



ASTRAL MYTHOS

Constellations & Their Stories

THE 88 CONSTELLATIONS

THE 21 NORTHERN CONSTELLATIONS

THE 12 ZODIACS

THE 17 SOUTHERN CONSTELLATIONS

48*

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| 1. ANDROMEDA | 23. CIRCINUS | 45. LACERTA | 67. PISCIS AUSTRINUS |
| 2. ANTLIA | 24. COLUMBA | 46. LEO | 68. PUPPIS |
| 3. APUS | 25. COMA BERENICES | 47. LEO MINOR | 69. PYXIS |
| 4. AQUARIUS | 26. CORONA AUSTRALIS | 48. LEPUS | 70. RETICULUM |
| 5. AQUILA | 27. CORONOA BOREALIS | 49. LIBRA | 71. SAGITTA |
| 6. ARA | 28. CORVUS | 50. LUPUS | 72. SAGITTARIUS |
| 7. ARIES | 29. CRATER | 51. LYNX | 73. SCORPIUS |
| 8. AURIGA [CHARIOTEER] | 30. CRUX | 52. LYRA | 74. SCULPTOR |
| 9. BOÖTES | 31. CYGNUS | 53. MENSA | 75. SCUTUM |
| 10. CAELUM | 32. DELPHINUS | 54. MICROSCOPIUM | 76. SERPENS |
| 11. CAMELOPARDALIS | 33. DORADO | 55. MONOCEROS | 77. SEXTANS |
| 12. CANCER | 34. DRACO | 56. MUSCA | 78. TAURUS |
| 13. CANES VENATICI | 35. EQUULEUS | 57. NORMA | 79. TELESCOPIUM |
| 14. CANIS MAJOR | 36. ERIDANUS | 58. OCTANS | 80. TRIANGULUM |
| 15. CANIS MINOR | 37. FORNAX | 59. OPHIUCHUS | 81. TRIANGULUM AUSTRALE |
| 16. CAPRICORNUS | 38. GEMINI | 60. ORION | 82. TUCANA |
| 17. CARINA | 39. GRUS | 61. PAVO | 83. URSA MAJOR |
| 18. CASSIOPEIA | 40. HERCULES [KNEELER] | 62. PEGASUS | 84. URSA MINOR |
| 19. CENTAURUS | 41. HOROLOGIUM | 63. PERSEUS | 85. VELA |
| 20. CEPHEUS | 42. HYDRA | 64. PHOENIX | 86. VIRGO |
| 21. CETUS | 43. HYDRUS | 65. PICTOR | 87. VOLANS |
| 22. CHAMAELEON | 44. INDUS | 66. PISCIES | 88. VULPECULA |



Argos Navis (now Carina,
Puppis, Vela)*

48 Original Constellations are
in Color.

CATASTERISM

- *Katasterismos* – Greek for “to place among the stars” – the story in which a mortal, god, or mythical creature is transformed into a star or constellation

THE PROCESS ON HOW THESE THINGS WERE SET & PLACED IN THE SKY

Example: CALLISTO / URSA MAJOR (BEAR)

ZEUS placed the heroine (mortal/human) into the constellations, but not as a human, she was morphed into a BEAR as a **punishment** for becoming pregnant with Zeus’ child.

Note: Being placed into the constellations/skies, does not have to be done by a God.

Catasterism As Isolation

- ✓ A bear is no longer among the bears (Callisto)
- ✓ A hunter is no longer among the hunters (Orion)
- ✓ Singled out, lifted away, fixed, untouchable.
- ✓ Visible to all, intimate with none (public symbol)



THE
21
NORTHERN
CONSTELLATIONS

Ethiopian

- 'Ruler of Men' (or) 'Protector of Man' (name: etymology)
- Placed into stars by Athena
- Mythical mortal princess saved from the Kraken by her Prince
 - Chained woman
 - Wife of **Perseus**, daughter of **Cepheus & Cassiopeia** (King & Queen of Aethopia)
 - **Perseus** rescued her from a sacrificial death.
- Aethiopia: "burnt-face" people

- Consisting of 16 visible stars in the northern sky
- Constellation contains the Andromeda Galaxy, nearest galaxy to Milky Way
- Viewing From Northern Hemisphere: most visible from August to February
 - Viewing from Southern: October to December only.

