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Religion Of The Stars Constellation Chart

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Chart of the 48 Constellations.—It seems fitting at this time of year to make some mention of yuletide customs. For this purpose there is here reproduced in exact detail the story relating to the constellation Centaurus, as printed in the newly revised edition of Course VII, on Spiritual Astrology.

In this book each of the 48 ancient constellations is given the same amount of space here given to Centaurus. Bible and Greek stories are told about each in a manner just as interesting and instructive, a full page illustration gives the picture of each, and the material is so presented that it can easily be used to acquaint children with the higher truths.

The picture of Centaurus here given is an exact reproduction, except that it has here been reduced in size, of the full page illustration of this constellation given in connection with it in the book. You will notice that the brighter stars of the constellation, as seen in the sky, are placed in their correct positions. This is a feature associated with each of the 48 constellations, and assists in locating it in the sky. In connection with each is shown its Key-word and the decanate of the zodiac it pictures.

This feature is of value not merely in the spiritual interpretation of the constellation's significance, but has an important bearing upon precise work in natal astrology and mundane astrology. In the September issue, for instance, it was pointed out how the constellation in which a new star or other celestial visitor appears, indicates by the significance of the constellation thus ascertained, what the unusual phenomenon portends.

Therefore, that you may review with a clearer understanding of the principle involved, that article in which all the new stars of third magnitude or brighter which have been seen in the last 2,000 years are shown to have signified events related to the meaning of the constellation in which they appeared; that you may be able to apply the significance of the constellations picturing the Sun-decanate, Moon-decanate and Ascendant-decanate of your own birth-chart and thus find a further key to your higher possibilities; and that you also may be able to follow the story of Santa Claus here set forth; there is reproduced on the front page a picture of all 48 ancient constellations, enlarged from one of the full page illustrations in the book.

In the book, in addition to the 48 constellations, there are 4 other full page illustrations, with subject matter explaining the origin and significance of the Stellar Doctrines in their less specialized aspect.

It is to be hoped that the picture here presented will be retained. It has a wide range of practical application, and comments made in the future on world events and birth-charts will more readily be understood by reference to it. After all, the real heart and soul of astrology are the constellations. They picture in universal symbolism what may be expected from the planets when these are located, or make aspects, in the corresponding sections of the zodiac.

Why Santa Claus Comes Down the Chimney.—The very first glance at a chart picturing all 48 of the ancient constellations, such as that illustrating Lesson 71, brings to the attention that two of the constellations, quite far apart in the sky, portray the same mythological creatures. Part horse and part man, the only difference between Centaurus, which pictures the Sagittarius-decanate of Leo, where the Sun may be found from August 3 to August 13, and Sagittarius, which pictures the sign where the Sun may be found from November 22 to December 22, is that Centaurus is armed with a shield and spear, while Sagittarius has a cloak and uses bow and arrow.

This identity of pictured forms at once suggests that the ancients who placed these pictures in the sky to convey information in terms of universal symbolism, desired that these two sections of the heavens be closely linked in the teaching they wished to give. It certainly is not coincidence that one larger and one

smaller section of the zodiac should be represented by similar creatures; or that those chosen should indicate the human qualities carried by a horse. Rather, especially as the huntsman and the spearman face as if each were traveling toward the place of the other, it signifies that there is a movement of the same type of influence from one station in the zodiac to the other.

We are bound to infer, therefore, that the teaching signified, and the traditional story left to give more detail, includes a movement, a carrying from one place to another—else why the horses' legs?—and that its comprehension requires several stations in the zodiac, the two most important being those pictured by the roving horsemen.

If we follow the simplest and most obvious method, which is that always employed by those who traced these doctrines in the sky, it will lead us to commence with Sagittarius because it pictures 30 degrees, and is therefore more important than Centarus which pictures only 10 degrees of space. We may be sure, however, that a child or children will play a part in the story, because the smaller influence relates to the middle-decanate of Leo, which has a natural rule of children.

Sagittarius, ruled by Jupiter, and the Sagittarius-decanate of Leo, also having Jupiterian rule, are known to relate to gifts. Astrologers say that what Jupiter brings comes freely as the result of good-will rather than through work as is the case with Saturn.

Hence it is that immediately after the Sun leaves the Sagittarius sign in winter is the time when gifts are made. Christmas is not on the day when the Sun reaches its farthest declination south, which is the day when it crosses from the manger of the horse to the manger of the goat; because for three days it remains at this lowest, most southern, point before starting back to bring new life and light into the world.

