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## Capricornus: Heaven's Gate, or the Portal of Spirits

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Capricornus, the sea-faring goat with a fish's tale, is one of the most ancient of all zodiac figures; as far back as records or symbols exist, he is present.

The cuneiform Tablet of the 30 Stars, ca. 3,000 BC, has as its final lunar mansion: "*Kakkah Ma-gur, kakkab Muna-kha, Ilu Nabiu u ilu Ur-me-tum.*"

*"The Asterism Ship-of-the-Bond, the He-goat-fish. The god the Prophet and the god the Hero-voice-of fear."*

This small figure was the Sumerian "*Suhur-mas, Akkadian Suhu-massa*" (fish-goat) of their 10<sup>th</sup> month, *Dhabitu* (The Cave of the Rising), representing the Sun rising from the depth of the sea.

In the archaic mind, *The Deep* had a far wider, more profound meaning than is contained in our word "ocean." It encompassed the celestial Oversea, where the solar and lunar barques set sail; the *Ocean* itself, a vast, ominous, fearsome abyss that ringed the world; and the *Undersea*, invisible, enigmatic, unfathomable, into which heavenly bodies sank mysteriously out of sight.

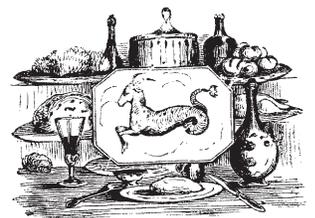
Muna-kha rose with the Sun from the great deep of the underworld, bringing with it a promise that light, life and warmth would surely return. One cuneiform inscription calls him *Father of Light*.

The amphibious Sea-Goat dwells at the shoreline 'twixt matter and spirit, guarding the Gate of the Return of Souls for mankind's sojourn on Earth.

In ancient Orphic and Platonic doctrine, the Sea-Goat was the Gate of the Gods, wherein the souls of men, when released from corporeality, ascended to heaven through its stars.

Porphyry, in "*In the Caves of the Nymphs*" (300 BC) stated that souls that descend from the heavens to become incarnate on Earth pass through the celestial gate of Cancer (i.e. the original figure of the Crab, which runs from about 26° Cancer to 21° Leo in tropical degrees), and upon completion of their life cycle they return to the heavens through the gate of Capricornus (now almost completely spanning tropical Aquarius, from about 29° Capricorn to 29° Aquarius).

Not only is it the Gate of Return, but it seems to be a Portal of Angels as well! Muhammad, Joan of Arc, Swedenborg, Joseph Smith, St. Bernadette, and William Blake were all passionate visionaries who conversed with saints and angels, and all were born with planets in the stars of the original



sky-figure of Capricornus.

Muhammad, born with a Uranus/Admetus conjunction at the Gate of Return, often withdrew to Mt. Hira to meditate and pray; his life was changed forever when the archangel Gabriel appeared, grasped him by the throat, and commanded him to repeat the sacred words of God.

Joan of Arc was born with the Sun in the Sea-Goat; when she reached her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday and began to receive saintly visions, Poseidon had come to conjunct her natal Sun at *xi Capricorni*.

Emanuel Swedenborg, the brilliant Swedish scientist and visionary, was born with Zeus, Mercury, Vulcanus, and Sun in the *Sea-Goat*. In his 35<sup>th</sup> year, when Uranus came to his natal Zeus, he experienced illumination leading to a divine sense of spiritual perception; he saw visions, received revelations, and conversed directly with angels.

St. Bernadette was 14 when the Virgin Mary appeared to her; she had been born with Saturn, Mercury, Venus, MC, Admetus, Neptune, and Jupiter transiting Capricornus, and on the day of her first vision, Moon, Mercury, Chiron, Venus, Sun and Admetus were at the *Gate*.

Joseph Smith, born with Admetus, Moon, Kronos and Venus in the Sea-Goat, was visited by an angel at the age of 17, which led him to found the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons). On the night of the angel's visit, Kronos in Capricornus had come to trine his natal Uranus, co-ruler of his 9<sup>th</sup>, and Admetus (still in the *Gate*) sextiled his MC.

When three young peasant children beheld the Virgin at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, June, the Moon and Uranus were also in Capricornus.

It was when Uranus reached the stars of Capricornus that the world suddenly was awash in angels: angel lore, angel dolls, angel books, angel films, all inundating the collective consciousness.



Note: Admetus, Poseidon, Zeus, Vulcanus, and Kronos are Uranian, or Transneptunian, planets. These are hypothetical planets whose existence was postulated by Alfred Witte, a German astrologer, in the 1920, and which have proven to have some validity. You can learn more about them on the internet.