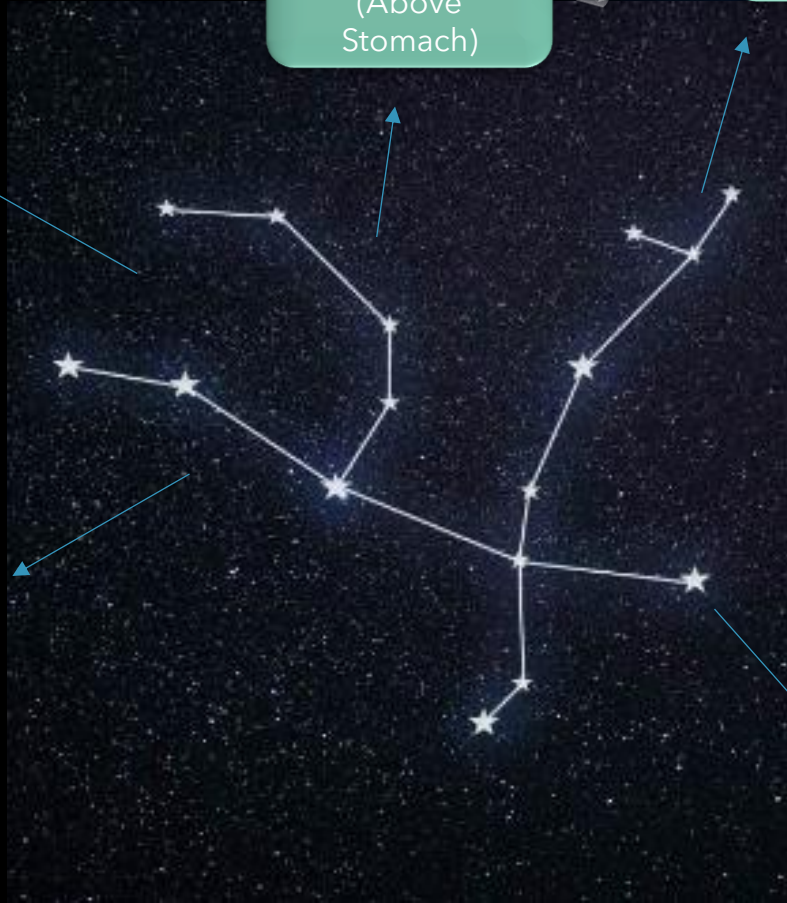
Cepheus Constellation
(Right Arm)

Cassiopeia Constellation
(Above Stomach)

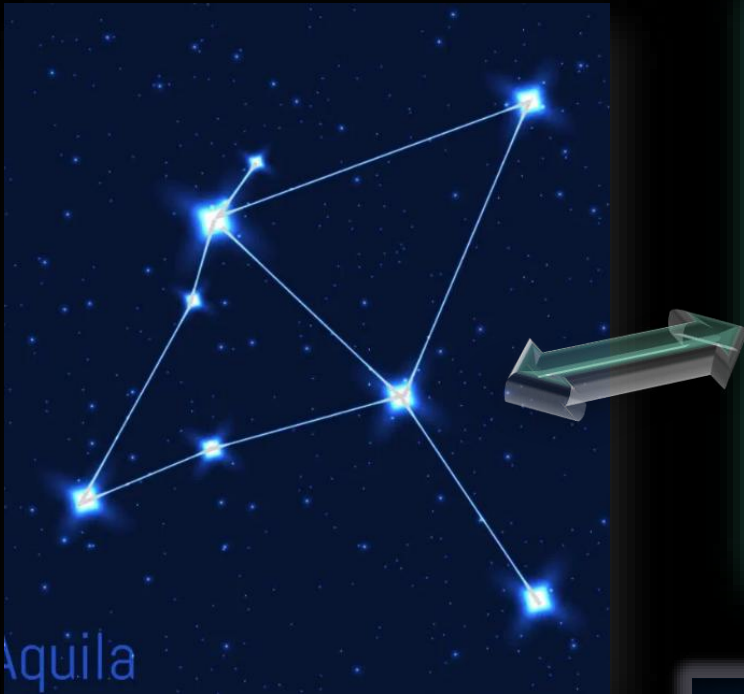
Perseus Constellation
(Feet)

