

116 FIXED STARS AND CONSTELLATIONS

In the following pages will be found a description of the influence of each star in as much detail as could be obtained. The stars are arranged alphabetically to facilitate reference, and the longitude is also added in each case to enable the position in the Table to be found without trouble.

1. ACHERNAR. *α Eridani*. $\times 14^{\circ} 10'$.

Notes. A white star situated at the mouth of the River. From Al Ahir al Nahr, the End of the River.

Influence. In his notes on the stars in Eridanus Ptolemy says "the last bright one is of the same influence as Jupiter." It is symbolized as the Cherub and Sword and gives success in public office, beneficence, and religion.

2. ACRUX. *α Crucis*. $\text{M} 10^{\circ} 46'$

Notes. The brightest star in the Southern Cross. It is triple.

Influence. Acrux is of the nature of Jupiter. It gives religious beneficence, ceremonial, justice, magic and mystery, and is frequently prominent in the horoscopes of astrologers and occultists.

3. ACUBENS. *α Cancri*. $\text{Q} 12^{\circ} 31'$.

Notes. A double star with white and red components situated on the southern claw of the Crab. From Al Zubanah, the Claws.

Influence. Of the nature of Saturn and Mercury. It has been called "The sheltering or hiding place," and gives activity, malevolence and poison, making its natives liars and criminals.

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4. ACULEUS. 6M *Scorpii*. \uparrow 24° 39'.

Notes. The so-called Nebula in the sting of Scorpio mentioned by Ptolemy. It is actually a cluster and lies with Acumen a little above the sting.

Influence. Of the nature of Mars and the Moon. It affects the eyesight and causes blindness of one or both eyes if in conjunction with an afflicted luminary, or in conjunction with a malefic that afflicts the luminaries. The opposition appears to be equally effective.

5. ACUMEN. 7M *Scorpii*. \uparrow 27° 35'.

Notes. A companion cluster to Aculeus and of the same nature and influence.

6. ADHAFERA. ζ *Leonis*. Ω 26° 27'.

Notes. A double star in the Lion's mane. It has been called Al Serpha, the Funeral Pyre.

Influence. Of the nature of Saturn and Mercury. It is connected with suicide, poison, corrosive acids, liquid explosives, liquid fire, lying, stealing and crime.

If rising gives great military preferment and riches.

7. AGENA. β *Centauri*. \mathbb{M} 22° 43'.

Notes. On the right foreleg of the Centaur.

Influence. According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Venus and Jupiter, but Alvidas suggests an influence similar to that of Mars conjunction Mercury. It gives position, friendship, refinement, morality, health and honour.

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With Sun. Mental activity, rashness, success, many friendships.

With Moon. Sarcasm and bitter speech, strong passions.

With Mercury. Great mental ability, sarcasm, material gain, speaking, writing and championing the masses.

With Venus. Poetical, strong passions, rash friendships with women.

With Mars. Legal authority, honour as speaker or writer, great mental and physical powers.

With Jupiter. Intellectual success, legal and Church authority, professional honour.

With Saturn. Thoughtful, shrewd, association with medical men, healing powers, abrupt manner, occultism, domestic disharmony through jealousy.

With Uranus. Sarcasm, public work but eventual disfavour of superiors, caustic speaker and writer, violent, coarse, unrefined, strong passions, domestic disharmony, loss of expected wealth, peculiar death.

With Neptune. Sharp, rash, headstrong, original, organizer, poor executive ability, loss through law and speculation, obstacles to success, many false friends and enemies, liable to accidents, death by colds or fevers.

8. ALBIREO. β Cygni. $\approx 0^{\circ} 9'$.

Notes. A topaz yellow and sapphire blue binary or double star situated on the head of the Swan. Symbolized as "The Song of the Dying Swan."

Influence. Of the nature of Venus and Mercury.

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It gives a handsome appearance, neatness, a lovable disposition and beneficence in despair.

9. *ALCYONE.* η *Tauri.* δ $28^{\circ} 52'$.

Legend. Alcyone represents the Pleiad, daughter of Atlas and Pleione, who became the mother of Hyrieus by Neptune.

Notes. A greenish yellow star and brightest of the Pleiades, situated on the shoulder of the Bull. From early times it has been thought to be the central Sun round which the universe revolves, and was *Al Wasat*, the Central One, of the Arabs, and *Temennu*, the Foundation Stone, of the Babylonians, but this idea has now been abandoned by astronomers. Alcyone marked the beginning of the 4th ecliptic constellation of the Babylonians, and as *Amba*, the Mother, formed the junction star between the Hindu nakshatras *Krittika* and *Rohini*. It is frequently called the *Hen*.

