

TAURUS DECAN 2

Taurus decan 2 are ruled by the Moon and Mercury (Virgo Triplicity). The Sun soldiers through the constellations of the River, the Queen, the Chained Princess, the Triangle, the Sea Monster and the Clock from May 1 to May 10. These bulls are tenacious and ambitious; they rise to the top through sheer determination, patience and stamina. Taurus decan 2 is mild mannered, an ace seducer and extremely persuasive. Taurus rules the throat so these folk can be powerful orators or singers.

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Their speech is a potent tool for propaganda and spin-doctoring thanks to the mercurial influence. Being ruled by the Moon makes them popular, and they appear to play the father or mother of the people. Politically these people give you the feeling they will take care of business and that your life is safe in their responsible hands.

Taurus decan 2 has a strong [Ceres/Pluto](#) undertone to it. These people can suffocate with love, literally smothering someone to death in the case of the most negative manifestation (Brady strangled his victims). The mix of charm and possessiveness can breed Svengali's here. Their solid as a rock authority, status and respectability can attract naive and insecure Liza Doolittle's who look up to them as a parent/mentor. These bulls can make their protégée's believe that they cannot succeed in the world without their Taurean guidance and support, so they will do everything in their power to be indispensable and ultra reliable. Taurus decan 2 make such a comfortable crutch/support that it becomes very difficult for their, by now very feeble-legged, companion to walk away.

Andromeda was chained to a rock by her father in an effort to appease Neptune and save his kingdom. In Taurus decan 2 we get the sacrifice of a child in order to get ahead. Bondage, pain and sorrow can play a part in this decans life lesson in

a nod to Taurus's opposite sign Scorpio. In common with this parental-theme constellation, the triangle is also related to Ceres, who begged for this constellation to be placed in the sky in commemoration of her homeland Sicily. It is said that Jupiter gave Sicily to Persephone as a wedding present on her marriage to Pluto. **Triangulum** could signify triangular relationships within the family, such like **Pluto/Persephone/Ceres** or be about bringing peace or compromise between warring tribes. Maybe that's why there are quite a few triangles in the very name list below.

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These folk will stubbornly stick to their principles no matter what. Maybe this stubbornness can also bring a tragedy, for the **W** can mean **W**ar. **W**ar is a deal even if it destroys those closest to them. Taurus decan 2 hate to break a promise or a deal. **W**ar is a deal when the going gets tough. The **W** can also attribute is great when you really need a solid rock to rely on, but not so wonderful when the progress of life has moved things forward while the bull is definitely stuck in the middle of the road like a monolithic old dinosaur.

Going back to the theme of Ceres/Persephone again, we must also remember that the point of 15° Taurus is the cross-quarter festival of Beltane. This May festival celebrates the fertility of the earth and the midpoint of spring. The earth is warm and wet now, ready for ploughing and seeding the spring wheat. The fruit tree blossoms and the corn sprouts. The young girl is about to bring a new life to the world, who is coming into her fertile phase. Pluto's abduction of young Persephone is supposed to represent the rites of Spring. The poppy field represents the stains of red blood as her virginity is taken. This is a fertile, sensual decan, but because the hymen of the Virgin has to be broken in order to be seeded, there is also the hint of violence also.

TAURUS DECAN 2 ~ FIXED STARS

- TAURUS 13° 50' ~ ZIBAL IN RIVER ERADINUS. 4.0 ***
- TAURUS 12° 21' ~ BETA TRIANGULAM IN THE TRIANGLE. 3.0**
- TAURUS 13° 56' ~ CIH IN QUEEN CASSIOPEIA'S CHAIR. 2.8**
- TAURUS 14° 14' ~ ALMACH IN PRINCESS ANDROMEDA'S FOOT. 2.3**
- TAURUS 14° 19' ~ MENKAR IN THE OPEN JAW OF THE SEA MONSTER. 2.8**
- TAURUS 15° 49' ~ ALPHA HOROLOGIUM IN THE PENDULUM CLOCK. 3.8**
- TAURUS 17° 56' ~ RUCHA IN QUEEN CASSIOPEIA'S KNEE. 2.8**

*Magnitude. Star positions are for the year 2000

Zibal is one of many stars in this decan that fall in Eradinus the river. The constellation "gives a love of knowledge and science, much travel and many changes, a position of authority"

Triangulum "is said to give a just, companionable, truthful, righteous and benevolent nature, with interest in architecture and Freemasonry."