Triangulum Constellation

Pegasus Constellation
(Head)



ANDROMEDA



Aquila

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(Latin: Eagle)

- "Eagle Constellation" (summer constellation, visibility - northern hemisphere; winter constellation, visibility - southern hemisphere)
 - Observed best in July & August evenings
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- The 'Eagle' that served Zeus (Jupiter: Roman):
 - Zeus transformed into an Eagle to abduct the Trojan prince Ganymede to become Zeus' cup-bearer
 - Aquila often depicted carrying a thunderbolt, symbol of Zeus power
- **Brightest Star: Altair** - a white star of **spectral type A7V** (12th brightest star)



- EAGLE: represents freedom, beauty, strength, 'king of the skies' / messenger of the highest Gods
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URSA MINOR

(Little Dipper, Little Bear)



- Circumpolar across Northern Hemisphere
 - Visible year-round, never dips below the horizon
- **Brightest Star: Polaris, North Pole - YELLOW white (#1 in image) - the "biblical far north" point.**
- Best viewed in June
- Neighbors: Draco (Dragon); Cepheus (King)
- 65 degree declination (positively north) of the celestial equator
- Around the axis, two bears rotate together, they are called "the wagons"

Babylonian

- Known as "wagon of heaven" (chariot circling the poles; wagon is the rotating constellation, axle is the pole star)
- Associated with goddess "Damkina"
- The second "Phoenician" bear (first being Ursa Major)
- 7 stars: 7 oxen driving the plough
- Polaris, Kochab, Pherkad - 3 brightest stars, known as "never moving" (by Inuit Astronomy)

Mythology: Callisto (Major); and Arcas (Minor) - mother was transformed into a bear by Hera; Arcas was cast to the stars by Zeus to prevent him from hunting down his mother (as she was then a bear, and he was unaware).

THE SON, THE SOVEREIGN, THE GUARDIAN

GEOMETRY OF THE STARS REVIEW: The region that never sets.

The inner wheel around Polaris, the north star, is the core of order.

- ❖ URSA MINOR (Arcas), the son, the “bear-child” who becomes the appointed **heir of order**, the axis. His placement is in the first wheel, the **keeper of orientation**.
- ❖ CEPHEUS - the Ethiopian King, represents the foundation (feet only in 1st wheel) and realm of stability; **human order is drawn to the celestial center**.
 - ❖ Note: The ‘heel’ briefly enters the core; signifying grounding/foundation. It is the liminal point (where two realms meet)
- ❖ DRACO - the serpent of Hera, defines the **boundary of divinity**. He is the **guardian** of the axis





- Cassiopeia and Perseus are side-by-side constellations; if you can spot the W of Cassiopeia, you can know Perseus is to her right.
- The galactic plane of the milky way passes through PERSEUS
- **BRIGHTEST star - Mirfak (Alpha Persei);** BEST known star though is Algol (Beta Persei)

- **Algol** - known as "Demon Star" (3-star system); associated with Gorgon in Greek, Ghoul in Arabic. Algol is like the "Ghost" inside Perseus. It dims and brightens (blinks) every 68.8 hours - a second star eclipsing the first.
 - Ra's al-ghul - Arabic - "head of the ogre" (ra's) + (al-ghul)
 - Rōsh ha Sātān - Hebrew - "Satan's head" (divel's head), or Rosch hassatan
 - Caput larvae - Latin - the spectre's head