Influence. Of the nature of Mars and the Moon. It causes love, eminence, blindness from fevers, small-pox, and accidents to the face. For further particulars see *PLEIADES*.

10. *ALDEBARAN.* α *Tauri.* Π $8^{\circ} 40'$.

Notes. A pale rose star marking the Bull's South or Left Eye. Its name is from *Al Dabaran*, the Follower. It formed one of the four Royal Stars or Watchers of the Heavens among the Persians in about 3000 B.C., when, as the Watcher of the East, it marked the Vernal Equinox, the other stars being *Regulus*, *Antares*, and *Fomalhaut*. *Aldebaran* is a

star of the Solar Spectrum type distant from us about 28 light years and receding at the rate of about 30 miles a second.

Influence. According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Mars, but Alvidas states that it is similar to Mercury, Mars and Jupiter conjoined. It gives honour, intelligence, eloquence, steadfastness, integrity, popularity, courage, ferocity, a tendency to sedition, a responsible position, public honours and gain of power and wealth through others, but its benefits seldom prove lasting and there is also danger of violence and sickness.

If culminating. Honour, preferment, good fortune and favours from women.

If rising, and in conjunction with the Moon, a good fellow, but if in conjunction with both the lord of the Ascendant and the Moon it denotes a murderer, especially if the lord of the Ascendant is a masculine planet and the Sun is at the same time afflicted.

With Sun. Great energy and perseverance, high material honours but danger of losing them, danger from quarrels and the law, honour and riches ending in disgrace and ruin, liable to disease, fevers and a violent death. If in conjunction with both Sun and Mars, great liability to pestilential fevers.

With Moon. Favourable for business, honour and credit, especially if in the 1st or 10th house, but danger of calamity. Favourable for domestic, public and religious matters; danger of a violent death. If at the same time Mars or Saturn is with Antares the native is liable to be hanged or killed by a sword thrust.

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With Sun or Moon, culminating or rising, great honour through violence with difficulties and casualties.

With Mercury. Affects the health and domestic affairs, prominence through mercurial matters, material gain, and many learned friends.

With Venus. Honour through literature, music or art; creative abilities; favourable for health and marriage.

With Mars. Great military preferment but attended by much danger; liable to accidents, fevers and a violent death. If at the same time the Moon is with Antares, especially in an angle, death will come through a stab, blow or fall.

With Jupiter. Great ecclesiastical honour and high military preferment.

With Saturn. Great afflictions, strange mind, great wickedness, sarcasm, eloquence, good memory, studious and retiring nature, legal abilities, domestic and material success, losses through mercurial friends. If at the same time the Moon is with Antares there will be a violent death, probably by hanging.

With Uranus. Scientific, a nature lover, critical, just, domestic and political success, public honours, fond of occultism but may meet with disfavour through it, lingering death.

With Neptune. Connected with science, art, occultism and mediumship, good intellect, loss through fire, electricity or speculation, but gain through metals, machinery or scientific instruments, especially if Mars is strong; many journeys, ob-

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stacles to domestic happiness, unfavourable for children, danger of accidents and sudden death.

With Fortuna or its dispositor, poverty.

With a malefic in the 4th, 7th, 11th or 12th house and the Moon at the same time with Antares, death by a sudden sword thrust, stab or fall.

II. ALGENIB. γ *Pegasi*. φ 8° 2'.

Notes. A white star situated at the tip of the wing of Pegasus. From Al Janah, the Wing, or Al Janb, the Side. According to Bullinger it means "Who carries."

Influence. Of the nature of Mars and Mercury. It gives notoriety, dishonour, violence, misfortune, and denotes the naked and poor professional beggar.

With Sun. Mental disturbances, fevers and ill-health, some danger of accidents.

With Moon. Dishonour, loss by scandal, exiled or forced to flee, ill-health, trouble through writings.

With Mercury. Quick temper, mental disturbances, success in legal and other disputes.

With Venus. Generous, proud, quick temper, bad morals, drink or evil habits, favourable for financial affairs.

With Mars. Quick mind and body, lying or theft, danger of accidents.

With Jupiter. Hypocrisy, financial success, real or pretended religious enthusiasm.

With Saturn. Many enemies, success, secret help from powerful friends and influential relatives, bad morals.

With Uranus. Active and eccentric mind, re-

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former or agitator, great influence over the minds of others necessitating journeys, peculiar ideas in advance of the times, mystic and fond of mysteries though frank and open, domestic troubles especially in a woman's map.

With Neptune. Conceited, stubborn, deceptive, cowardly, vacillating, untruthful, envious, superstitious, strong passions, sex troubles, evil surroundings, many enemies, mechanical ability, criminal tendencies, may be forger, sudden and violent death.

12. ALGENUBI. ϵ *Leonis*. Ω $19^{\circ} 35'$.

Notes. A yellow star in the Lion's mouth.