Giving it three days grace after December 22 insures that on Christmas day the Sun will be moving northward in declination and that the days will have started to get longer. They will thus continue to lengthen until June 22, when the Sun reaches the topmost point of the home sign, Cancer.

The topmost part of a home is commonly the chimney. Therefore the Sun, in coming to the home from the place where Jupiter brings his gifts on the line dividing Sagittarius and Capricorn in winter, must touch it first at the highest spot, the chimney. And to reach it, he of course comes through the air.

In vain you will search the Bible for mention of Christmas tree or Santa Claus; yet that they are linked traditionally with the Centaur picturing the middle-decanate of the section of the heavens relating to children seems certain; for on that day when they are prominent it is said a child was born. Born in a stable underground as the Sun yet represents; for it has reached its lowest point when between the horse and goat, from which time it starts to gain new strength.

Santa Claus, like the horsemen in the sky, one of which relates to the time of winter's cold and the other to the heat of summer, portrays two seasons of the year. His garb is chiefly red; for as representing the constellated Centaur is he not next the fiery furnace, Crater, where the heat glows fiercest? Yet also, to denote the snow of winter, the trimming of his garb is spotless white.

The gifts he brings at Christmas time are tokens of still greater gifts to come, they are the promise that abundance will follow after the time of winter dearth when the heat from the Sun will have had time to ripen crops again. Still ahead, even though the days have started in their lengthening, is a period of privation and cold. Stored supplies may become exhausted, giving rise to dark despair; yet even at the entrance of this period does he give promise of better days to come.

In his jovial manner and rotund figure he expresses the Jupiterian quality of Sagittarius, from which the Sun has just moved at Christmas. This is the sign of religion. And even as Santa Claus brings promise of material gifts; so religion brings an equal cheer and promise of spiritual blessings after the hard dark days of earth are done. Yes, the days are darkest about Christmas time. They are like those other days when hope so fades that nothing seems worth while. Therefore is it fitting that there should be joyous news of a happy future life.

Santa, however, not merely represents Jupiter's winter sign, but also a decanate of Leo, sign ruled by the Sun. And anyone who has viewed the radiant rising Sun on a cold and frosty morning will remember the resemblance to Santa's red circle of a face.

Yet the youngsters of the land, whose special joy he is, would not recognize the rotund fellow if divested of his whiskers. They are an essential part of his makeup because at Christmas time the Sun has just moved into Capricorn, and chin whiskers are the especial adornment of a goat.

Horses customarily draw sleighs, therefore Sagittarius and Centaurus well could qualify; but as still more significant of the cold bleak winter days, reindeer are now used to take their place. They are more accustomed to ice and snow.

Before this sleigh—which coming from Sagittarius, the Jupiterian sign of abundance, is filled with good things to overflowing—can get to the fireplace, Crater, it must land on top the house at Cancer. And thus really does the Sun. For after touching the highest point it reaches, which is where it enters the home-sign Cancer, it immediately starts descending, as if going down the chimney, until it passes into the decanate pictured by Crater.

It does not tarry in this fireplace, or hottest decanate of the zodiac, however, but at once moves into the decanate pictured by Centaurus, the other horseman of the sky. The feet, it is true, are ruled by Pisces. But ask any small boy or girl—such as is ruled by the Leo section of the sky—if it is enough to hang up the mere feet of stockings on Christmas evening. If I remember rightly, there is usually a hunt for stockings that are long and ample, such as come well up on to the thighs. And it is the legs thus covered by the longer hosiery that Sagittarius rules, and of which its decanate in Leo also must partake.

The horseman of Leo is not the gift, but the one who brings it; for it is the Sun at this time of year that ripens the grain in the field and the fruit on the trees. The gifts which the traveler from the north thus brings, while related to the children of Leo, are pictured in the next sign to it, in the harvest sign, Virgo. It is really the Virgin Mother, not Santa Claus, from whom the gifts more directly come.

The lady of the sky holds a palm frond in one hand and heads of wheat in the other; while Hercules, who pictures the middle decanate of the Virgo sign, holds in his hand the branch of a tree adorned with fruit.

The fruit thus shown is the fulfillment of the promise made at the time when the nights were longest, just as the Sun turned back from its farthest distance away. This promise was not made by using a tree when it was filled with fruit; because such are hard to find at Christmas time. It was made by using a tree symbolic of perpetual life, by using an evergreen tree. The fruit to come, when ripened through the heat of the Sun in Leo, was represented by presents on that tree. And it was spangled with stars and bedecked with lights as a token that the Sun, thus moving through the firmament, was on the way to dissipate the winter's darkness.