Ancient Rome: Constellation was Perseus & Medusa's Head (asterism); Medusa is also a Gorgon so the star was called *Gorgonea Primea* - "first star of the Gorgon"

- PERSEIDS METEOR SHOWER - July 17 through Aug 24th approx. with the peak at August 11-13.
 - **Old matter resolving, illusions burning, truth streaking across the sky**



CASSIOPEIA

- The "M" or "W" shape in the sky by Perseus
 - Mother to Andromeda
- Punished by Hera for her vanity - believing and bragging that she was more beautiful than the sea Nymphs (Nereids) which also angered Poseidon
- Her arrogance was her punishment
 - She is seen holding a mirror "loving" herself too deeply
- She was placed in the heavens as condemnation - spend half the year spinning upside down on a celestial throne

- **BRIGHTEST STAR** - "Alpha Cassiopeiae" or "Schedar" (heart) of the vain queen (orange star)
 - Swelled 42x larger than that of Sun

MYTH: Cassiopeia is tied to cycles, repetition, inescapable consequences. She is circumpolar, she never sets, spins around like a hand on a clock. Time flips you over if you don't learn the lesson. She spends half the night upside down yet spinning forever - such is the cost of vanity.

WHEN THE HEART SWELLS BEYOND ITS PROPER SIZE, LIFE WILL
INVERT YOU UNTIL YOU RETURN TO ALIGNMENT.

What you cling to becomes what
flips you.

THE CARETAKER OF THE INNER LIGHT



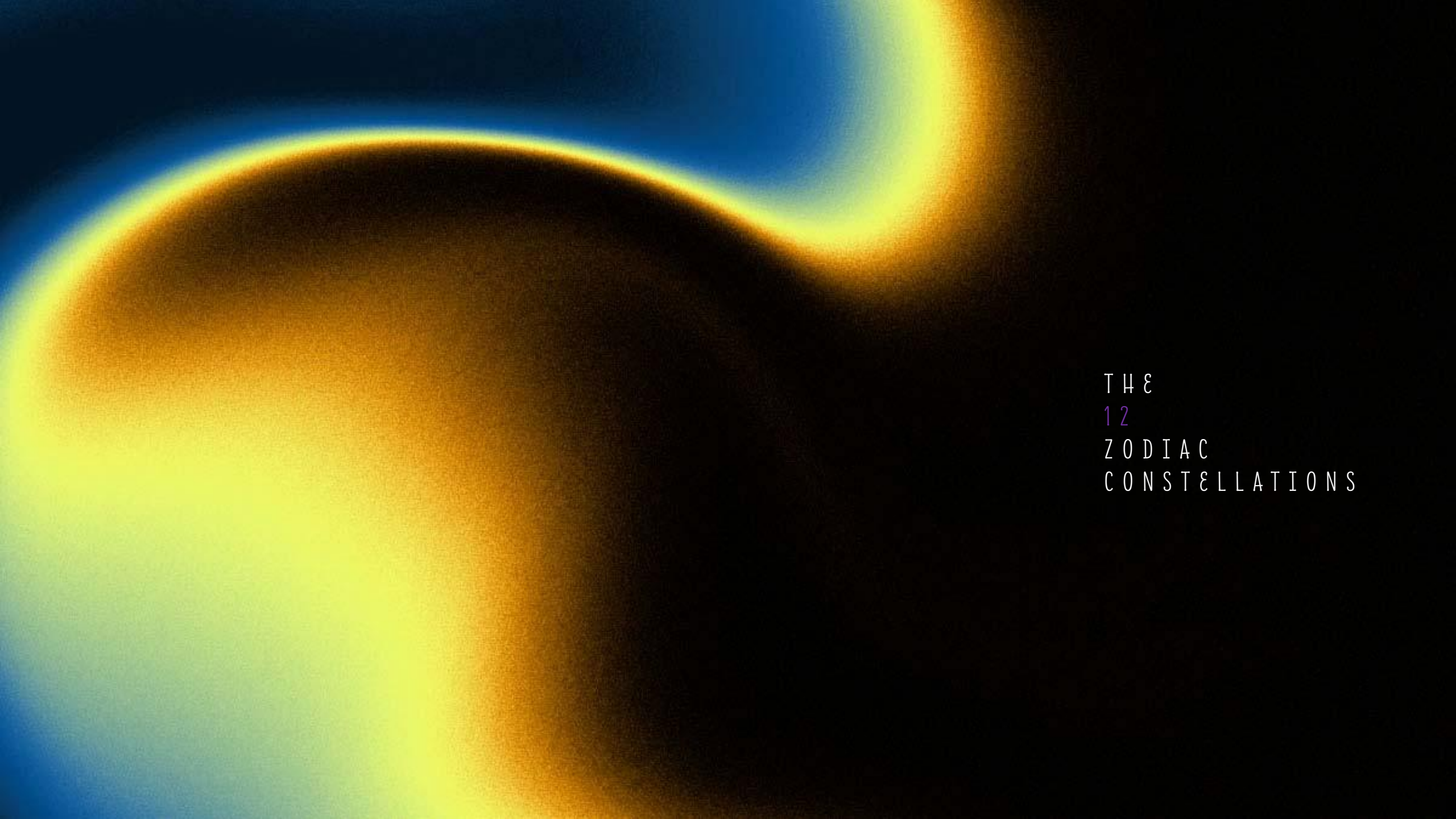
- AURIGA's animal is the Goat and her "two kids"[known as "Haedi"], her two goats - the **brightest star is Capella** (literally means, the little she goat)
 - Auriga means "the charioteer" - yet he is depicted as a goatherd.
 - Symbolism: Goat = creature of nurture, protection, early divine care.