Cih in Cassiopeia's chair has no specific meaning though the Chinese called it **Ching**, a way of thinking. **C** is also a sign of a person who is ambitious, cunning, and a bit of a schemer.

boastful and a stickler for keeping up appearances. Heaven help the child who has an obsession with surface beauty and self-righteousness. Positively this star is strong in the 12th, 10th and 9th houses, but that is not the only important placement.

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In Taurus decan 2, art and beauty become a potent weapon. **Menkar** is situated in the 12th house, the house of the blind, and is a significant placement. It is considered unfortunate. The Ebertins say: "This star has a Saturnine character, corresponding to impediments of many kinds, wrongs and tests of endurance. Unjustified enmities, hardening and toughening these people in some ways." The major problem with this star seems to be trouble with inheritance and throat ailments. Robson's harsh words emphasize Menkar's dark side: "Mental anxiety, hatred of the vulgar, ill-will of women, loss of marriage ... inheritances attended by much evil, strokes and, in general, all passions, jealousy, evil associates, immoral, violent..." are just some of the descriptions, but again this depends on the planet and how it is placed in the chart.

It is interesting that **Alpha Horologium** of the Pendulum clock falls here. **Chryse**, Saturn, the ruler of time and these subjects are patient in the supreme, reliable as a swiss watch and solid as a rock. Heavy weights, pentacles, gold, silver, masons, jewelers, and anyone who shapes and manipulates the treasures of the earth are well served in Cassiopeia, whose star **Rucha** ends the decan. **Rucha** is a star found on Queen Cassiopeia's knee. Manilius says this constellation "basically is a thief, she will steal all which nature stealthily conceals, and turn earth upside down in search of gain; she bids them detect the hidden lumps of silver, and finally, by its reluctance, expose it to a sky it has never seen.he will make small weights to measure the tiny grains,....or he will melt lumps of silver, separating the hidden metal and causing the mineral to flow forth in a running stream; otherwise he will become a trader of the metals produced by these two craftsmen, ever ready to change coinage of the one metal into wares of the other." [2] Mercury rules this decan and makes these people canny merchants.

TAURUS DECAN 2 ~ PLANETS & ANGLES

ASCENDANT TAURUS 2

Menkar 14°: "Legacies and inheritances attended by much evil." [3](As Heliacal Rising star) "The nihilist, or a person who goes with the flow. To be gullible, or emphatic to the unexpressed feelings around one. To have ones actions influence many." [4]

The Ascendant gives the public perception of the subject, and since no planets will colour its expression. The ascendant is also the relationship axis, so the influences will be felt by the subject, but not necessarily passed on to others. With Taurus decan 2 the stage mother and statesmen behaviour will be most notable in love relationships. It will be the smothering parent with their beloved. As you can see from the celebrity examples, there does show some who have been 'evil' aspects of this decan, I'm thinking that there may be some inherited ancestral karma as well as simple material inheritance that comes with the star Menkar. The problem may just be the subject takes on too much of other peoples burdens and woes, if they absorb too much of other peoples negativity then I think that is how they can end up attracting the misfortune associated with the stars here. This is the Virgo decan of Taurus, therefore there can be the tendency to become everyones nurse maid. But since this decan is the most difficult, these folk can manage perfectly well. The archetype of the matron or super-nanny fits well here, but they are not there to take care of others, they are there to take care of themselves and organise people. The problem is Ascendant Taurus 2 can relish a little too much of being the 'strong' one in a relationship, if they do so they deliberately shoulder the weight of two in a relationship so that the partners own muscles wither away, making that partner even more dependant. Ascendant Taurus 2 must consciously work to pull themselves out of being their partners crutch, even if they are so darn good at it.

