

## Signs of the Zodiac – Conceptual Synopsis

### Aries

**Rays** I, VII. Cardinal cross.

**Rulers:** Mars (exoteric, VI), Mercury (esoteric, IV), Uranus (hierarchic, VII)

**Dignities:** *Exaltation:* Sun; *Fall:* Saturn; *Detriment:* Venus

**Key notes:** Will to be, power to manifest, fight, unity through effort.

### Words:

(evolution of form) “And the Word said: Let form again be sought.”

(evolution of consciousness) “I come forth and from the plane of mind I rule.”

### Response to influence:

Undeveloped:	Blind, undirected experience. Instinctual reaction.
Advanced:	Directed Personality Effort. Desire.
Disciple:	Recognition and work with plan. Will.

**Labour of Hercules:** The Capture of the Man-eating Mares

**Auxiliary constellations:** Cetus, Cassiopeia, Perseus

**Decanates:** Jupiter (expansion, absorption), Sun (rulership, identification), Mars (conflict, fight)

## **Taurus**

**Rays** IV. Fixed cross.

**Rulers:** Venus (exoteric, V), Vulcan (esoteric, I), Vulcan (hierarchical, I)

**Dignities:** *Exaltation:* Moon; *Fall:* Uranus; *Detriment:* Mars

**Key notes:** Desire. Aspiration. Will. Enlightenment.

### **Words:**

(evolution of form) And the Word said:. Let struggle be undismayed.

(evolution of consciousness) I see, and when the eye is opened, all is illumined.

### **Response to influence:**

Undeveloped: Selfish desire. The Light of Earth.

Advanced: Aspiration. The Light of Love.

Disciple: Illumined living. The Light of Life.

**Labour of Hercules:** The Capture of the Cretan Bull

**Auxiliary constellations:** Eridanus, The Chariot, Orion

**Decanates:** Venus (light, life of form), Mercury (intelligent activity), Saturn (limitation, discipline)

## **Gemini**

**Rays** II. Mutable cross.

**Rulers:** Mercury (exoteric, IV), Venus (esoteric, V), Earth (hierarchical, III)

**Dignities:** *Exaltation:* –; *Fall:* –; *Detriment:* Jupiter

**Key notes:** Fluidity. Acknowledgment of duality. Control by the soul.

### **Words:**

(evolution of form)                      And the Word said: Let instability do its work.

(evolution of consciousness) I recognise my other self and in the waning of that self  
I grow and glow.

### **Response to influence:**

Undeveloped: Mutation of relation. "I serve myself."

Advanced:                                  Orientation of "I serve my brother."

Disciple:                                    Right relation. "I serve the One."

**Labour of Hercules:** The Golden Apples of the Hesperides

**Auxiliary constellations:**    Lepus, Canis Minor, Canis Mayor

**Decanates:** Jupiter (fusion, fecundity), Mars (pair of opposites), Sun (unity)

## **Cancer**

**Rays** III, VII. Cardinal cross.

**Rulers:** Moon (exoteric, IV), Neptune (esoteric, VI), Neptune (hierarchic, VI)

**Dignities:** *Exaltation:* Jupiter; *Fall:* Mars; *Detriment:* Saturn

**Key notes:** Mass consciousness. Sensibility; isolation. Incarnation. Instinct.

### **Words:**

(evolution of form) And the Word said: Let isolation be the rule and yet the crowd exists.

(evolution of consciousness) I build a lighted house and therein dwell.

### **Response to influence:**

Undeveloped: The blind unit is lost. which is around one. The Mass.

Advanced: The unit awakens to that. The House.

Disciple: The Whole is seen as Humanity.

**Labour of Hercules:** The Capture of the Doe or Hind,

**Auxiliary constellations:** Argos, Ursa Minor, Ursa Mayor.

**Decanates:** Venus (mental development), Mercury (conflict, harmonization), Moon/Vulcan (life of form)

## **Leo**

**Rays** I, V. Fixed cross.

**Rulers:** Sun (exoteric, II), Neptune (esoteric, VI), Uranus (hierarchic, VII)

**Dignities:** *Exaltation:* –; *Fall:* –; *Detriment:* Saturn, Uranus.

**Key notes:** Self-consciousness. Will to rule. Will to enlighten.

### **Words:**

(evolution of form) And the Word said: Let other forms exist. I rule.

(evolution of consciousness) I am That and That am I.

### **Response to influence:**

Undeveloped: The Lower Self. The hidden point.

Advanced: The Higher Self. The revealing point.

Disciple: The One Self. The relinquished point.

**Labour of Hercules:** The Slaying of the Nemean Lion

**Auxiliary constellations:** Hydra, Crater, Corvus.

**Decanates:** Mars (self-affirmation), Sun (self-mastering), Jupiter (influence)

## **Virgo**

**Rays** II, VII. Mutable cross.

**Rulers:** Mercury (exoteric, IV), Moon (Vulcan) (esoteric, IV-I), Jupiter (hierarchic, II)

**Dignities:** *Exaltation:* Mercury; *Fall:* Venus; *Detriment:* Jupiter

**Key notes:** Germination. Pregnancy. Glorifying. Purity.

### **Words:**

(evolution of form) And the Word said: Let matter reign.

(evolution of consciousness) I am the Mother and the Child. I, God, I matter am.

### **Response to influence:**

Undeveloped: The germinating energy. The Mother.

Advanced: The creative force. The Protector.

Disciple: The Christ activity. The Light.

