Aquarius Decan 3

Aquarius decan 3 is ruled by the Moon and Venus. (Libra Triplicity) It brings the confrontation of the old with the new, so this is the most revolutionary and edgy decan of Aquarius. The Sun travels through the goat, the foal, the water-bearer, the swan and the male water-snake from approximately February 9 to 18. This decan marries the swan's unbridled imagination (and libido) with the transformative spiralling tail of the sea-goat. Saturn rules both Aquarius and Capricorn and is the last planet one can see with the naked eye, so it has no illusions and is plain speaking. This is Aquarius at its most scientific and sceptical, but at the same time is open to exploring other realms, it just needs to test them out first. This testing is very marked in everything they do. Aquarian decan 3 test limits, push boundaries and most of all test peoples patience!

The goat's influence here is at its most capricious and devilish, mainly because of the swan's poetic influence and the fact it is also ruled by two feminine planets. This means we have a nice balance of masculine, left brain logic and feminine right brain imagination. These are the flirty Aquarians, the ones with a “horny” sex drive and seductive pan pipes since the sea-goat was originally the god Pan. The swan is artistic, the male water-snake is sleazy and the goat loves a good romp, so Aquarius decan 3 is a bohemian hedonist and seducer. This decan works so hard, it believes it has also earned itself the right to play hard too.

Aquarian decan 3 can be skittish and playful like the foal. Some of them, despite their intelligence, can manage to come across as real airheads. I love how the now obsolete constellation of the air balloon used to be positioned here. Others are more like the “Devil-may-care” Fool in the tarot, a wandering troubadour with a dash of Peter Pan thrown in. They tend to push their luck but somehow get away with it through a blend of genuine innocence and sheer good fortune. Here we find the famous Aquarian commitment phobia. They dump you, but then want to keep their cake and eat it. So you get the line. " We'll still see each other, you're my best friend!..."
Horny Pan Pipers & Judge Mental

Very often Aquarius decan 3 lives on a knife-edge, they are the revolutionary and activist on the frontline of change. These people are the innovators, the breakers of moulds and society's catalysts for change. A restless, experimental, inventive mind will bring success in their career, but inevitably their personal life suffers. It is very hard for these subjects to get excited about mundane, domestic matters so they are often accused of being cold and distant.

Even though these natives might be pretty unconventional, they do have their own moral code that they adhere to quite rigidly. Aquarius decan 3 is where the fixed sign stubbornness excels. They are very much all or nothing, they do not commit to anything easily because they know how vacillating they can be. Conversely when they do finally jump in, you can expect rock solid immovability. Be patient, it really will be worth the wait if you can stomach the manic Saturn testing. This sometimes goes as far as locking you in their lab, conduct a multitude of experiments, then running you through their study over and over again until they are satisfied with the results.

When those Aquarian Peter Pans do finally grow up, the sudden change is often extreme and shocking. One day your Aquarian friend was a punky, leather-clad, chain-smoking, hard-drinking reactionary the next they are a teetotal, clean-cut, respected, pillar of the community. Sometimes it can happen the other way round of course with the midlife crisis turning a 'goody-two-shoes' into a debauched drop-out.

The tarot card associated with decan is the seven of swords. This card is about plotting and can be quite sneaky. Successive past lives may have placed the native into such dire circumstances that they may have resort to breaking the law to survive. These folk learnt to live by their wits and built up a persona of the charming rogue. “Being resourceful, thinking on your feet and trying to outsmart your opponent or competitor is part and parcel of everyday life and there are times when we all have to try to get into someone’s head to find out what it is that makes them tick.... They spend a long time getting to know their opponent by watching and analysing their tactics so that they can go out and play a psychological game.” ~ Teachmetarot. This fits with the 'testing' tendencies that this decan displays generally.
Aquarius Decan 3 ~ Fixed Stars

Aquarius 21° 47' ~ Nashira in the fish-tail of Capricornus. 3.8*
Aquarius 22° 19' ~ Beta Grus in Grus the Crane 2.2
Aquarius 23° 07' ~ Kitalpha in Equuleus the Foal 4.1
Aquarius 23° 24' ~ Sadalsuud in the left shoulder of Aquarius 3.1
Aquarius 23° 33' ~ Deneb Algedi in the fish-tail of Capricornus 3.0
Aquarius 24° 50' ~ Sador in the breast of Cygnus the Swan 2.3
Aquarius 27° 45' ~ Gienah in the wing of Cygnus the Swan 2.6
Aquarius 29° 10' ~ Delta Hydrus in Hydrus the male water snake 4.2