ASCENDANT TAURUS 2 EXAMPLES: Martin Luther-King, George Washington, George Lucas, Pedro Almodóvar, Cate Blanchett, Vivian Leigh, Mia Farrow, Joe Pesci, Elle McPherson, Humphrey Bogart, Steve Marriott, Mariah Carey, Queen Latifah, Antonio Salieri, Little Richard, Miriam Stoppard, Gloria Vanderbilt, Dorothy Parker, Barry Sheen, Angela Davis, Dodi Fayed, Ian Brady, Harold Shipman.

MIDHEAVEN TAURUS 2

Menkar 14°: "Disgrace, danger from cattle and large beasts." [3] (Star on pivot point) "To be a leaf in the wind; glory, fame, infamy or oblivion. To have prophetic dreams, or sense or see the future; to be open to the winds of the unconscious mood of the people." [4]

The Midheaven, like the Ascendant, will also give an unfiltered lens through which to view the decan. In this case the public will view the subject as behaving very much in the manner of the Taurus decan of the decan. The subject may also see their parents as having the attributes of Taurus decan 2. As we have seen this decan has a very protective and very supportive, sometimes overwhelmingly so. At the same time there is a great deal of 'strong' behaviour, there are a great deal of successful singers and also those involved with the promotion of singers. The singing

emphasis will be due to the rulership of Mercury here and also the public popularity from the Moon's rulership. The subjects 'stage mother' will have encouraged them to be confident under the spotlight. It also seems that the prophetic ability of the star Menkar is most marked on the midheaven with quite a few high profile astrologers. It is interesting that both the discovery charts of Ceres and her daughter Proserpina are also here 'supporting' the Ceres influence I mentioned earlier in the general section. As for the children, these folk will also pass down to their offspring the importance of family values, but if their own parents were too smothering, they might also be passed down to the children and they are usually encouraged to follow in the family business.



MIDHEAVEN TAURUS 2 EXAMPLES: Galileo, Edgar Cayce, Linda Goodman, Mystic Meg, Alan Leo, Demetra George, Ceres Discovery, Proserpina Discovery, Robbie Williams, Elton John, Luciano Pavarotti, Tina Turner, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Toyah Wilcox, Marilyn Manson, Brian Epstein, Richard Carpenter, Morrissey, Jeff Buckley, O.J Simpson, Ted Bundy, Tony Abbott, Mohammed Ali, Edouard Manet, Paul Gauguin, Mark Zuckerberg, Anita Byrant, Anne Summers, Heidi Klum, Cynthia Payne, Béatrice Dalle, Katie Holmes, Christopher Reeve, Vanessa Redgrave, Steven Fry, Charles/Camila Davison, Sonny/Cher Davison.

SUN TAURUS 2

Menkar 14°: "Great trouble, sickness, throat ailments, legacies and inheritances attended by much evil, loss of money, failure of crops." [3] "Great success or loss; to be a pawn in the winds of change. To work with people who are victims, to be a victim oneself." [4]

Despite the grim promise of Menkar there is not denying the 'extremely strong statesman' potential of the Sun here, probably because if they 'take a shine' to something or someone then they will not take no for an answer. There are some very charismatic speakers and seducers. In this placement we can see how some of heartthrob actors use their voices to a fine and open end. In thinking that this placement could give an extremely pleasant speaking voice, if soft, as an advertising voiceover. There is something comforting and rich in the subjects' voice (Lumley.) or they might just have a really

