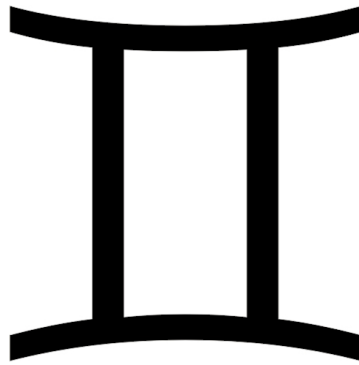


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22nd May – 21st June

Element **Air** ~ Quality **Mutable**

Charge **Positive** ~ Ruling Planet **Mercury** ~ Day **Woden**

Generous and affectionate **Gemini** is the third sign of the heavenly Zodiac and is ruled by **Mercury**, the planet and Archetype of *Knowledge, Language* and the *swiftness of the Soul*. Mercury is the *quick, lively* and favoured *messenger of the Gods*, who is also known as **Thoth** in the rich Egyptian culture and **Hermes** in the colourful Greek mythos.

Gemini is Latin for "*twins*". This is prevalent in the *mutable aspect* of the sign in its *inherent duality*, also giving Geminians an *impulsive* and *quick-witted* streak in nature. Geminians are *chameleon-like* in their ability to blend in with any environment, and can also be the centre of attention and the *Life* of the party!

Gemini governs *communications* of all kinds; *intellectual matters, gossip, news* and *information*. The importance of holding **truth** rather than fiction is paramount to Geminians within their *ingenious* codes of conduct. Individuals of Gemini *multiply the flow* of other people's energy, bringing a unique perspective to the *path of the Beholder*.

The personality of Gemini has amongst the treasures an *excellent wit* and very *sharp powers of observation*. All modes of *communication* are valued including *arts, crafts, design, writing, spoken word, music* and *magic*. Nothing stands in the way of victory within business and personal matters alike.



Feelings are fascinating and at times hard to handle, although this comes down to *individual experience*. Frustration and restlessness can occur when matters *move too slowly* and **boredom** can settle quickly when there is *not enough variety*. When times are tough and spirits low, then Geminians have little faith in themselves and can often feel deflated when out of the limelight. However due to their dual nature, the *shift back into the joyous is within easy reach*.

Gemini rules the *hands, arms, lungs, thymus gland* and *upper ribs*. Favourite colours are *yellow* and *light blue*. The Geminian birthstone is the *agate*, streaked with multi-faceted colours, mirroring the Geminian form. Gemini flowers are the *lilac, azalea, and lily-of-the-valley*.



Within the *wonderfully vibrant* mythology of the Greek culture, Gemini is associated with the twins **Castor** and **Pollux**. The twins are also known as the **Dioscuri**.

One myth connects the twins to *cattle theft*. The **Milky Way** was seen as a *herd of dairy cows*, with one of the twins residing *inside* the Milky Way and the other *outside* of it, thus making it appear that one of the twins is stealing cattle with the other twin looking on. The Milky Way represented as a herd of cattle also links in with the origin of the myth of the **cattle of Geryon**, which forms one of The *Twelve Labours of Heracles*.

Concerning the **Twins**, because Castor was mortal he passed away, so Pollux begged **Zeus**, their father to give Castor *immortality*. Zeus honoured the *compassionate* twins by *uniting* them together in the heavenly *sea of Sky*.

In **Babylonian** astronomy the stars of Gemini are known as the *Great Twins* (MUL.MASH.TAB.BA.GAL.GAL). They were regarded as minor Gods and were called *Meshlamtaea* and *Lugalirra*, meaning respectively 'The One who has arisen from the Underworld' and the 'Mighty King.' Both names are akin to **Nergal**, the major Babylonian god of *plague and pestilence* who is also the King of the Underworld.

In Chinese astronomy Gemini twins were known as;

The White Tiger of the West (西方白虎, Xī Fāng Bái Hǔ)

The Vermillion Bird of the South (南方朱雀, Nán Fāng Zhū Què)





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