At this yuletide time of year, still further to connect the passing of the Sun from Sagittarius to the Centaurus decanate of Leo, the sign of love affairs and pleasure, it is the custom to hang mistletoe with the privilege of kissing whomsoever passes under it.

The mistletoe, like the Christmas tree, is of evergreen foliage, and thus symbolically promises everlasting life. But because it grows above the earth, apparently too pure and holy to touch the physical soil, it came to have a special spiritual significance. Its berry fruit, formed without polluting contact with the loam of earth, came to be looked upon as derived from an immaculate conception.

Kissing under the mistletoe even in times not remote was a solemn and binding ceremony. It was the token of a chaste affection and the promise of marriage. More than that, it was the promise that out of the love then expressed should develop a new and more spiritual type of life.

Such a life of spiritual endeavor, as Santa Claus and Centaurus clearly teach, is dependent upon what is done for others. It is the effort to give, rather than take, which promises a spiritual harvest.

After all, in the realms of the future, after we shall have passed from this mundane sphere, the physical objects men set their hearts upon will have less value than the tinsel and gilded baubles with which they decorate the Christmas tree.

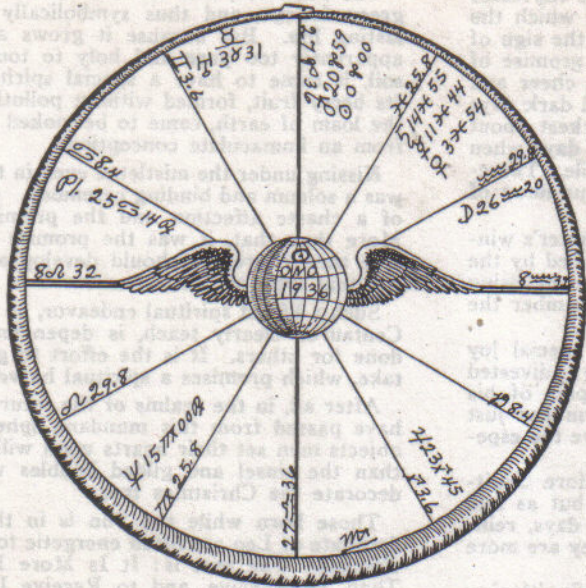
Those born while the Sun is in the Reformation-decanate of Leo are often energetic to bring beneficial changes. The text is: *It Is More Blessed To Give Than To Receive, and to Receive In Full Measure We Must First Give of That Which We Already Have.*

The Jovial Bands of Jupiter and the Cold Restricting Rings of Saturn.—As shortly now, the Sun will cross the line, passing from the sign of Jupiter into the domain of Saturn, let us consider the character of these planets: The influence of Jupiter on everything he contacts is in the direction of expansion. He is the salesman, whose good will and joviality enable him to sell his wares or his services at the highest price. Large and generous by nature he spends no time in petty haggling over small differences in cost. His customers will buy from him, even if they must pay a little more than elsewhere, because he is such a good fellow.

This disregard of small imperfections in others, tendency to forgive transgressions, and the spirit of give and take which is so essential in life if frictions and antagonisms are to be avoided, may well be symbolized by the belts of Jupiter which may be seen through a small glass; ever-shifting zones of various colors formed by changes in the planet's atmosphere. Here there is no suggestion of restriction, of self-interest, or of coldness; but rather an impression of a benevolent and genial giant.

Look at Saturn through a telescope and there comes a very different feeling. Its cold white is slightly tinged with yellow, but it lacks that glowing warmth which the steadfast yellow light of Jupiter seems to pour forth to cheer his neighbors in the sky. Instead of the somewhat careless disregard of self which the larger planet seems to indicate, Saturn has built a ring completely around himself to protect his possessions. In his cautious and self-centered desire to insure that nothing from himself is given to others, and that in even the smallest way no one outdo him in bargaining, he has fenced himself and his possessions in.

The fact which Saturn constantly overlooks, is that a wall which prevents anything from getting out acts quite as effectively to keep anything from getting in. Jupiter gives and spends and makes pleasure for others; and this generous attitude awakens a like response in them. They in turn, feeling a sympathetic glow of generosity, give Jupiter more than he asks, and go out of their way to see him prosper. But when they come in contact with the cold ring into which Saturn has withdrawn, they recoil from the barrier and think to themselves that such a one deserves no favors, and that the best thing is to let him entirely alone.