**Labour of Hercules:** Seizing the Girdle of Hippolyte

**Auxiliary constellations:** Come Berenice, Centaurus, Boötes

**Decanates:** Mercury (discrimination, analysis), Saturn (difficulty, opportunity), Venus (illumination, harvest)

## **Libra**

**Rays** III. Cardinal cross.

**Rulers:** Venus (exoteric, V), Uranus (esoteric, VII), Saturn (hierarchical, III)

**Dignities:** *Exaltation:* Saturn; *Fall:* Sun; *Detriment:* Mars

**Key notes:** Balance. Harmony. Justice. Law, money, sex.

### **Words:**

(evolution of form)                      And the Word said: Let choice be made.

(evolution of consciousness) I choose the way that leads between  
the two great lines of force.

### **Response to influence:**

Undeveloped: Unbalanced fiery passion. Human love.

Advanced:                                  The weighing of the opposites. Devotion and aspiration.

Disciple:                                    Balance attained. Divine love. Understanding.

**Labour of Hercules:** The Capture of the Erymanthian Boar

**Auxiliary constellations:** Crux, Lupus, Corona Borealis

**Decanates:** Jupiter (refinement, fusion), Saturn (election, judgement), Mercury (intelligent resolution)

## **Scorpio**

**Rays** IV. Fixed cross.

**Rulers:** Mars, Pluto (exoteric, VI, I), Mars (esoteric, VI), Mercury (hierarchic, IV)

**Dignities:** *Exaltation:* Uranus; *Fall:* Moon; *Detriment:* Venus.

**Key notes:** Test. Experience. Triumph. Recapitulation.

### **Words:**

(evolution of form) And the Word said: Let Maya flourish and let deception rule.

(evolution of consciousness) Warrior I am, and from the battle I emerge triumphant.

### **Response to influence:**

Undeveloped: Unity of selfishness. The Monster.

Advanced: Conflict with duality. The Fighter.

Disciple: Higher unity. The Disciple.

**Labour of Hercules:** Destroying the Lernaean Hydra

**Auxiliary constellations:** Serpens, Ophiucus, Hercules

**Decanates:** Mars (intensity, achievement), Jupiter (wisdom, benevolence), Moon/Vulcan (control, triumph)

## **Sagittarius**

**Rays** IV, V, VI. Mutable cross.

**Rulers:** Jupiter (exoteric, II), Earth (esoteric, III), Mars (hierarchic, VI)

**Dignities:** *Exaltation:* –; *Fall:* –; *Detriment:* Mercury

**Key notes:** Freedom of movement and thinking. One-pointed focus. Idealism. Intuition.

### **Words:**

(evolution of form) And the Word said: Let food be sought.

(evolution of consciousness) I see the goal. I reach the goal and see another.

### **Response to influence:**

Undeveloped: Self-centredness. Experimental approach.

Advanced: One-pointedness. Directed approach.

Disciple: The Director of men. The controller of the Gate.

**Labour of Hercules:** Killing the Stymphalian Birds

**Auxiliary constellations:** Lyra, Ara, Draco

**Decanates:** Jupiter (expansion, elevation), Mars (fight for an ideal), Sun (positivity, direction)

## **Capricorn**

**Rays** I, III, VII. Cardinal cross.

**Rulers:** Saturn (exoteric, III), Saturn (esoteric, III), Venus (hierarchic, V)

**Dignities:** *Exaltation:* Mars; *Fall:* Jupiter; *Detriment:* Moon

**Key notes:** Crystallization. Consummation. New cycle of effort. Initiation.

### **Words:**

(evolution of form) And the Word said: Let ambition rule and the door stand wide.

(evolution of consciousness) Lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back.

### **Response to influence:**

Undeveloped: The earthbound soul.

Advanced: The one who crosses the water. Fluid.

Disciple: The Conqueror of death. Initiated.

**Labour of Hercules:** The Slaying of Cerberus, Guardian of Hades

**Auxiliary constellations:** Saggita, Dephinus, Aquila

**Decanates:** Saturn (solitude, dedication), Venus (beauty, transfiguration), Mercury (understanding of the law)

## **Aquarius**

**Rays** V. Fixed cross.

**Rulers:** Uranus (exoteric, VII), Jupiter (esoteric, II), Moon, Uranus (hierarchic, IV, VII)

**Dignities:** *Exaltation:* –; *Fall:* –; *Detriment:* Sun

**Key notes:** Service. Hierarchic activity. Humanitarian attitude.

### **Words:**

(evolution of form) And the Word said: Let desire in form be ruler.

(evolution of consciousness) Water of life am I, poured forth for thirsty men.

### **Response to influence:**

Undeveloped: All things to all men. The burden of the self.

Advanced: Dedication to the soul. The burden of humanity.

Disciple: The Server of all men. The burden of the world.

**Labour of Hercules:** Cleansing the Augean Stables

**Auxiliary constellations:** Cygnus, Pegasus, Piscis Notius

**Decanates:** Saturn (training, load), Mercury (specialized knowledge), Venus (group magnetism)

**Piscis**

**Rays** II, VI. Mutable cross.

**Rulers:** Jupiter (exoteric, II), Pluto (esoteric, I), Pluto (hierarchic, I)

**Dignities:** *Exaltation:* Venus; *Fall:* Mercury; *Detriment:* Mercury

**Key notes:** Captivity. Detachment. Sacrifice.

**Words:**

(evolution of form) And the Word said: Go forth into matter.

(evolution of consciousness) I leave the Father's Home and turning back, I save.

**Response to influence:**

Undeveloped: Responsiveness to environment. The medium

Advanced: Sensitivity to soul. The Mediator.

Disciple: Spiritual responsibility. The Saviour.

**Labour of Hercules:** The Capture of the Red Cattle of Geryon

**Auxiliary constellations:** The Band, Andromeda, Cefeo

**Decanates:** Jupiter (vision, faith), Moon/Vulcan (liberation), Mars (fight for unity)