Nashira is found in the tail of the sea-goat. Robson says it "It causes overcoming by evil, which is turned to success and gives danger from beasts." What a strange interpretation! What beasts? Looks a bit like the transmutation of negative energy from nefarious entities to me. The Ebertins say "Dependent on its position in the chart it will bring a life full of change. According to Arabic tradition, this star will make a native become a legal advisor or counsellor and will give such a person the ability to hold a position of trust. This star makes for integrity and justice and gives a knowledge of man. Therefore we see here a refining Saturn influence, this will be achieved if the natal Saturn is well placed." [1] The knowledge of man is interesting too. Maybe these folk hold a certain amount of ancient gnosis so that their ability as a "legal adviser" is more to do with innate ability to apply natural law fairly.

Kitalpha is found in the constellation of Equuleus the Foal. This horse was said to be a gift to one of the Gemini twins. The foal is positioned just behind the Pegasus and is comprised of just a horses head without a body (Who's thinking of the godfather here?) This must give a tendency to live in the head. Robson says it "It gives friendship and sagacity (discernment, good judgment) but frivolity and love of pleasure." George Noonan says "Ancient astrologers asserted that those born under these stars will be famous charioteers, teamsters or courier scouts. They may also be veterinarians in keeping with the Mercurial nature of its major star." [2] No gangsters then.

Sadalsuud in the left shoulder of Aquarius and known as the "Luckiest of the Lucky". Aquarius is supposed to symbolise Ganymedes, a beautiful young male who was swooped upon and carried away by Jupiter's Eagle. The Gods wanted good-looking cup-bearers to serve them. I guess these young studs thought it was an honour. Robson seems to think this star also causes "trouble and disgrace." Which might be related to whatever other services the young cup bearers had to provide the gods. Sadalsuuds influences seem to cause domestic trouble, difficulties in marriage, intrigues, home wrecking, "peculiar marital conditions.." etc… Maybe after serving gods, rustling up dinner for a mere human might seem a little lacklustre. This star feels "chosen" in some way, but feeling "special" can stir up envy from others.
Deneb Algedi is next door to Nashira in the fish-tail of the Goat, The 'Fortunate one' and 'Bringer of good news'. It seems to sway between one extreme to another as Robson finds, "It is said to cause beneficence and destructiveness, sorrow and happiness, and life and death."

Deneb Algedi is also known as the "Judicial Point of the Goat". The goat has a strong air of authority and can be quite judgemental and critical of others who do not share their high standards.

Sador in the breast of Cygnus the Swan.

Cygnus gives a contemplative, dreamy, cultured and adaptable nature. The affections are ill-regulated and unsteady, the talents develop late. There is some love of water and swimming and the arts.

Sador is next door to Gienah in the Swans wing. Like the Eagle that snatched Ganymede (Aquarius), this is yet another bird associated with Jupiter. This time it is actually one of his animal disguises. Jupiter took the form of a swan to seduce Leda Queen of Sparta. Like with the foal there is a connection to the Gemini twins here too as Leda after sleeping with both her husband and Jupiter on the same night, gave birth to two eggs. One egg was fathered by Jupiter and contained Pollux the dark twin while the other egg was fathered by Leda's husband and contained Castor the mortal twin. Inspiration in the arts seems to be fuelled by this twin influence of human imagination combined with divine inspiration.

**Aquarius Decan 3 ~ Planets & Angles**

**Ascendant Aquarius 3**

*Deneb Algedi 23°* (Heliacal Rising Star) "Seeking the legal, physical or metaphysical laws that govern the world. A seeker of knowledge or solutions, endeavour to help others in one's community." [3]

The ascendant gives the purest expression of the decan’s energy since no planets will colour its expression. The ascendant is also the relationship axis, so the influences above will play out mostly in how the subject relates to others. With Aquarius decan 3 the Peter Pan tendencies will be most notable in relationships. As stressed in the main interpretation, this decan rising, in particular, finds it very hard to get excited about mundane, domestic matters so they are often accused of being cool, distant and distracted by their partners. They are very much all or nothing, they do not commit to anything easily because they know how vacillating they can be. Whether they are extreme rebels or uptight conservatives Aquarius decan 3 will stay true to themselves above all else. Sometimes they are purposely contrary to the mainstream because they just want to make a point about being an individual, so if everyone is wearing suits they will turn up in jeans and vice versa. They enjoy breaking the rules and toying with convention. Their purpose is to forever question and provoke the status quo. Aquarius decan sceptic cannot abide sheep mentality or 'Keeping up with the Jones.' That's not to say they aren’t impressed with high status. It just has to be done their way! Aquarius decan 3 can also be a great inverted snob, so they will be impressed with niche markets, exclusive clubs, boutiques, cults, and anything cool and anti-mass market.