Influence. Of the nature of Saturn and Mars, and has been called "He who rends." It gives a bold, bombastic, cruel, heartless, brutish and destructive nature, but artistic appreciation and power of expression.

13. ALGOL. β *Persei*. δ $25^{\circ} 3'$.

Legend. Algol represents the head of the Gorgon Medusa who was slain by Perseus. Medusa, who was the only mortal one of the three Gorgon sisters, was originally a beautiful maiden, but her hair was changed into hissing serpents by Minerva in consequence of her having become by Neptune the mother of Chrysaor and Pegasus in one of Minerva's temples. This gave her so fearful an appearance that everyone who looked at her was changed into stone.

Notes. A white binary and variable star marking the Medusa's Head held in the hand of Perseus. Its diameter is 1,060,000 miles, and its density only a

little above that of cork. Algol is from Ra's al Ghul, the Demon's Head, other names in frequent use being Caput Algol and Caput Medusæ. It was known as Lilith by the Hebrews, after the nocturnal vampire said to be Adam's first wife; and Tseih She, Piled-up Corpses, by the Chinese.

Influence. Of the nature of Saturn and Jupiter. It causes misfortune, violence, decapitation, hanging, electrocution and mob violence, and gives a dogged and violent nature that causes death to the native or others. It is the most evil star in the heavens.

If culminating. Murder, sudden death, beheading, prone to murder and mischief. If at the same time in conjunction with Sun, Moon or Jupiter, gives victory over others in war.

With Sun. Violent death or extreme sickness. If also in no aspect to a benefic, or there is no benefic in the 8th house, and the dispositor of the Sun in a day nativity or of the Moon in the night one is in square or opposition to Mars, the native will be beheaded; if the luminary culminate he will be maimed, mangled, wounded or torn to pieces alive; and if Mars is at the same time in Gemini or Pisces his hands or feet will be cut off.

With Moon. Violent death or extreme sickness.

With Mars, or if Mars be elevated above the luminaries when Algol is angular, the native will be a murderer who will come to an untimely end. The same is caused by Algol angular or with the hyleg.

With Mars or Saturn, and the Moon at the same time with Sadalmelik, hanging or decapitation by

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royal command; if the Moon is with Denebola, death by judicial sentence; and, if the Moon is with Alphard, death by water or poison.

With the Hyleg and angular, decapitation or a murderer who meets with a violent death.

With Fortuna or its dispositor, poverty.

14. ALGORAB. δ *Corvi* \cong $12^{\circ} 20'$.

Notes. A double star, pale yellow and purple, situated on the right wing of the Crow. From Al Ghirab, the Crow.

Influence. Of the nature of Mars and Saturn. It gives destructiveness, malevolence, fiendishness, repulsiveness and lying, and is connected with scavenging.

15. AL HECKA. ζ *Tauri*. Π $23^{\circ} 40'$.

Notes. The Bull's South or Following Horn, sometimes called "The Driver."

Influence. According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Mars, but Alvidas suggests that of Mercury and Saturn conjoined. It gives violence, malevolence and danger of accidents.

With Sun. Suspicious, reserved, studious, unfavourable for health and especially for the lungs, aptitude for military enterprise and stratagems but danger of deceit and ambushes.

With Moon. Quarrels, evil habits and company, depravity.

With Mercury. Hasty temper, selfishness, greed, dissipation, legal and business troubles, poor health, domestic troubles and separation from wife or

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children, low companions, loss of wealth and poverty.

With Venus. Unfortunate, low companions, bad environment.

With Mars. Evil companions, bad habits, sex troubles, and afflictions of a Mars-Venus type.

With Jupiter. Hypocrisy, dissipation, business losses and disgrace.

With Saturn. Uncontrolled passions, drink, debauchery, perverted genius, clever writer of undesirable literature, luxurious surroundings but little wealth, isolated or confined at end of life, domestic unhappiness, accidents if Mars is also afflicting.

With Uranus. Legal difficulties, trouble through occultism, danger of imprisonment but help from friends, unfavourable for love and marriage, parental disharmony, little wealth, death from an accident.

With Neptune. Accidents, secret enemies, great psychic powers, wife may be sickly or die soon after marriage, favourable for gain but many losses in latter part of life, sudden troubles of a Mars nature.

16. ALHENA. γ *Geminorum*. ϖ $7^{\circ} 59'$.

Notes. A brilliant white star in the left foot of the Southern Twin, often called Bright Foot of Gemini. From Al Han'ah, a Brand or Mark burnt in. According to Bullinger it means "hurt, wounded or afflicted," and it has been called "the wound in the tendon Achilles."

Influence. According to Ptolemy it is of the nature