TABLE OF TRADITIONAL TERMS & DECANATES

Egyptian and Ptolemaic Terms, and Decan Rulers for the 12 Zodiac Signs

Terms (unequal divisions of each sign) and decanates or faces (equal 10-degree divisions) represent the minor essential dignities in Hellenistic and Classical astrology.

The Classical Concept of Terms & Decanates

While Rulership or Exaltation grants a planet royal strength or public prominence, the **Terms** and **Decanates** bestow specific skills and nuances over the planet's practical expression:

- **Terms (Bounds):** Each of the 12 signs is subdivided into 5 sections of unequal width. The Term ruler sets the "local laws" for the degree where the planet is located, shaping the expression of its temperament.
- **Decanates / Faces:** Each sign is divided into 3 equal parts of 10° each. Rulers are assigned according to the Chaldean order of decreasing planetary speed (Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Sun, Venus, Mercury, Moon) starting with Mars for the first decan of Aries.

General Reference Table

Sign	1st Decan (0°-10°)	2nd Decan (10°-20°)	3rd Decan (20°-30°)	Egyptian Terms (Classical Ranges)
Aries	Mars	Sun	Venus	Jup (6°), Ven (12°), Mer (20°), Mars (25°), Sat (30°)
Taurus	Mercury	Moon	Saturn	Ven (8°), Mer (14°), Jup (22°), Sat (27°), Mars (30°)
Gemini	Jupiter	Mars	Sun	Mer (6°), Jup (12°), Ven (17°), Mars (24°), Sat (30°)
Cancer	Venus	Mercury	Moon	Mars (7°), Ven (13°), Mer (19°), Jup (26°), Sat (30°)
Leo	Saturn	Jupiter	Mars	Jup (6°), Ven (11°), Sat (18°), Mer (24°), Mars (30°)
Virgo	Sun	Venus	Mercury	Mer (7°), Ven (17°), Jup (21°), Mars (28°), Sat (30°)

Sign	1st Decan (0°-10°)	2nd Decan (10°-20°)	3rd Decan (20°-30°)	Egyptian Terms (Classical Ranges)
Libra	Moon	Saturn	Jupiter	Sat (6°), Ven (11°), Jup (19°), Mer (24°), Mars (30°)
Scorpio	Mars	Sun	Venus	Mars (7°), Ven (11°), Mer (19°), Jup (24°), Sat (30°)
Sagittarius	Mercury	Moon	Saturn	Jup (12°), Ven (17°), Mer (21°), Sat (26°), Mars (30°)
Capricorn	Jupiter	Mars	Sun	Mer (7°), Jup (14°), Ven (22°), Sat (26°), Mars (30°)
Aquarius	Venus	Mercury	Moon	Mer (7°), Ven (13°), Jup (20°), Mars (25°), Sat (30°)
Pisces	Saturn	Jupiter	Mars	Ven (12°), Jup (16°), Mer (19°), Mars (28°), Sat (30°)

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