**Ascendant Aquarius 3 examples:** Abraham Lincoln, Catherine The Great, Karl Marx,

**Midheaven Aquarius 3**


**Sun Aquarius 3**

Sadalsuud 23° “Occult interests, psychic, wealth through opposite sex involving litigation, domestic harmony” Deneb Algedi 23° “Loss through false friends, high position but final disgrace and ruin, loss of money or property, sickness, worry through children.” “To be respected, to give wisdom. To instil in others a love of knowledge and to build a reputation for being steady and consistent with one’s profession.” [3]

The “occult” influence is obvious as you can see from the natives below’, however there is also surprisingly great success in a conventional sense. Unusual in an area of the Suns detriment, the mystical side can push these folk up the status ladder. The stars then give some power, but the goats fishtail always seems to bring some downfall. I think this would be because of some of these subjects uneasy connection with that difficult “occult” wisdom. The sun in this decan doesn't bring
an easy life. Abraham Lincoln is a good example. He was known to be a religious skeptic, and in the end was assassinated for his abolition of slavery. On the other extreme there is Paris Hilton...totally a slave to the matrix and its baubles. My guess here is that it's either all or nothing. If you play the game and surrender your sovereignty 100%, you have basically sold your soul to the devil. Once in a position of power you cannot rebel against your paymaster or you will be brought down. Best keep a low profile with this one and work underground. You can still work to bring down the system, but you have to be very clever about it! Austin Coppock calls this decan 'The Knot'. He says "On a spiritual level this face represents disenchantment with the fabric of everyday life and its petty terrors. It is a divine discontentment, the same that (the Buddha,) Siddhartha Gautauma felt before he left his uncomfortable home." [4]

**Sun Aquarius 3 examples:** Abraham Lincoln, Charles Darwin, Sir Thomas More, Eckhart Tolle, Barbara Hand-Clow, Pamela Colman-Smith, Alex Jones, Thomas Edison, Sarah Palin, Mary Quant, Jimmy Hoffa, Joe Pesci, John Travolta, Matt Dillon, Burt Reynolds, Mia Farrow, Christina Ricci, Philip Glenister, Michael Elphick, Yoko Ono, Peter Gabriel, Robbie Williams, Sonny Bono, Carol King, Sheryl Crow, Cybil Shepard, Greta Scacchi, Paris Hilton, Jennifer Aniston, Molly Ringwald, Stockard Channing, Barry Humphries, Leslie Nielsen, John McEnroe.

**Moon Aquarius 3**

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Moon Aquarius


Mercury Aquarius 3

Mercury is extremely clever here and will talk you under the table. These people have a lot to say about everything and can make rousing political speeches. Mercury works so well here because it has the ability to detach itself from emotions. It can scientifically analyse information and see the truth objectively without being swayed by any messy traumatic projections or associations from one’s personal life. These natives have the ability to take a subject, pick it to pieces, examine it from all angles and come up with a thorough evaluation. If there are no afflictions from elsewhere in the chart, then this can make a scientific boffin and great academic (or a really annoying “know it all”.)

Music seems to be strong too, especially classical music, due to its mathematical structure. Mercury also rules the voice and gives the dextrous use of hands needed for instrument playing. (Or trapping those slippery snakes! See Deneb Algedi above.)


Venus Aquarius 3

Strange events, romantic and peculiar marriage entailing separation for government or political reasons.

Some secret desire that is never gratified, domestic or family difficulties. A conventional attitude to art, or the social customs of relationships. A lover of the classics in music, film or literature. 

reasons.
The love life will never be easy with this placement because this decan will not compromise its freedom for anyone. The fixed stars only emphasize the tendency to separate after a while. The dreamy Moon and artistic Venus rule this decan so there is some success with the imagination and the sacred female side of the brain. Marlene takes Aquarius decan 3 separations to the extreme with “wanting to be alone” while we have a couple of feminists too. In relationships, they get bored very easily and need constant novelty. Some are in such a state of flux that it is difficult for them to put down the roots necessary for a stable home life. They may operate better as the eternal bachelor or bachelorette or need a very open-minded partner! Venus in Aquarius 3 is a huge gift through for someone of a scientific, left-sided mindset though, since the creative dissonance can be fertile ground for invention. Venus is passionate here and wants so much to make romantic connections, but the native needs to acknowledge their need for occasional separation and time creating, away from the domestic base. Having to work away from home every few weeks would be ideal!

Venus Aquarius 3 examples:

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