annoying voice. (Beckham). The theme of Ceres comes up too with perhaps some sorrow connected with children, the subject could have too many children so that the offspring can feel like a burden at times or they could have none at all. Even if these folk do end up with a massive family, Iustus decan 2 will always thoroughly look after them and would meet their responsibilities. Maybe this is why Taurus Sun 2 might put off having family because if they are not able to give their all for any reason, the wife typically having children all together. This is a fertile zone and the natal Sun here fuels its fecundity. "This decan is rife with procreative unions. The Sun's rays make the fields ready to receive the seed. Accounts abound of the licentious pagan rituals practiced at the time. We celebrate the fertility festival of fire and revelry' Beltane, at the cross-quarter date midway through Spring in this decan so it is apt that the Sun will be steadfast and very set in its ways here. Sun Taurus 2 has a driving force that will dig its heels in very deep when pushed. In order to avoid some of the more negative sides of this decan the subject must learn to adapt to changing circumstances before one is made a victim of them.

SUN TAURUS 2 EXAMPLES: Tony Blair, Karl Marx, Eva Peron, Catherine the Great, Golda Meir ('Iron Lady' of Israel), Oliver Cromwell, Sigmund Freud, William Lilly, Orson Wells, George Clooney, Rudolph Valentino, Tyrone Power, Stewart Granger, Joanna Lumley, Audrey Hepburn, Christina Hendricks, Candice Bergen, David Beckham, Kirsten Dunst, Donatella Versace, Linda Evangelista, Sid Vicious, Lily Allen, Bono, Eric Burdon, Dave Gahan, Tammy Wynette, Johannes Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Robert Browning, J. M. Barrie, Theo Van Gogh, Francesco Smalto, David Mark Chapman, Madeleine McCann Abduction, Proserpina Discovery.

MOON TAURUS 2

Menkar 14°: "Mental anxiety, hatred of the vulgar, ill-will of women, danger from thieves, sickness to native and family, loss of marriage partner or near relative, quarrels, legal losses, legacies and inheritances attended by much evil." [3] "Emotionally committed to, or responsive to, the needs of the collective. One's actions have far reaching effects. Emotions run high in general public" [4]

We can clearly see the exaltation of the Moon in this decan with those who have such a clear connection to the collective unconscious such as Jung and Cayce. There can be a problem if the Moon is very close to Menkar because Cetus the whale is also symbolic of the communal aspect of the world. What you get then is an over-absorption of everything that is out there in the cosmos, seen and unseen and from all directions that may have already happened. The Moon can be easily manipulated by these forces so that these folk can have difficulty discerning their own emotions from those around them. The sensitivity of the Moon can work in a positive manner too, where an artist can pick up the mood of the audience and ask for its help for good. This is a sensuous and empathic placement so I would expect these folk to be great at massage also. Moon Taurus 2 really do have feeling hands, long green fingers due to the Mercurial influence. This is a very maternal and material decan and the moon here adds yet more nurturing, therefore the subjects usually are extremely generous with their offspring and those put in their care. Moon Taurus 2 will make fantastic hosts and throw lavish parties, but

they may pay for it the next day, or these folk learn to indulge themselves and others. Nevertheless these folk usually can afford to buy their loved ones with material goods, since they have a great business sense and tend to attract pentacles to themselves like bees to honey. Mostly the Moon tends to be happy in this decan and be able to overcome the negative aspect of the more problematic fixed stars. That is, unless there are other factors in the chart as seen in the following examples. The fertile well known songwriting duo (Lennon/McCartney Davison) is seen in the Lennon/McCartney Davison, with the exalted Moon making them so popular. In sharp contrast we have the well known Woody Guthrie couple had their Moon just 16' from Menkar, it ruled their house of death and opposed a Scorpio stellium in the 12th. With Lennon/McCartney Davison's exalted Moon was totally un-aspected and unhindered to work it's magic in the 11th house.

