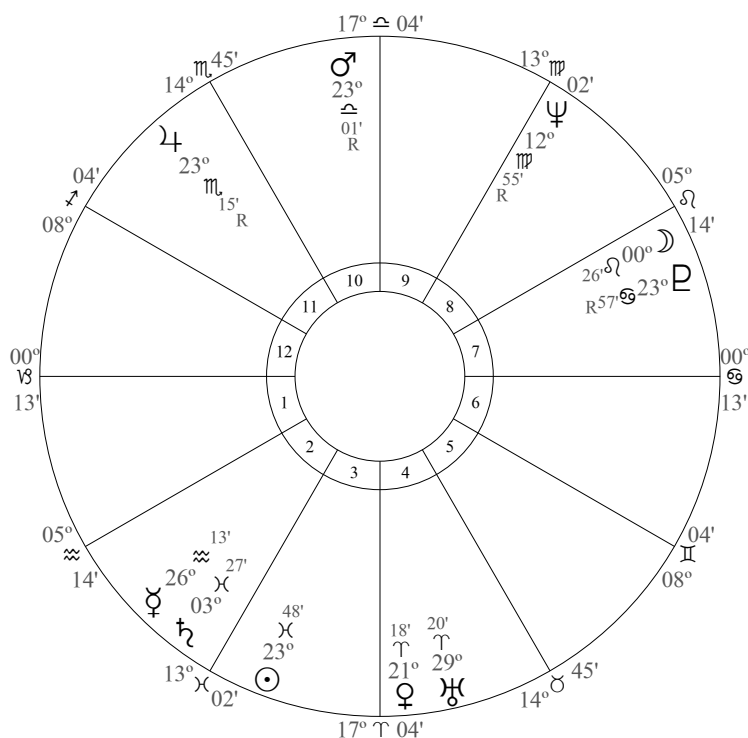
body, and with the other holds aloft a branch from the Tree of Life.”

- “The alternative revealed by this decanate, the Keyword of which is Vicissitudes, is well set forth in the stories relative to this woman. As one queen, her inordinate pride, selfish ambition and attachment to worldly honors caused her daughter, Andromeda, to be chained to the rock for Cetus to destroy. But in another story, she is the queen who furnished her two children, Helle and Phryxus, with the Ram of the Golden Fleece, which was to carry them from danger into safety.”
- “Such a spiritual circuit, among other things, permits of passing to the next life in full consciousness. Thus the text with which the circle of constellations closes is: *Man May Pass from This Life to the Next, Even Through Death, With No Greater Break in His Affairs than Would be Occasioned by Leaving His Acquaintances in One City and Taking up His Activities in Another City Amid a Different Group of Friends.*
  - *Spiritual Astrology* – C. C. Zain

• **Vicissitudes**

- 2) a change or variation occurring in the course of something
- 3) interchange or alternation, as of states or things
- 4) vicissitudes, successive, alternating, or changing phases or conditions, as of life or fortune; ups and downs

### Cassiopeia ♄-♍ (♂/♀) - Jimmy Swaggart



- Jimmy Swaggart
- 15 March 1935
- 1:35 a.m.
- Ferriday LA,
- 31n38, 91w33
- “If I do not return to the pulpit this weekend, millions of people will go to hell.” - Jimmy Swaggart