World Affairs.—A new Mars Cycle starts Feb. 23, 1936, 9:30 p.m. Greenwich Time; 4:22 p.m. L.M.T. Washington. Moon is conjunction Mars and opposition Neptune, making a T-square with Jupiter (finances). Sun is conjunction Saturn, sextile Uranus, Mercury and Venus. It is not a peaceful figure, the Cycle at Tokyo being particularly warlike. At Rome its heavy affliction is to finances.

There is a conjunction of Mars and Saturn on January 25, and a conjunction of Mars and Uranus on April 7, drawing to a focus the tendency to military strife everywhere. The January conjunction at Washington occurs in the 5th, in opposition to Neptune in the house of Congress. At Rome it is in the house of money, and at Tokyo in the 10th, stimulating desire for military expansion.

June 19 there is a total eclipse of the Sun. Disasters foreshadowed by eclipses take place in the region where the shadow is visible. This shadow is NOT visible in the U. S. It is visible in Italy and Ethiopia, the line of totality passing south of Italy in the Mediterranean, thence eastward and somewhat north, and along the line of dispute between Russia and Japan, and across the north of Japan.

Due to aspects in the Cycle Charts, it would seem, however, that the date when astrological forces converge to produce important world happenings is preceding the eclipse. In the Mars Cycle, Mars is opposition Jupiter r June 12; and in the Jupiter Cycle, Jupiter is trine Moon r June 12. In the Uranus Cycle Uranus is sextile Mercury r June 10. June 10, 1936, therefore, seems approximately to mark the date of occurrences of world-wide import.

Italy—Ethiopia.—Quoting from lesson No. 142: "We can be absolutely certain that when a progressed aspect forms in the Pluto Cycle Chart that some important event will come to pass involving group activity, and with possibilities of drastic action in case there is resistance to the group decision.

According to lesson No. 145, Jupiter rules arbitration and treaties. And as pointed out in the September QUARTERLY, in the Pluto Cycle, Pluto by progression makes the trine to Jupiter r, both in September and in December, 1935. The September aspect brought solidarity of action by the League of Nations (which Pluto rules), and we may expect further developments along the same line in December. But as Mussolini has Venus conjunction Sun p in the 10th at that time

(see chart in September issue) and the Cycle aspect is a trine, he will have opportunity to conclude a treaty that will save his face.

If, however, (this must go to printer Nov. 1) the matter is not settled before 1936, grave consequences will follow. The conjunction of Mars and Saturn on January 25 coincides with the Moon sesqui-square Uranus p in Mussolini's chart. If peace is not concluded in 1935, Mussolini must prepare to fight the League.

United States.—The Ingress Chart for Washington, here published; March 20, 1936, 1:50 p.m. L.M.T., shows unexpected developments in the policies of the administration, a tendency toward inflation, worry over foreign affairs, strife over shipping, agitation about pensions, and a determination to build up the air force and the navy. More about these things in the March issue.

Conclusions About Politicians.—Table 57 speaks for itself. We also classified these 100 charts according to the sign of the Sun, Moon and Asc., but the result is not significant other than that Leo gives most politicians and Gemini the fewest. In this connection it is interesting that no president of the U. S. has had the Sun in Gemini, that Lincoln, who freed the slaves, was born with the Sun in the REPRESSION decanate, and that Washington, who could not tell a lie, was born in the VERITY decanate. (Refer to chart front page.)

We wish to acknowledge the collaboration of Lenora Conwell in the preparation of this report, and that all charts used were erected by her.

Data Urgently Needed.—For our next report we need the birth-data, with at least the approximate hour, of policemen, sheriffs, constables and other law enforcement officers. Please send at once.

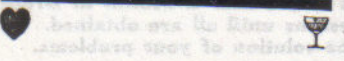
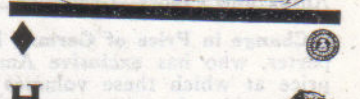
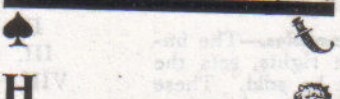
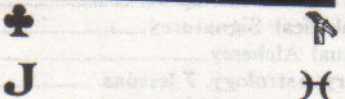


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March issue, 18 in the June issue, and the remaining 6, of the total 78, in the September issue. This necessitates omitting the RELIGION OF THE STARS MEETINGS announcement from the June issue, and List of Lessons and magazine announcements from the March issue.



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