MOON TAURUS 2 EXAMPLES: Carl Jung, Mother Teresa, Edgar Cayce, Carlos Castaneda, Ronald Reagan, Karl Marx, Oliver Stone, Meryl Streep, Lindsay Lohan, Joanna Lumley, Joan Collins, Greta Garbo, Demi Moore, Germaine Greer, Robert Downey Jr, Colin Firth, Andy García, Stewart Granger, George Peppard, Elton John, Diana Ross, Christina Aguilera, Steve Marriott, Siouxi Sioux, Dawn French, Bjorn Borg, Jeff Stryker ('Gary Grant' of Porno), Fred/Rose West Davison, Eva Braun/Hitler Davison, Lennon/McCartney Davison.

MERCURY TAURUS 2

Menkar 14°: "Difficulties through writings, difficulty in payment of mortgages, ill-health to marriage partner or relative, destruction of crops"[3] "An inspirational thinker. An uncanny nose for solving a problem or understanding what is needed. To find solutions to life problems in ones dreams. The masses speak out, the voice of the people is heard. [4]"

After looking at the list of Mercury Taurus natives it is uncomfortable to re-read what I wrote earlier; "In Taurus decan 2 (Generally) there is the sacrifice of a child in order to get on the grand pair of Scorpio, can play a part in this decans life lesson in a nod to Taurus's opposite sign Scorpio." When you look at some of the list below, it adds to the sad story of how does Marquis De Sade Mercury rules children of course so this only accentuates the Ceres/Persephone themes that come with Taurus. The pair of Scorpio is the very worst manifestation of this position, even if this is the Virgo decan of Taurus which Mercury rules. But the sacrifice of a child to get on the grand pair of Scorpio can be deciding not to have children because they could get in the way of ones career ambitions. On the positive side Mercury, Taurus 2 has a fantastic story telling ability and endows one to have an almost magical power with words. Mercury also gives healing hands and manual dexterity, here. There is a very fluid feeling about this decan which makes one extremely adaptable and fleet footed. These people think on their toes, but they can also be fantastic liars. Cassiopeia's influence can make these folk quite boastful and critical of others. Taurus Mercury 2 folk are not the most tactful souls and often find their opinions upset people. Those who are in the public eye are frequently involved in litigation due to their loose tongues.

MERCURY TAURUS 2 EXAMPLES: Oliver Cromwell, Vladimir Lenin, Pope John Paul II, Ayatollah Khomeini, Aaron Spelling, George Carlin, Tony Hancock, Spike Milligan, Rudolph Valentino, Vincent Price, Bettie Page, Marquis De Sade, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, Dave Lee Travis,

Madeleine McCann, Madeleine's Abduction, Dolores Cannon, Edie Sedgwick, Deepwater Horizon Explosion, Emile Durkheim, Emma Watson, Daniel Day-Lewis, Joseph Fiennes, Annette Bening, Morgan Freeman, Priscilla Presley, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Naomi Campbell, Ian McKellen, Pierce Brosnan, Miriam Stoppard, Morrissey, Roy Orbison, Bono, Cher, Lenny Kravitz, Sid Vicious, Siouxsie Sioux, Janet Jackson, Tom Robinson, Charles Aznavour, Yehudin Menuhin, Henry Mancini, Albrecht Durer.

VENUS TAURUS 2

Menkar 14°: "Strong and uncontrolled passions, jealousy, domestic disharmony and temporary separation, ill-health of marriage partner." [3] "Socially confronting, or seeking to represent others. Needing to accept and understand customs or social customs, or issues beyond sphere of knowledge. Society values are challenged. [4]"

Venus is powerful in Taurus, and the evidence below bears out some very formidable and rich ladies (Venus rules women and cash of course). There is a great sense of wealth here, and these folk naturally attract prosperity and luxury into their lives. The men may marry heiress's but will often end up tripling the original wealth gained. A little goes a long way with Venus Taurus 2, so once they get a small investment the money just grows and grows. Even the extravagant spenders among them rarely empty the till unless this Venus is offset in some way or other factors in the chart negate it. Otherwise Venus Taurus 2 usually make enough to maintain their luxurious lifestyle. Most will make a fortune before anything else. Like the seasonal fertile ground of Taurus 2, Venus, the blossoming maiden is incredibly ripe for the picking, so they hold onto their treasure chests, some would say a little too tightly, but at least they have something to pass down to their children. In addition, Venus is important to these folk, and they have a strong connection to the power of their motherland. They believe it is important to keep the connection strong, to see the waves and the tides and hold firm, because it is this tie that keeps a nation fertile and prosperous. Because of this highly protective streak, Venus Taurus 2 will make sure they are well defended against invaders.