THE SOLAR SHEPHERD

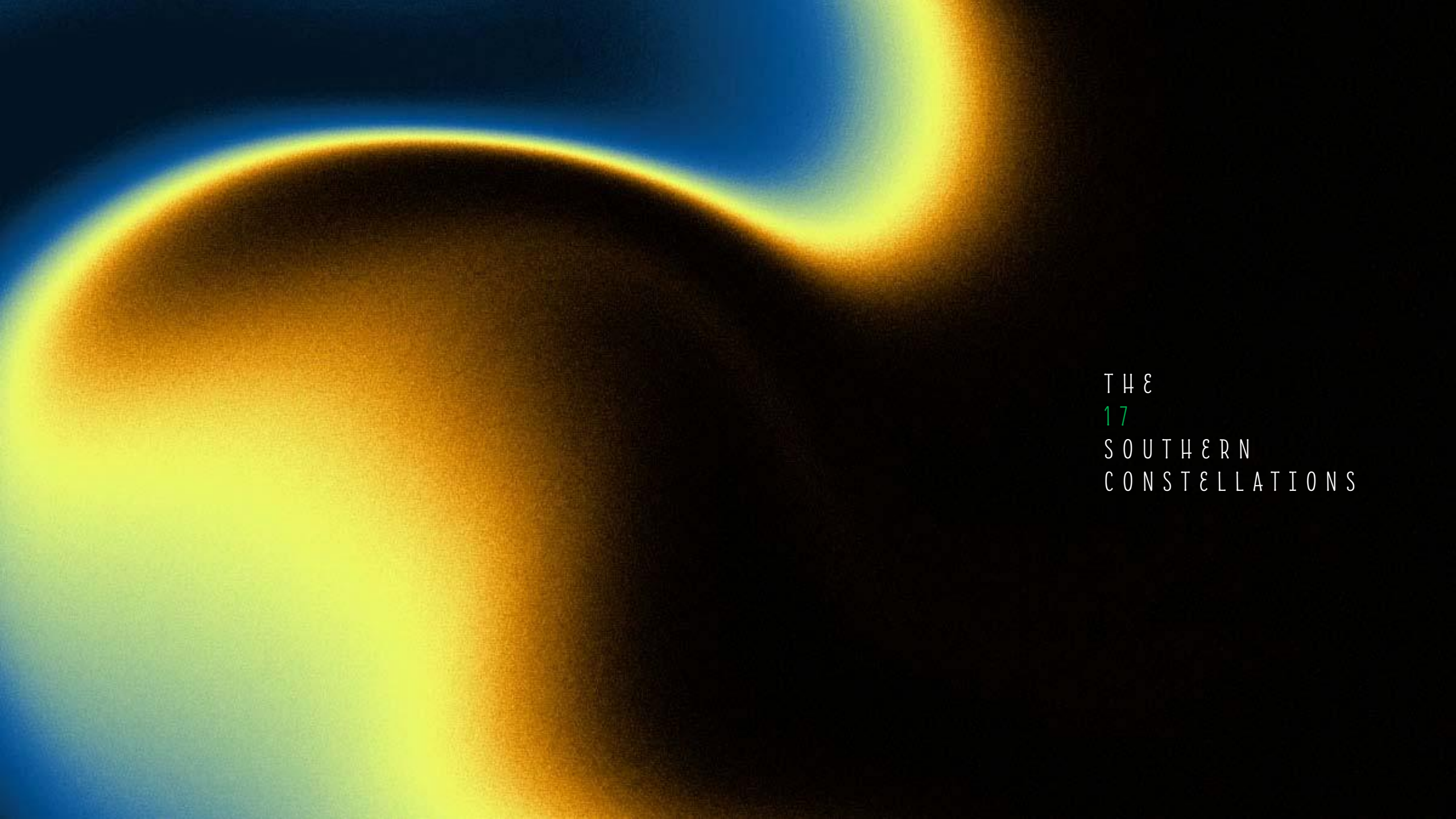
- Creature of light, warmth, nourishment, early life
- Capella is linked to Amalthea (the goat that nursed Zeus)
- Auriga is the **moderator** between instinct (goat) and action (Perseus).

