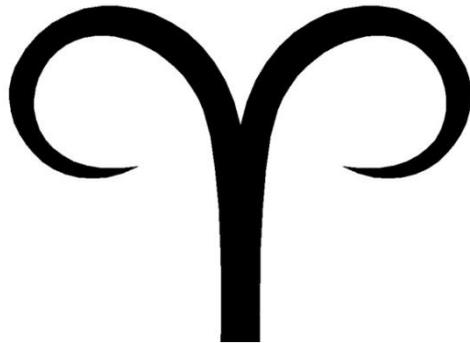


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21st March – 20th April

Element **Fire** ~ Quality **Cardinal**

Charge **Positive** ~ Ruling Planet **Mars** ~ Day **Tuesday**

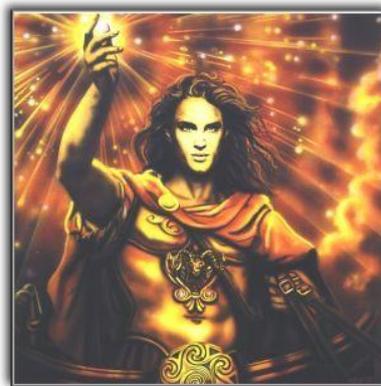
Mighty **Aries**, the Ram and *determined fighter of Fire* has the privilege of being the first sign of the *Zodiac* and is governed by **Mars**, the planet and archetype of *energy, passion* and *vitality*. Creativity and inventiveness are at the cusp of articulation which flows across the *breadth* of the Aries personality.

Aries governs *leadership, initiative* and *organisation* which is what attracts *cheerfulness, spontaneous generosity* and *kindness*. Arians have the tenacity to overflow with **fresh ideas** which bring great insight to the realm of the Self. It is with this glow of risk that gives Arians *heaps of physical energy* and *competitiveness*. Life is a party!

Individuals born into the House of Aries inspire others with their *courage, originality* and *dynamic flair*. The Beholders of Flame project *masses of optimism* and journey where angels fear to tread, carrying with them the fauna of boldness and *self-confidence*.

Arians are *quick-witted, cheerful* and *resilient*, however they don't always finish what is started which produces *restlessness*. When life hits the bumps on the path, people of Aries can also be *selfish, quick-tempered, overly impulse* and *impatient*. This stream of recklessness opens the furnace to the unbalanced explosion of **Fire**.

Creatures of Aries have a *high sex drive* and love to experiment in all areas of their magical life. They are *faithful in love, companionship* and *friendship*, although if their path skewers into fearful areas then they will abandon their allegiances.



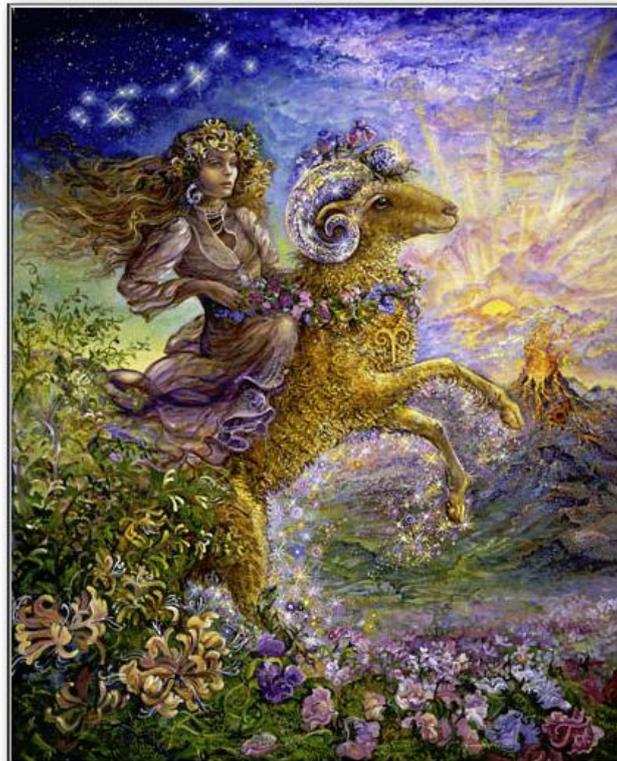
Aries rules the *head, brain* and *eyes* therefore individuals are prone to head injuries and headaches. Because of their extreme nature, *stress-related* ailments and *mental problems* also flow into the fold of temperament.

The colours of Aries are *red* and *white* while also ruling *metallic iron*. The birthstone is the *diamond* which symbolizes focused strength and purification. Flowers of Aries include the *red poppy, geraniums, honeysuckle* and *hollyhocks*.

During the times of the **Babylonian** civilisation, Aries was the final station along the ecliptic. It is known as MULLÚ.ĪNUN.GÁ which translates to "The Agrarian Worker". Later in the tradition, the constellation changed its name to MULUDU.NITÁ, the "ram". The *Shepherd Dumuzi* was a possible influence in the change. The LÚ translates in the **Akkadian** as "sheep".

Within the intoxicating **Greek** mythos, Aries is associated with the **Golden Ram**, who rescued **Phrixos**, the son of **Athamas**, *King of Boiotia* and **Nephele**, *goddess of the Clouds*. Phrixos and his sister **Helle** came under the spell of their stepmother **Ino**, who plotted to rid herself of the twins. Ino destroyed Boeotia's crop seeds which frightened the local farmers, who asked help from the Oracle and sent men to establish a *dialogue with the prophets*. Ino bribed the men sent to the Oracle to lie to their people and ask for the *sacrifice* of Phrixos and Helle.

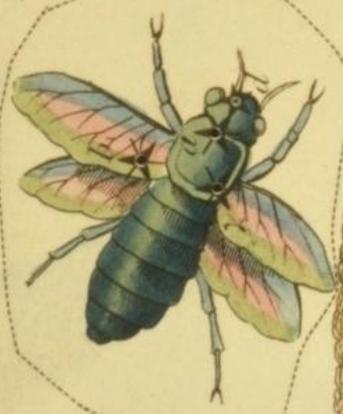
Before the act could happen, Nephele sent a flying **Ram** with *golden wool* to rescue the twins. On the flight away from danger Helle fainted, fell and drowned in the *Dardanelles* which was renamed the *Hellespont*. Phrixos survived and was flown to **Colchis**, where **King Aeëtes**, the son of **Helios** welcomed him into his home and offered the hand of his daughter **Chalciope**. In honour of thanks, Phrixos sacrificed the Ram to **Zeus** and gave King Aeëtes the *golden fleece* of the courageous Ram, which was hung in a tree in the holy grove of **Ares**, guarded by the *Dragon who never sleeps*. Phrixos and Chalciope had four sons, who joined forces with the **Argonauts**. The oldest son is **Argos**.



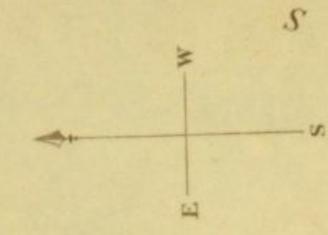
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