VENUS TAURUS 2 EXAMPLES: Adolf Hitler, Lucrece Borgia, Aung San Suu Kyi, Benazir Bhutto, Che Guevara, Thomas Jefferson, Ranier III, Prince Of Monaco, William Lily, Wihelm Reich, Erich Fromm, Paul John Paul II, George Lucas, Mark Zuckerberg, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Paul McCartney, David Byrne, Alison Moyet, Lana Del Ray, June Carter-Cash, Joseph Haydn, James Brown, Cyndi Lauper, Carly Simon, Ron Wood, Herb Albert, Willie Nelson, Joe Cocker, Charles Chaplin, Tim Curry, Ricky Gervais, Catherine Tate, Christopher Walken, Dennis Hopper, Hayley Mills, Daniel Day Lewis, Gary Cooper, Alan Titchmarsh, Guccio Gucci, Violette Szabo, Max Clifford, John Hinkley, William Butler Yeats, Jay Rockefeller, Bertrand Russell, Diana Mitford, Anita Bryant, Cyril Fagan, John Paul Sartre.

MARS TAURUS 2

Menkar 14°: "Evil associates, immoral, violent, murderous, violent death. "[3] "Actions that please or jolt the collective; to be driven by hidden forces. To be vulnerable to the pressures of a peer group. A violent act." [4]"

Mars is supposed to be weakened in Taurus but sometimes all that means is that this person can hide itself very well. Others in the list are more 'out there', indeed many people in the list below are strongly martial. Sexuality is where the force becomes especially strong since this is Venus's domain. In males they will be able to use the kldas, kIDSD, KALd, klsa; Mars here is predatory so this decan definitely has a edge to it. Therefore it won't be the case that Taurus 2 smooths out Mars's grit. Instead Mars needs to deep-seal in its privacy so these folk need to construct an elaborate mask of defence. They can appear very fiery, sexy, or gruff when and direct the heat of the attack in a single blow. Conversely they can look almost clown like too, so that you can't possibly imagine that this joker could seriously pose a sal; SAKl;skal;SK;alsksal;S; but, like Wyclef and the Spice Girls (Douchy and Jimmy Saville) and Jimmy Saville are good examples of the weird image constructs that come with Mars in this decan. These fkl;Lakl;klsa;ASL;KSL;AIskal;Jakl;skl;JS; SA;aIs;LSA;slal;S'als;S; kIa;AKL;SLAKs;ALSK;laks; KALSskal;Sksal;KSAL;slak; Akl;ska;SLAKsal;LSAKs;lAKSAL; ASKL;ksla;KSAL;ksl;

MARS TAURUS 2 EXAMPLES: Adolf Hitler, J. F. Kennedy, Eva Peron, Madonna, Ramana Maharshi, Charlie Chaplin, Carole King, Mick Jagger, Mariah Carey, Alison Goldfrapp, Tchaikovsky, Belinda Carlisle, Liv Tyler, John Coltrane, Lenny Kravitz, Roy Orbison, Chuck Berry, Ray Winstone, Chris Morris, Bruce Willis, Michael Elphick, Peter Ustinov, Paul Klee, Max Ernst, Don Barcardy, Derek Jarman, Jimmy Saville, Timothy McVeigh, Nelson (Jr) Rockefeller, Jesse James, Nathaniel Bar-Jonah, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, McCartney/Eastman Davison, Houston/Brown Davison, Charles/Camila Davison.

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