MYTH: Derived from Mesopotamia, first record of its stars was called GAM constellation, representing a scimitar (single edged sword) or crook. **In Greek** - identified as the hero Erichthonius of Athens, son of Hephaestus. Erichthonius is inventor of the Quadriga (4-horse chariot)

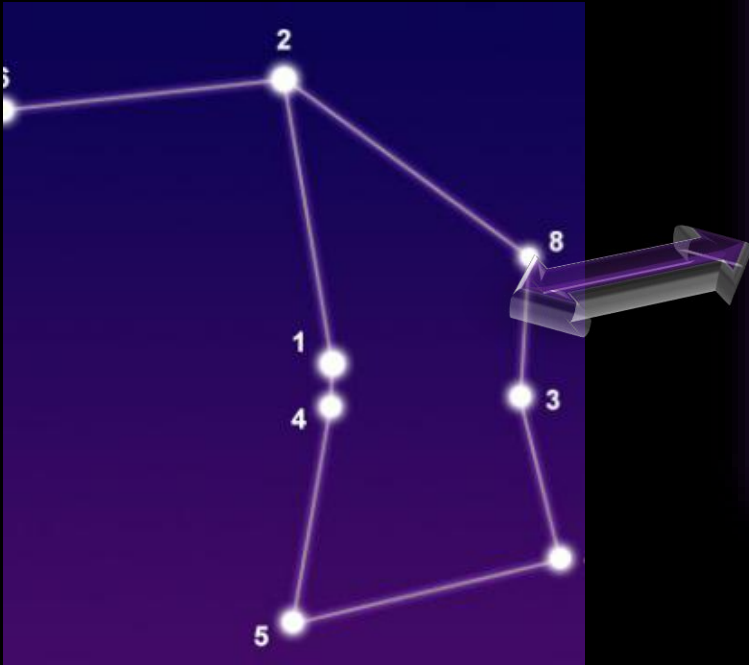
- **THE CHARIOTEER WHO CARRIES THE GOAT.**
- **THE GUARDIAN OF THE SOLAR SPARK.**
- **THE PROTECTOR OF EARLY LIGHT.**



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(Latin: "The Altar")

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